



## Second Circular

### 5<sup>th</sup> Geological-Palaeontological-Archaeological Discussion 2016 (GEPARD 2016)

#### *Lost Worlds of the Stone Age in Travertine*

**28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2016, Gánovce**

The 5<sup>th</sup> GEPARD conference will be held in Gánovce on the occasion of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Neanderthal endocast discovery at the site and the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishing of the Podtatranské Museum in Poprad. The main topic of this year's Geological-Palaeontological-Archaeological Discussion is focused on information on the latest results of the Palaeolithic research, mainly at travertine sites. Travertine as an important source of our knowledge about the nature history, including also the history of mankind, is relatively abundant in Slovakia, often forming huge heaps to cascades. Their existence is linked to the presence of mineral freshwater, in many cases, thermal springs that have affected the environment and the climate in the vicinity.

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### Venues

The conference will be hosted by the Podtatranské Museum in Poprad and the Municipality of Gánovce. It will take place in the lecture hall of the Gánovce Municipal Office; <http://www.ganovce.sk>

### How to get there

Gánovce is a village situated approximately 5 km southeast from Poprad town in northern Slovakia and is easily accessible by trains and busses or aeroplane via Bratislava or Poprad International Airports. There is a direct train/bus connection from Bratislava (Capital City of Slovakia) to Poprad and a regional train/bus connection from Poprad to Gánovce. If you travel by car, Poprad is situated on D1 highway and Gánovce is situated on Road No. 18 (<https://maps.google.sk/>).

For train/bus connection (e.g. Bratislava – Poprad, Poprad – Gánovce) see:

<http://cp.atlas.sk/vlakbus/spojenie/>

For air connection (arrivals to the Bratislava or Poprad International Airports) see:

<http://www.bts.aero/en/passengers/>

[http://www.airport-poprad.sk/index\\_en.php](http://www.airport-poprad.sk/index_en.php)

The Bratislava International Airport is currently connected with several European cities (Prague, Moscow, Berlin, Brussels, London, Liverpool, Birmingham, Milan, Madrid, Athens, Rome), but the Poprad International Airport is currently connected only with Riga, Warsaw and London. Another possibility is traveling by via the International Airport in Košice (<http://www.airportkosice.sk/en/>) or in Vienna (<http://www.viennaairport.com/en/passengers>).

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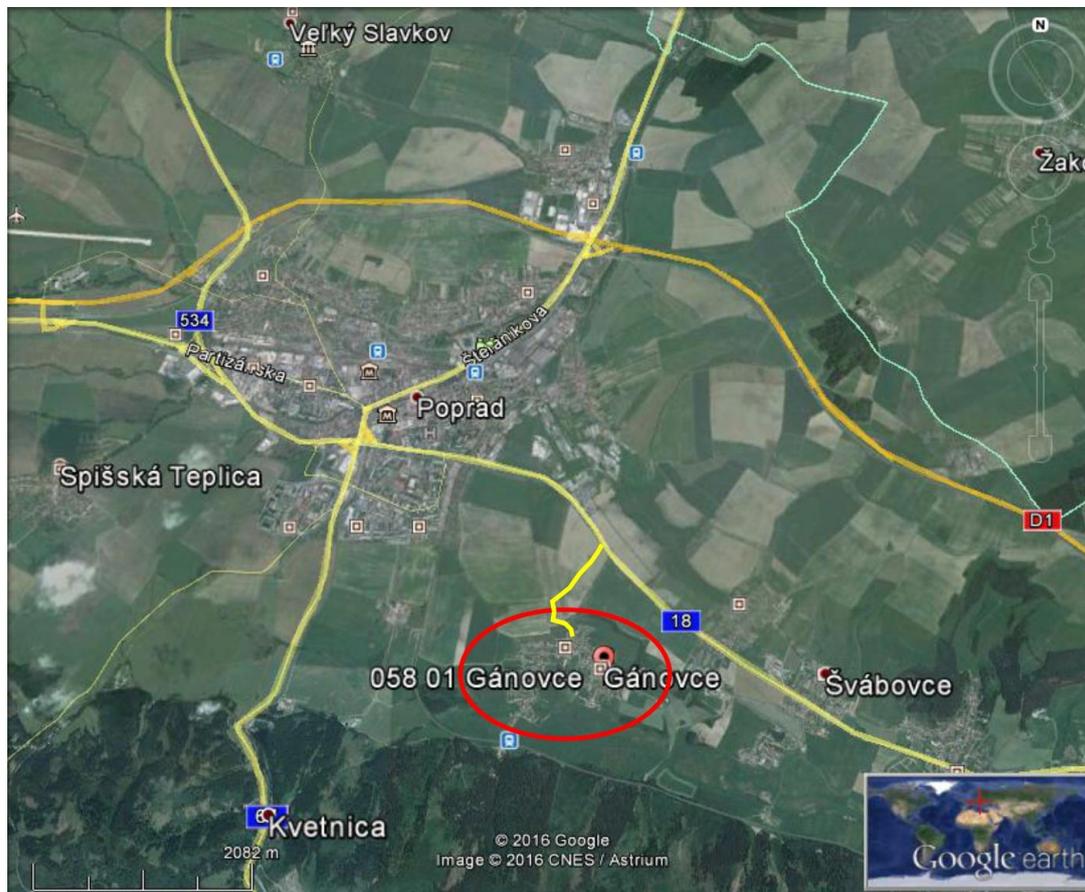
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### **Preliminary programme**

