

Dear BGS Colleagues,

It was great meeting you in Tirana as it was in all our BGS conferences proving that this activity has strong base and a good future of Geophysics in our region.

I am sure that and the next BGS Conference in Chania will have great success.

In between, the **Hellenic Geophysical Union** trying to strengthen our profession and research in the region, tried and took the *EAGE Near Surface Geoscience* conference in Athens in the period of 14–18 September 2014 (<http://www.eage.org/events/index.php?eventid=1013&Opendivs=s3>).

I send you attached the 1st Announcement. All topics of interest are included but we have added and a special one (“Geophysical Case Histories in the Balkans”) to emphasize the Balkan aspect. Also, invited speaker before the session of “Seismics” will be Dr. Don Steeples (THE expert of shallow reflection seismic and Current President of SEG)

In addition to the traditional EAGE Conference and the exhibition there will be a parallel conference with one fee called: “**1st Applied Shallow Marine Geophysics Conference**” (<http://www.eage.org/events/index.php?evp=12577&ActiveMenu=2&Opendivs=s3>).

EAGE can support financially participation in the conference through PACE Foundation (<http://www.eage.org/events/index.php?evp=13085&ActiveMenu=14&Opendivs=s3>)

Very important especially for young scientists or students is that on 14th of September two workshops with low fee (lower to students) are organized in the hottest topics in Geophysics nowadays and scientists well known worldwide who have invented or expertise in the subject.

– **Time-lapse ERT monitoring** (*Dr. Jonathan Chambers, Dr. Torleif Dahlin, Dr. Jung-Ho Kim, Dr. Robert Supper, Dr. Panagiotis Tsourlos*)

- Introduction to Geoelectrical Time lapse Monitoring
- Geoelectrical Monitoring instrumentation, raw data processing and quality assessment
- Geoelectrical Time lapse data inversion and Modelling.
- Geoelectrical Monitoring Applications I: Hydrogeological and environmental monitoring.
- Geoelectrical Monitoring Applications II: Contaminant monitoring.
- Geoelectrical Monitoring Applications III: Landslide and Permafrost monitoring.

– **Seismic and GPR methods for urban and microzonation studies** (*Dr. Julian Ivanov, Dr. Jianghai Xia, Dr. Chih-Ping Lin, Dr. Oz Yilmaz*)

- Optimizing the application of passive MASW in urban environment with the combined use of 1D and 2D receiver arrays
- Near-surface shear-wave velocities and quality factors derived from high-frequency surface waves
- Considerations of Surface Wave Testing in Complex Subsurface Settings
- Applications of Engineering Seismology in Urban Areas

Finally, the Hellenic Geophysical Union will organize a field trip to Santorini Island (a place being a geological laboratory as well as one of the first touristic destinations of the world) in 18–20 of September 2014. HGU has achieved very low prices for that fieldtrip in that place (see attached detailed information).

For your additional help related to accommodation, the office which had supported us in the 1st Balkan Geophysical Congress and will support us in Chania may provide you assistance (ERASMUS HORIZON, Mr. Spyros Lianos, s.lianos@erasmus.gr, Tel.: +30 210 7414780, Fax: +30 210 7257532)also for the meeting in Athens.

See you in Athens and then to Chania and then to Izmir and then ...

To strengthen through Applied Geophysics and our presence the collaboration and the development of our region.

Do not hesitate to contact me for anything related to the above or anything else.

Best regards,

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