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17th International ERBE Symposium

Cultural Heritage in Geosciences, Mining and Metallurgy

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Ravne na Koroškem, Slovenia

September 22–27, 2025

Program Overview

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Venue: Stara železarna, Koroški pokrajinski muzej, Muzej Ravne na Koroškem

Address: Koroška cesta 12, 2390 Ravne na Koroškem

Planned Lectures and Posters

The symposium will feature presentations on the following topics:

Natural and Cultural Heritage in Geology, Mining, and Metallurgy

Focus on iron processing in the context of sustainability and mobility (archives, collections, museums, etc.). Special attention will be given to topics related to rock formation and mineral utilization, including lead and gemstones, historical collections that reveal geological history and help identify global climate change patterns, as well as individual researchers' contributions.

Future Perspectives on Historical Knowledge

Emphasis on historical knowledge and traditions concerning mineral processing methods, machinery and equipment used, laboratory devices, industrial architecture, and innovations. This section also addresses questions about future natural resource utilization, types of work, and workers' positions.

Cultural Heritage as Economic Development Driver

Cultural heritage of geology, mining, and metallurgy forms the foundation of economic, social, and cultural development (tourism, agriculture, cultural creation, gastronomy, etc.) in European and non-European countries. Research and interpretation of this heritage provide opportunities for revitalizing degraded industrial areas and transforming them into spaces for connection and new opportunities for various creators.

Digitization of Geological, Mining, and Metallurgical Heritage

Digitization of maps, plans, field journals, documents, images, and photographs enables visual interpretation of heritage and database creation. Virtual tours through mines, smelters, and other metal processing and refining sites enrich the cultural heritage experience.

Intangible Heritage

Knowledge, inventions, and skills related to the extraction, preservation, and research of geological, mining, and metallurgical heritage. This includes terminology and sensory elements that help recognize work processes, hazards, and create a sense of familiarity.

Open Topics

Additional relevant presentations are welcome.

Presentation Format: Each contribution is allocated 15 minutes, with 5 minutes reserved for discussion.

A Week of Professional, Cultural, and Educational Events

The ERBE Symposium offers a rich and varied program, combining professional lectures, workshops, excursions, and cultural events. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in diverse activities throughout the week – from the opening reception to expert presentations, workshops, concerts, and visits to prominent regional sites.

Daily Program

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Arrival and welcome of participants in the afternoon and evening.

Monday, September 22, 2025

Registration and symposium opening, welcome speeches, lectures, exhibition tours, and reception at the mayor's office with evening cultural program.

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Registration, paper presentations, blacksmithing workshop, city tour, and evening concert.

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Full-day professional excursion with visits to Celje, Techno Park, Celje Castle, the Ironworks Museum Štore, and the Nordung Center Vitanje.

Thursday, September 25, 2025

Registration, paper presentations, exhibition tours, reception at the ironworks, and evening concert by Jazz Ravne.

Friday, September 26, 2025

Final lectures, official symposium closing, opening of European Heritage Days, and classical music concert featuring selected performers.

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Departure of participants.

Registration and Costs

Conference Fees

Regular participation: €120

Students (up to 28 years): €50

ZOOM participation only: €50

Conference fee includes abstract volume, coffee, refreshments, and lunch.

Note: Excursion costs are additional.

Payment Details

Bank Account:

IBAN: SI56 6100 0001 7641 834

SWIFT BIC CODE: HDELSI22

Bank: Delavska hranilnica d.d. PE Ravne na Koroškem

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Payment reference: “ERBE Symposium – [Your Name]”

Registration deadline with payment: September 1, 2025

Contact Information

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Travel and Accommodation

Getting to Ravne na Koroškem

The symposium will take place in cooperation with Društvo Srednjeevropska pot železa (Central European Iron Route Society) and other organizations in Ravne na Koroškem, Slovenia.

Transportation options:

Private car

Taxi

Airport shuttle: GoOpti Transfer (www.goopti.com/en/)

Nearby airports:

Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport: <http://www.lju-airport.si/eng>

Graz Airport: www.flughafen-graz.at/en/home.html

Klagenfurt Airport: www.klagenfurt-airport.at/

Alternative: The Ravne Tourist Office provides transportation from Vienna, Ljubljana, and Maribor. Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs.

Accommodation

Participants are responsible for booking their own accommodation. In cooperation with the local tourist association, we have reserved rooms at Hotel Delalut (www.booking.com).

Additional accommodation options:

<https://www.booking.com/placestostay/region/si/koroska.sl.html>

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<https://www.slovenia.info/sl/destinacije/regije/alpska-slovenija/koroska>

<https://www.koroska.si/en/Maps>

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