

## Scientific Program (oral and poster presentations in four sessions):

### Session 1: Mineralogical research and museums

Systematic and regional mineralogy; nomenclature and classification; new minerals; symmetry and crystallography; crystal morphology; gem minerals and aggregates; meteorites; cave minerals; analytical techniques and methods.

### Session 2: Archaeomineralogy and cultural heritage

Archaeological mineralogy and archaeogemmology; archaeometry.

### Session 3: Collection management and development

Trends in mineralogical or complex geological and natural history museums; acquisition; conservation; unique samples; databases; computer and video applications.

### Session 4: Museums, environment and society

History of mineralogical collections and museums; education; specific exhibits (archaeomineralogy; ecomineralogy; ethnomineralogy; medical mineralogy; biominerals; technical mineralogy); minerals and the arts; public relations; geoheritage and geotourism.

## Business meetings of IMA commissions

### Cultural program

## Exhibitions and company promotion

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## International Partners

- International Mineralogical Association (IMA); Commission on Museums

## National Partners

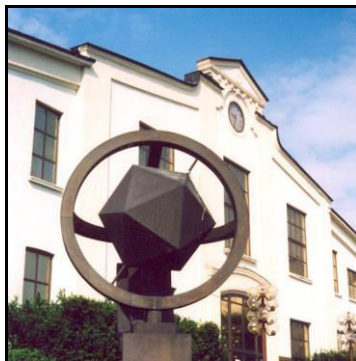
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- National Natural History Museum, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia
- Regional Natural History Museum, Plovdiv
- Intergeoresource Ltd., Sofia

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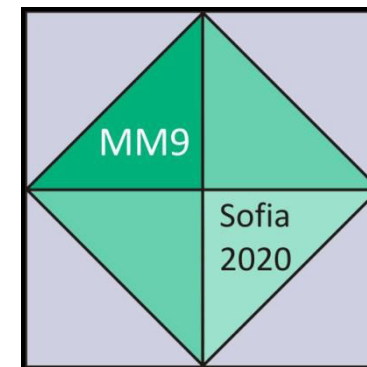
**Bulgarian  
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**National Museum  
"Earth and Man"**

First Circular

## 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference Mineralogy and Museums



**July 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Sofia, Bulgaria**

Dear colleagues,

With great pleasure and honour the Organizing Committee would like to invite you at the

## **9<sup>th</sup> International Conference Mineralogy and Museums (MM9): July 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Sofia, Bulgaria.**

**MM9** will deal with mineralogy, museums and related fields of science, with a special focus on archaeological mineralogy and minerals in cultural heritage. The conference intends to bring together both professionally oriented scientists and museum curators, providing them with an opportunity to share ideas and strengthen international links.

**MM9 (Sofia, 2020)** is the ninth edition of the international conference series organized by the **Commission on Museums** of the **International Mineralogical Association (IMA)** since 1988. Previous MM conferences were organized in: 1. London, United Kingdom (1988); 2. Toronto, Canada (1992); 3. Budapest, Hungary (1996); 4. Melbourne, Australia (2000); 5. Paris, France (2004); 6. Golden, Colorado, USA (2008); 7. Dresden, Germany (2012); 8. Changsha, China (2016, canceled).

The official conference language will be English.

### **National Organizing Committee**

- Ruslan I. Kostov (University of Mining and Geology "St. Ivan Rilski", Sofia); Chair
- Radostina Atanassova (Geological Institute, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia)
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### **International Advisory Committee (IMA Commission on Museums)**

- Mike Rumsey (Natural History Museum, London, United Kingdom); Chair
- Stuart Mills (Victoria Museum, Melbourne, Australia)
- Kim Tait (Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada)

### **Field Trips**

**A. Pre-conference trip (4 July 2020; Stara Planina Mtn.):** Sofia – Elatsite porphyry copper-gold deposit – Sofia

**B. Pre-conference trip (3-4 July 2020) – 2 days (route):** Sofia – Plovdiv (European Capital of Culture 2019; Regional Natural History Museum) – Haskovo (Museum Center "Thracian Art of Eastern Rhodopes") – Kardzhali (zeolite geosite; Regional Historical Museum – Balkan nephrite culture; "Perperakon" geoarchaeological site) – Sofia

**C. Post-conference trip (8-10 July 2020) – 3 days (route):** Sofia – Stara Zagora (Museum "Neolithic Dwellings"; Regional Historical Museum) – Kazanluk (Museum of History "Iskra") – Varna (Archaeological Museum with "Oldest Gold of Mankind" and faceted carnelian beads from the Varna Chalcolithic necropolis; Aladzha Rock Monastery) – Madara (rock-hewn "Madara Rider" UNESCO site) – Veliki Preslav (Archaeological Museum) – Sofia

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### **Important deadlines**

**June 15, 2019** MM9 website; First Circular  
**October 15, 2019** Second Circular;  
Call for abstracts

**January 1, 2020** Open online conference and field trip registration; Submission of abstracts

**April 1, 2020** Deadline for abstract submission and early bird registration

**July 3-4, 2020** Pre-conference field trips  
**July 5-7, 2020** Opening of conference; Conference sessions

**July 8-10, 2020** Post-conference field trip