Wednesday April 27: Arrival to Poprad or Gánovce

Thursday April 28: Registration (8:00-9:00), Scientific sessions (9:00-18:00) and Conference dinner ("Neanderthal Site Happening") in Gánovce (20:00)

Friday April 29: Field trip at Gánovce – Hôrka-Ondrej – Hranovnica (optional) or Departure

Saturday April 30: Departure or Post-Conference Excursion "Dominants of Spiš Region" (optional)

**The final program will be forwarded only to registered participants in the first half of April.**

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The length of each lecture is limited max. to 20 minutes (15 minutes + 5 minutes for discussion). The official language of the conference is English, but lectures in native languages with English presentation (e.g. in Power-Point or poster) are also welcome.

### Registration

Registration form (for those who are so far unregistered) is listed below. Registration fee (**20 Euro**; including conference refreshment and dinner) is possible to pay at desk after the arrival of participants. **The latest deadline for registration is 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2016.**

### Call for abstracts

Submissions are accepted on the abovementioned topic. However, contributions from all areas of Stone Age studies, information on new research in the field of Geology, Geoarchaeology, Palaeontology, Palaeoanthropology and Archaeology, results of analyses and preliminary reports, as well as contributions from other related science disciplines focused to this period (Stone Age) are also highly welcome. **Deadline for abstract submission is 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2016.** Applications sent after this date will not be accepted.

Abstract format (for both oral and poster presentations):

Title; First and last name of author (in case of more than one author, underline name of author who presents); Author affiliations (incl. postal address and email); Text should be limited to 500 words. Format: Word, Times New Roman 12, single space. Only 1 figure is allowed per abstract, but within one A4 page only, including also the text. Please use .jpg as format and make sure the figure is at least 300 dpi. Figures in poor quality will be deleted from the abstracts. Abstracts can be sent to [sabol@fns.uniba.sk](mailto:sabol@fns.uniba.sk).

### Proceedings

Presented contributions of the conference participants will be published within a special issue of the peer-reviewed journal **Anthropologie** – International Journal of Human Diversity and Evolution (<http://puvodni.mzm.cz/Anthropologie/>). All participants are invited to submit articles based on the research presented at the conference. The special volume will be published in 2017 or at the latest in 2018.

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### Accommodation

Conference participants can book of their accommodation either in Poprad town or directly in Gánovce village. Conference organizers recommend to book your accommodation as soon as possible.

There are many hotels and guest-houses in Poprad: <http://www.booking.com>

In Gánovce, participants can be accommodated directly in the local spa (max. 16 persons):

[www.aquaspaganovce.sk](http://www.aquaspaganovce.sk), or in private: <http://www.uby.sk/?locale=en>. There is also **Guest-house B+B**.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

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### Registration Form

First name and surname of participant/-s (lecturer/-s):

Address of Institution and e-mail of participant/-s (lecturer/-s):

Topic of contribution\*

Form of contribution:	<b>lecture</b>	yes	no	/ delete as appropriate /
	<b>poster</b>	yes	no	

I plan to attend the field trip on **Friday, April 29, 2016**:    yes    no

Signature:

\* In the case of large amounts of submitted contributions, the organizers reserve the right to reassign your lecture to the poster section. Maximum size of posters is A0.

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