

Preface

The XXI International of the Carpathian-Balkan Geological Association (CBGA 2018) is going to be held at the University of Salzburg between September 10 and 13, 2018. Ca. 330 scientists from ca. 25 countries are registered and will present a high variety of contributions. Geological excursions are an integral part of the conference, presenting new results and overview on present-day knowledge of the geological evolution of the Eastern Alps, particularly of those regions close to the city of Salzburg. There, a number of classical localities of sedimentary geology are well known but many exposures of metamorphic rocks like such in the Tauern Window, too. All these exposures are worth to visit for first-hand insights and to acknowledge the progress of research.

Nearly one hundred years ago, the organization of field trips to study and compare rock successions in the neighbor countries was the basic idea for the foundation of the Carpathian-Balkan Geological Association. This aim and the area of interest widened with time, and the present area in focus of the CBGA is from westernmost Turkey through mountain ranges in southeastern Europe to the Alps.

As organizers of the conference, we gratefully acknowledge the readiness of colleagues from other universities in Austria and abroad as well from the Geological Survey of Austria to prepare field trips and to contribute to the CBGA 2018 Guidebook. Without their help, the entire task would have been impossible.

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