

## THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL KARSTOLOGICAL SCHOOL "CLASSICAL KARST"

The Karst Research Institute ZRC SAZU has organized within the Speleological Association of Slovenia, supported by the Slovenian Commission at UNESCO and sponsored by the Ministry for Science and Technology and the Ministry for School and Sport, the first international karstological school at us. The topic of school was Classical Karst, it was held in Lipica in the time from September 20 to 23, 1993.

The decision for the organisation of such school is due to facts that the Slovene classical karst presents a reference karst abroad, scientists from all over the world revisit it wishing to know it better. The topic of the first school was classical karst and its superficial geomorphological phenomena and its underground and the processes dealing with the problematics of the karst pollution.

The school was well visited. There were 36 participants altogether, among them professors, researchers and students. Thirteen participants came from abroad, namely: Czech Republic, France, Italy, Germany, Poland, Russia and United States of America. In the morning the lectures were held and in the afternoon the field work took place; Škocjanske jame were presented in all its richness and diversity, contact karst of Brkini Hills and the examples of classical dolines.

The first complex of lectures presented Škocjanske jame. A. Kranjc - Classical Karst, about the name and its history, D. Rojšek - Inventory of natural heritage, M. Knez - Phreatic Channels in Velika dolina (Škocjanske jame), J. Kogovšek - Impact of human activity on Škocjanske jame and M. Puc - The Project Škocjanske jame.

The second complex included the lectures of B. Berce-Bratko, L. Mahne and M. Mlinar treating the problematics of Park of Notranjska, primarily the relationship between man and karst, the tourism, the recreation in Park, management and financial structure.

M. Piškula reported on diving explorations in the Timavo springs, F. Cucchi about dissolution and lowering of the karst surface, P. Bosak about paleokarst in Czech Republic, E.P. Lhnert about specific karst properties in Westphalia (Germany), D. Crouch about geological bases of Greek colonization, U. Sauro presented the karst in the world by slides. The student of geology M. Vrabec has taken an active part by presenting the poster entitled Some thoughts on pull-apart origin of karst poljes along Idrija strike slip fault in Slovenia.

J. Kunaver presented the role and the importance of karst and its phenomena in ecological education; F. Šušteršič lecture was entitled Classical Dolines of Classical Site and he presented the examples in field in detail.

Karstological school ended by the whole day excursion over the classical karst of Notranjska. For this excursion as well as for field work at other days a written material, a guide-book was prepared.

Referring to great interest for the first school we plan to organize it each year and treat a chosen topic with the karst problematics in detail.

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