

Welcome in Herlandia 2014

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The 15th International Conference of Young Geologists was held in the Polish Outer Carpathians, in Międzybrodzie Żywieckie, located in the Beskid Mały Mts. All participants were hosted in Niagara resort. The conference was organized by the AGH University of Sciences and Technology (AGH), Krakow (PL), Faculty of Natural Sciences of Comenius University (CU), Bratislava (SK) and the Faculty BERG of Technical University (TUKE), Košice (SK). For several years the members of the scientific committee have been Prof. Dušan Plašienka (CU), Julian Kondela (TUKE) and Prof. Maciej Manecki (AGH). The conference was organized by Ph.D. students from AGH and the members of the Geological Club from Bratislava.

This year 70 young scientists from Poland, Slovakia, Czech Republic and Russia participated in the conference. They presented over 50 talks covering a very wide spectrum of Earth science disciplines such as: tectonics, sedimentology, mineralogy, petrology, paleontology, geophysics, geoengineering and geoinformatics.

The best student presentation in English was awarded with the Rudolf Mock Award. This year, the award went to Karolina Kościńska, Ph.D. student from AGH, for excellent presentation in petrology on blueschists from Svalbard. The award was

presented during closing ceremony by Professor Maciej Manecki.

An important part of the meeting was “evening dinner discussion”, where Professor Jan Golonka (AGH) presented his lecture on evolution of the Outer Carpathians. Topic of the lecture was also an introduction to the geological excursion. On Saturday, the participants visited pumped-storage hydroelectric power plant in Porąbka and unique outcrops of cieszynity in Cieszyn area. A guided tour in Brewery Museum in Żywiec ended the excursion. The next conference will return to the original location, Herl'any, Slovakia.



Fig. 1. Karolina Kościńska (winner of Rudolf Mock Award) and part of commission (from left: E. Štrba, M. Gregáňová & M. Manecki)