

CBGA 2026

23rd Congress of the Carpathian-Balkan Geological Association

September 9-11, 2026 | Cluj-Napoca, Romania



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Welcome to CBGA 2026

The 23rd Congress of the Carpathian-Balkan Geological Association (CBGA 2026) will take place in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, on 9-11 September 2026. The congress invites geoscientists from the Carpathian-Balkan realm and beyond to share fundamental and applied research, strengthen cross-border collaboration, and explore the geology of Transylvania and surrounding regions.

CBGA 2026 is the 4th Romanian edition of the CBGA Congress, following Romanian meetings held in Bucharest in 1927, 1961, and 1981. After almost half a century, Romania is hosting the congress again, with Babeş-Bolyai University supported by the Romanian Academy and partner institutions.



Congress at a glance
 23rd CBGA Congress
 9-11 September 2026
 Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca
 Pre-conference fieldtrips: 4-8 September
 Post-conference fieldtrips: 12-15 September

About the Carpathian-Balkan Geological Association

The CBGA is a non-governmental, international, scientific, non-political and non-profit union of geoscientists working in the Carpathian-Balkan region and surrounding areas. The Association is affiliated to the International Union of Geological Sciences as a regional organization.

Its aims are to promote collaborative cross-border geological research, training and specialization across all fields of geosciences and related environmental disciplines. CBGA organizes congresses, supports Working Groups, stimulates discussion on key geological topics, and publishes scientific materials through congress volumes, maps, monographs and its official journals.

Romanian organizing consortium

- Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca
- Romanian Academy
- University of Bucharest
- Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iaşi
- Geological Institute of Romania
- Geological Society of Romania
- National Institute for Research and Development on Marine Geology and Geo-ecology GeoEcoMar
- Victor Gorduza Mineralogy Museum, Baia Mare
- Romanian Palaeontology Society

Important dates and deadlines

Date	Milestone
July 01, 2025	Call for special session and workshop proposals opens
January 22, 2026	Call for special session and workshop proposals closes
February 25, 2026	Abstract submission and Student Grant application open
June 01, 2026	Student Grant application deadline
June 15, 2026	Abstract submission deadline; Early registration deadline; Workshop and field trip booking deadline
July 15, 2026	Presentation selection
August 5, 2026	Meeting program
September 4-8, 2026	Pre-conference excursions
September 8-9, 2026	Registration
September 9-11, 2026	23rd CBGA Congress
September 12-15, 2026	Post-conference excursions

Abstracts and presentation format

Submitting an abstract entails the responsibility of the author to present that work at the meeting, either as an oral presentation or as a poster. Abstracts without registration of at least one author will not be accepted.

- Each registered participant can submit no more than two abstracts; only one may normally be indicated for oral presentation.
- Common oral presentations are planned for 15 minutes: 10 minutes presentation and 5 minutes discussion.
- Invited keynote presentations will have 15 or 30 minutes, including discussion.
- Poster boards accommodate A0 portrait posters: 1189 mm × 841 mm.

For more information, visit <https://cbga2026.conference.ubbcluj.ro/>

Registration fees

Category	Early bird before 15 Jun 2026	Standard before 21 Aug 2026	On-site after 21 Aug 2026
Regular participant	220 EUR / 1120 RON	250 EUR / 1275 RON	280 EUR / 1430 RON
Student	60 EUR / 305 RON	90 EUR / 460 RON	120 EUR / 615 RON
Accompanying person	100 EUR / 500 RON	100 EUR / 500 RON	100 EUR / 500 RON

Fees include 21% VAT. Congress registration includes admission to all congress sessions, abstract volume, congress program, welcome party on 9 September 2026, scheduled snacks and coffee breaks, lunch on 9-11 September, and social events (to be specified). Travel and health insurance are not included. We also offer student grants, for more information, visit <https://cbga2026.conference.ubbcluj.ro/>

Venue, host city and travel



The 23rd Congress of CBGA will be held at Babeş-Bolyai University, 1 M. Kogălniceanu Street, 400084 Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Cluj-Napoca, the “Heart of Transylvania”, is the second largest city in Romania and a major academic and innovation hub.

The city hosts six state universities and four private universities, including Babeş-Bolyai University, the largest Romanian university.



Travel information

- Avram Iancu Int. Airport Cluj-Napoca is connected with numerous European destinations and offers daily domestic flights to Bucharest.
- Airport-to-city travel is by public transport lines 5 and 8, as well as by taxi; public transport tickets can be purchased by card in vehicles.
- Cluj-Napoca is linked by road to regional and international networks, with an evolving motorway network toward Budapest and Bucharest.
- Rail connections are available to Bucharest, Budapest and Vienna.

Scientific programme and sessions

The scientific programme includes general sessions, special sessions, plenary lectures, field trips, workshops, and opportunities for exhibitors and sponsors. Contributions are invited across the geosciences, with strong emphasis on the Carpathian-Balkan realm and its wider geological connections.

