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**20th International Cave Bear Symposium (ICBS 2014)
September 10th – 13th 2014 in Corvara (South Tyrol, Italy)**

Homepage: icbs2014.at (under construction)

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Dear Colleagues,

Our 20th International cave bear meeting will be held in very a special place this year. Corvara is located near the over 3000 meters high Conturines mountains in the Dolomite Alps of Gader valley.

The Conturines cave at an altitude of 2.800 m is not only the highest situated bear cave in the world but also the highest site of cave lions. Today the surrounding of the cave is dominated only by rocks, ice and snow – not the environment the herbivorous cave bear would survive. Its fossils are therefore important witnesses for the climate about 50,000 years ago.

But with the bears of Conturines also a cave bear taxon was discovered that is not only morphologically but also genetically different from most alpine cave bears and is known as *Ursus ladinicus* or *Ursus spelaeus ladinicus*.

The small museum in San Cassiano called "Museum Ladin Ursus ladinicus", was established only three years ago and is dedicated exclusively to Conturines and its fossils – so Corvara is a well worthy place for a symposium that concentrates on the fossil faunas of caves.

Symposium location:

Hotel Marmolada in Corvara: <http://www.marmolada.org/eng/Default.asp>

We have special prices for participants:

Euro 60,-/person halfboard

Please book the hotel yourself and use as booking subject "ICBS2014"

For students we will provide cheaper accommodation facilities soon.

registration form ICBS 2014 will be available on our homepage:

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How to get there?

Airport Innsbruck or Verona or Venice – train to Bruneck via Franzensfeste/Fortezza
– Bus to Corvara

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Provisional program:

- **Wednesday, September 10th 2014:**
 - arrival
 - Registration of ICBS participants
 - In the evening : get together, welcome drink and dinner
- **Thursday, September 11th 2014:**
 - Oral presentations
- **Friday, September 12th 2014:**
EXCURSION: we recommend hiking shoes, rain shield, warm clothing, backpack

Conturines Cave: 3 hours hiking tour to the cave entrance
We try to arrange helicopter flights to the cave for all, who do not want to walk, but financing and permission is still very unsure!
In case we do not get the helicopter, we will provide an alternative program for non-walkers: visit of South Tyrol Museum of Archeology/Bozen (5000 years old human mummy "Ötzi")

- **Saturday, September 13th 2014:**
 - Morning: poster session
 - Visit of the Museum Ursus ladinicus in St. Kassian
 - Hiking tour at Pralongia (reachable with chairlift)
 - Evening event at Punta Trieste
- **Sunday, September 14th 2014 Day of Departure**

Inscription fee:

Excursion group 1 with helicopter flight to Conturines cave € 70,- + € 100,- helicopter flight – we will inform you in the 2nd Circular if this option is possible!!!

Alternative program: South Tyrol museum of Archeology/Bozen: € 85,-

Excursion group 2 hiking tour to Conturines cave Euro € 70,-

For students: € 40 (+100,- for helicopter, or +15,- for Museum Bozen)

Includes:

Guide book of the Symposium

Refreshments during the days of presentations

Evening event

Lunch package at excursion

Museum ticket S. Kassian

Registration deadline: June 30

Registration: see registration form on our homepage: icbs2014.at (under construction)

Further information: nadja.kavcik@univie.ac.at

Abstracts:

Deadline for submission: July 30

Abstract format:

First name and name of Authors¹ (underline author who will talk)

1 Address and e-mail of author 1

2 Address and e-mail of author 2

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1 Page A4, 2500 characters including spaces,

Format: Word, Arial 11

Figures: Format .jpg

Margins: L/R: 25mm

Oral presentations and posters

Lectures will last 20 min + 5 min discussion, the oral presentations will take place at a seminar room in Corvara. Projector for Powerpoint presentation is available, if you need further equipment, please contact Nadja Kavcik nadja.kavcik@univie.ac.at

Poster: Format A1 or A0, we will provide boards and tapes.