



## **PROTECTED KARST TERRITORIES – MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT**

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*Dedicated to the 100th Anniversary of Vladimir Popov,  
prominent Bulgarian Geographer and Karst Researcher*

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Forum organized on the initiative of the International team  
of the scientific research project  
"Working out an experimental model for complex monitoring of protected karst territories aim-  
ing at their sustainable development and management"  
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and based at the National Institute of Geophysics, Geodesy and Geography – BAS.

### ***Main topics:***

1. The concept of karst geosystems:  
Methodological platform for research and management of protected karst territories.
2. Monitoring of karst:  
Models and results. System for integrated monitoring of protected karst territories.
3. Man and karst:  
Land use, maintenance use and management of protected karst territories. Legislation.  
Best practices.
4. Documentation and specialized cadastre of protected karst territories.  
Organization of information.
5. Cognitive and educational importance of protected karst territories. Initiatives and programs.
6. International collaboration:  
The network of protected karst territories – contemporary challenges and innovations.

The Scientific forum develops the ideas from the International conference  
"Protected karst territories – conditions, problems, perspectives"  
held in Shumen, Bulgaria in October 2005 (<http://karst.iit.bas.bg>)