

International Conference  
  
GLOBAL CHANGES

Vulnerability, Mitigation and Adaptation

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**Dear colleagues,**

**We have the honor to invite you at the International scientific conference,  
Dedicated to the International Earth Day**

**„GLOBAL CHANGES:  
VULNERABILITY, MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION”**

The forthcoming scientific event continues the tradition started by the Faculty of Geology and Geography, to incorporate the capacity of our scientific community for facing the challenges of our time. In regards of these, four conferences on the topic “GLOBAL CHANGES” were held at the Faculty during the last four years. Researchers from Bulgaria, Germany, Russia and the countries of Southeastern Europe and USA have participated at these conferences. The presented scientific works have been published in English. The conferences have brought to enlargement of the scientific contacts and have developed new collaborations between the participants.

## **Objectives**

- To emphasize the role of interdisciplinary approach in revealing and solving the Global changes related problems;
- To contribute for better understanding the integrated impact of Global changes on the Environment and the Society at Regional scale;
- To define the research works priorities considering different aspects of Global changes and to set the topics for future conferences.

## **Conference profile**

The Global changes are one of the most significant challenges facing the contemporary community. They may occur as a result by the dynamics and the development of the natural processes or to be provoked by human impacts and pressures related to the usage of the natural resources and the other aspects of the economic activities.

Many scientific works at local, regional and global scale reveal the reduction, the prevention and the risk assessment as main task. The new reality reveals necessity for new knowledge concerning Global changes and their impact to the Human civilization and Environment. The science works directed to that filed will contribute to society participation in the process of policy formulation and decision as well as problems solving with Global changes origin.

This Conference will discuss the questions, concerning the Global changes impact to the Ecosystems, the Regional socio-economic systems and the Institutional structures. In accordance with this idea, all the theoretical, methodological and conceptual reports presenting contemporary problems solving ideas to Global changes are expecting with a great interest. Special attention will be dedicated to reports, proposing science based ideas for measures application concerning Regional adaptation to Global changes.

## **Topics:**

- Global Changes - Sustainable Development and Risk
- Global Challenges and Regional Responses
- Socio-economic dimensions of Global Changes
- Environmental dimensions of Global Changes
- Living with Global Change: perception, coping and adapting to Global change;
- Regional development and planning in the Global economic system
- Environmental and humanity science education

## **SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

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## **PARTICIPANTS IMPORTANT DATES**

Abstract and Registration form submission – **28 February 2008 (NEW)**

Registration and Submission of the full paper – **17 April 2008 (NEW)**

/Please, submit copy of your paper to the Registration Desk on a CD and hard copy/

## **ORGANIZERS IMPORTANT DATES**

Announcement for abstract acceptance– 29 February 2008

Papers Instruction – 10 March 2008 r.

Announcement for social events and accommodation – 10 March 2008

Preliminary programme – 30 March 2008 r.

Final programme and list of participants – **17 April 2008 (NEW)**

## **THE REGISTRATION FEE**

**50 Euro**

### **Reduced fee:**

for accompanying persons - 25 Euro

for students – 25 Euro

The registration fee includes attendance to the all Conference sessions, Conference proceedings, delegate’s materials, Welcome cocktail, and Coffee breaks.

**For information about the method of the registration fee payment, invitation letter and other questions related to the conference participation please contact us at: [conference@gea.uni-sofia.bg](mailto:conference@gea.uni-sofia.bg)**

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGES** – Bulgarian, English and Russian

All the papers will be published in English.

The Scientific Committee reserves the right to schedule the received abstracts into Plenary sessions, Subject sections and Poster sessions.

## **TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT**

Multimedia projector and PC will be available.

If you need any specific technical equipment, please note it on the “Note” field of the Registration form.

**The Conference will be held on 17-18 April 2008  
The rector’s building of the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski”**

**Please, send yours fulfilled Registration form and Abstract until 28.02.2008 to:**

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