General sessions

- GS1 Archaeometry
- GS2 Climate Change
- GS3 Geoheritage, Geoeducation, and Geoparks
- GS4 Geophysics and Seismology
- GS5 Economic Geology
- GS6 Energy Resources (Hydrocarbon, Geothermal)
- GS7 Engineering Geology and Urban Geology
- GS8 Environmental Geochemistry
- GS9 Hydrogeology
- GS10 Magmatism and Volcanism / Igneous Geology
- GS11 Metamorphism
- GS12 Mineralogy and Applied Mineralogy
- GS13 (Micro)Paleontology, Paleoceanography and Paleogeography
- GS14 Stratigraphy, Sedimentology, Facies Analysis
- GS15 Tectonics and Structural Geology
- GS16 Geochronology and Isotope Geochemistry
- GS17 Open Session

Special sessions

SS1 – Come together: Tracing Explosive Silicic Volcanism and its Impact Across the Alpine-Mediterranean Region During the Paleogene and Neogene

SS2 – Critical and strategic raw materials in the Alpine-Balkan-Carpathian-Dinaridic region: exploration, EU policy implementation, circular economy, and societal challenges

SS3 – Exploring the Paratethys and Euxine Basins: Recent Advances and Novel Research Directions

SS4 – From Crystal Archives through Magmatic Processes to Geodynamic Evolution

SS5 – Granites in the Carpathian-Balkan Area from Pre- to Post-collision

SS6 – Isotopes and Multiproxy in the Earth System: reconstructing climatic events at various time scales

SS7 – Mineralogy as a modern interdisciplinary science for the 21st century

SS8 – Salt systems across scales: Deposition, Deformation, Geohazards and Subsurface Applications

SS9 – Subsurface Storage: Opportunities, Risks, and Future Directions

SS10 – Tracing Mineralization Vectors for the Magmatic-Hydrothermal Systems of the Carpathian-Balkan Area

SS11 – Tracing Tethyan Oceans from Europe to Southeast Asia

SS12 – Basement and cover rocks of the South Carpathians

For more information, visit <https://cbga2026.conference.ubbcluj.ro/>

Field trips

Field trips are optional and require specific registration.

Trip	Theme	Timing / fee
FT1	Geologic transect through the Apuseni Mountains - Banat - Timok: Late Cretaceous magmatism and metal endowment	Post-conference, 4 days, price 500 EUR
FT2	The Cenozoic stratigraphic and paleontological record of the Transylvanian Basin	Post-conference, 2 days; price 210 EUR
FT3	Volcanism and associated hydrothermal activity in the Miocene Oaş-Gutâi volcanic zone	Pre-conference, 3 days; price 350 EUR
FT4	Mesozoic tectonostratigraphic evolution of the Northern Apuseni Mountains	Pre-conference, 5 days; price 550 EUR double room / 650 EUR single room
FT5	The Transylvanides in the Apuseni Mountains: tectonics and sedimentology	Post-conference, 3 days; price 500 EUR
FT6	Petroleum systems of the Carpathian fold and thrust belt	Pre-conference, 4 days, price 600 EUR
FT7	Salt tectonics in the Transylvanian Basin – a one-day visit to the Turda salt mine	During conference, 1 day, 45 EUR
FT8	Mineral waters and CO ₂ emissions in the Eastern Carpathians: geochemistry and spa culture	Post-conference, 3 days; price 300 EUR
FT9	Late Cretaceous and Neogene Magmatism in the Northern Apuseni Mountains	Post-conference, 3 days; price 350 EUR
FT10	A geological transect across the Transylvanian Basin and the Eastern Carpathians: insights into their tectono-sedimentary evolution	Pre-conference, 3 days; price 350 EUR

Workshops and field workshops

Workshops are optional activities for registered participants and require separate booking by the workshop deadline.

WS1 - Introduction in Analogue modelling

During congress, 2 hours

WS2 - Interpreting Ore Textures and Breccias - an Introduction

Pre-congress, 1 day

WS3 - Laser Ablation ICP-MS - elemental mapping

Pre-congress, 1 day

WS4 - Laser Ablation Isotope Ratio Mass Spectrometry

Post-congress, 1 day

WS5 - Teaching Geohazards through Real Science

Half-day educational workshop

WS6 - Integrated Monitoring of Salt-Karst Instability

Round-table and applied risk management workshop

WS7 - Geochemical logging of field samples, cores and drill cuttings

Workshop on digital geochemical databases

For more updated information, visit <https://cbga2026.conference.ubbcluj.ro/>

Participation, publication and practical notes

Congress registration includes

- Admission to all congress sessions
- Abstract volume and congress programme
- Welcome party on 9 September 2026
- Scheduled snacks and coffee breaks
- Lunch on 9, 10 and 11 September 2026
- Social events to be specified by the organizers

Payment and cancellation

Registration fees must be paid in EUR or RON by bank transfer. Participants should indicate the Congress acronym CBGA2026 and their name in the payment order. Registration must be accompanied by payment; otherwise, it will not be processed.

Registration fees are refundable only if cancellation notice is received before 31 July 2026; the cancellation fee is 40 EUR.

Cancellations after 31 July 2026 and no-shows are not eligible for refund.

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This circular was prepared from information available on the official CBGA 2026 website.

Please consult the website for the most recent updates, forms, payment details, field-trip availability and programme changes.