



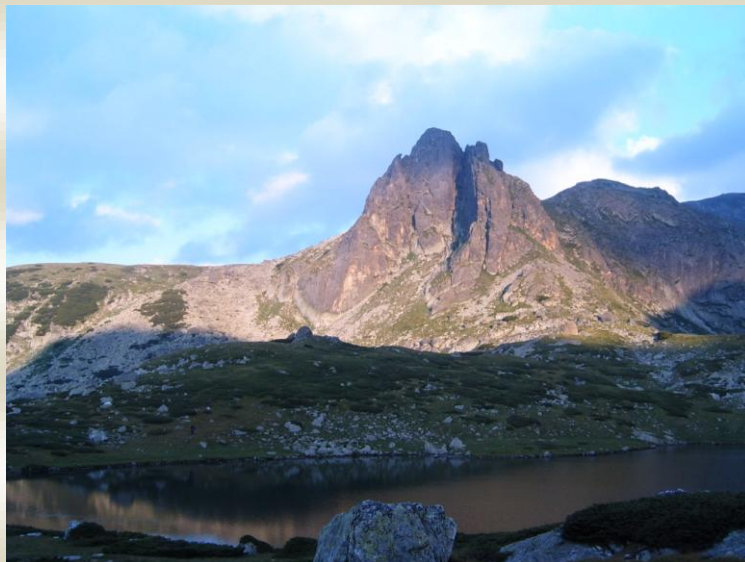
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**INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE**  
**SUSTAINABLE MOUNTAIN REGIONS: MAKE THEM WORK**

**INVITATION**



**BOROVETS, BULGARIA**

**14-16 May 2015**

Dear colleagues,

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend the International Conference “**SUSTAINABLE MOUNTAIN REGIONS: MAKE THEM WORK**”, which will be held on 14-16 May 2015 in the Rila Mountain resort of Borovets, Bulgaria.

The conference is organized and sponsored by the Center of Excellence in the Humanities "Alma Mater" at Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski” funded by the National Scientific Research Fund.

**Conference partners:**

Bulgarian Geographical Society  
National Institute of Geophysics, Geodesy, and Geography, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences  
Faculty of Geology and Geography, Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski”  
Southeast Europe Mountain Research (SEEmore) Network - Bulgaria  
Association for Development of Mountain Municipalities of Republic of Bulgaria  
Ministry of the Environment and Waters of Bulgaria  
Ministry of Regional Development of Bulgaria

The conference will bring together academic researchers, practitioners, and representatives of governmental institutions and non-governmental organizations involved in sustainable development of mountain areas. The event will be a forum for sharing and discussion of scientific results, practical information, and new ideas regarding the problems of mountain sustainability and possible solutions at national and international level.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Borovets!

**Conference Topics**

Natural Resources in Mountain Regions: Adaptation to Climate Change  
Population and Settlements: Challenges in Mountain Regions  
Protected Areas and Mountain Ecology  
Natural and Cultural Heritage in Mountain Regions  
Agriculture and Forestry in Mountain Regions  
Mountain Economies and Tourism  
Natural and Anthropogenic Risks in Mountain Regions: Mitigation Strategies  
Regional Development and Trans-border Problems and Policies in Mountain Regions

**Application Information\***

**The electronic application form with an abstract** (maximum 400 words, including up to 5 key words) should be submitted until 31. 10. 2014 at:

[http://geography.bg/MountainRegions\\_Sofia2015](http://geography.bg/MountainRegions_Sofia2015)

**Full papers** (maximum 5 000 words, including references) should be submitted by 31.01.2015 to e-mail address: [mountainsbg2015@gmail.com](mailto:mountainsbg2015@gmail.com)

*\*Please note that your abstract submission implies that at least one of the authors must attend the conference and present the paper.*

**Review Process**

Submissions should be relevant to the overall conference theme and address at least one of the conference topics. All contributions must be original (i.e. not published elsewhere), and follow academic writing style. Submitted abstracts and full papers will be blind-reviewed by at least two anonymous reviewers. Acceptance of an abstract does not automatically lead to acceptance of the respective full paper for publication. The author(s) will be provided with specific guidelines for submission of a full paper.

### ***Conference Proceedings & Publication Opportunities\****

**Selected papers** will be included in an edited international edition to be published after the conference. **Springer** expressed preliminary interest in publishing a book resulting from the conference.

**All other accepted papers** will be published in the conference proceedings with an ISBN number in electronic form, which will be available for distribution during the event. Each registered delegate will receive an electronic copy of the conference proceedings.

*\*Please note that papers will only be published if at least one of the authors attends the Conference.*

### ***Conference Working Language***

All papers and presentations will be in English.

### ***Conference Venue & Location***

The conference will be held in Borovets Resort which is the first mountain resort in Bulgaria, dating back to the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> c. It is situated just 70 km from the capital city of Sofia at altitude of 1 350 m in Rila - the highest mountain on the Balkan Peninsula (2 925 m). Free transfer from Sofia Airport to Borovets and back will be provided for conference participants upon sending detailed information about arrival and departure in the registration form.

The event will be hosted by Samokov Hotel (<http://www.samokov.com>) where all the conference sessions will take place and the participants' accommodation will be arranged at special price.

### ***Conference Fees***

**110 EUR** – standard conference fee per participant

**55 EUR** – reduced conference fee for students and doctoral students

The conference fee above excludes bank commission. In case of cancellation, the registration fee is not refunded.

The conference fee includes:

- Transfer from/to Sofia airport
- Conference materials, including the proceedings in electronic form (USB flash stick)
- Coffee breaks refreshments
- Lunch for 2 days and gala dinner

Options for 1-day field trips will be announced in the second circular.

### ***Important Dates***

Abstract Submission Deadline	31.10.2014
Abstracts Acceptance Notification	17.11.2014
Full Papers Submission Deadline	31.01.2015
Full Papers Acceptance Notification	01.03.2015
Registration and Payment Submission	31.03.2015

For further information and updates, please refer to the Conference website, which will be active on 01.10.2014 at [http://geography.bg/MountainRegions\\_Sofia2015](http://geography.bg/MountainRegions_Sofia2015)

**Please help disseminate this information!**