



Introduction

Dear colleagues,

The Faculty of Science of Charles University in Prague, the Institute of History of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic v. v. i., the Section for Historical Geography and Environmental History of the Czech Geographical Society and the Local Organizing Committee have the honor of inviting you to join the **XV. International Conference of Historical Geographers**, which will be held in **Prague from August 6–10, 2012**.

The Prague conference is historically the first to be held in a post-communist country. It is open to all historical geographers and scholars from related disciplines, such as history, environmental history, landscape ecology, environmental studies, etc.

The participation of young scholars and PhD candidates, independent scholars, as well as researchers using multidisciplinary approaches is encouraged.

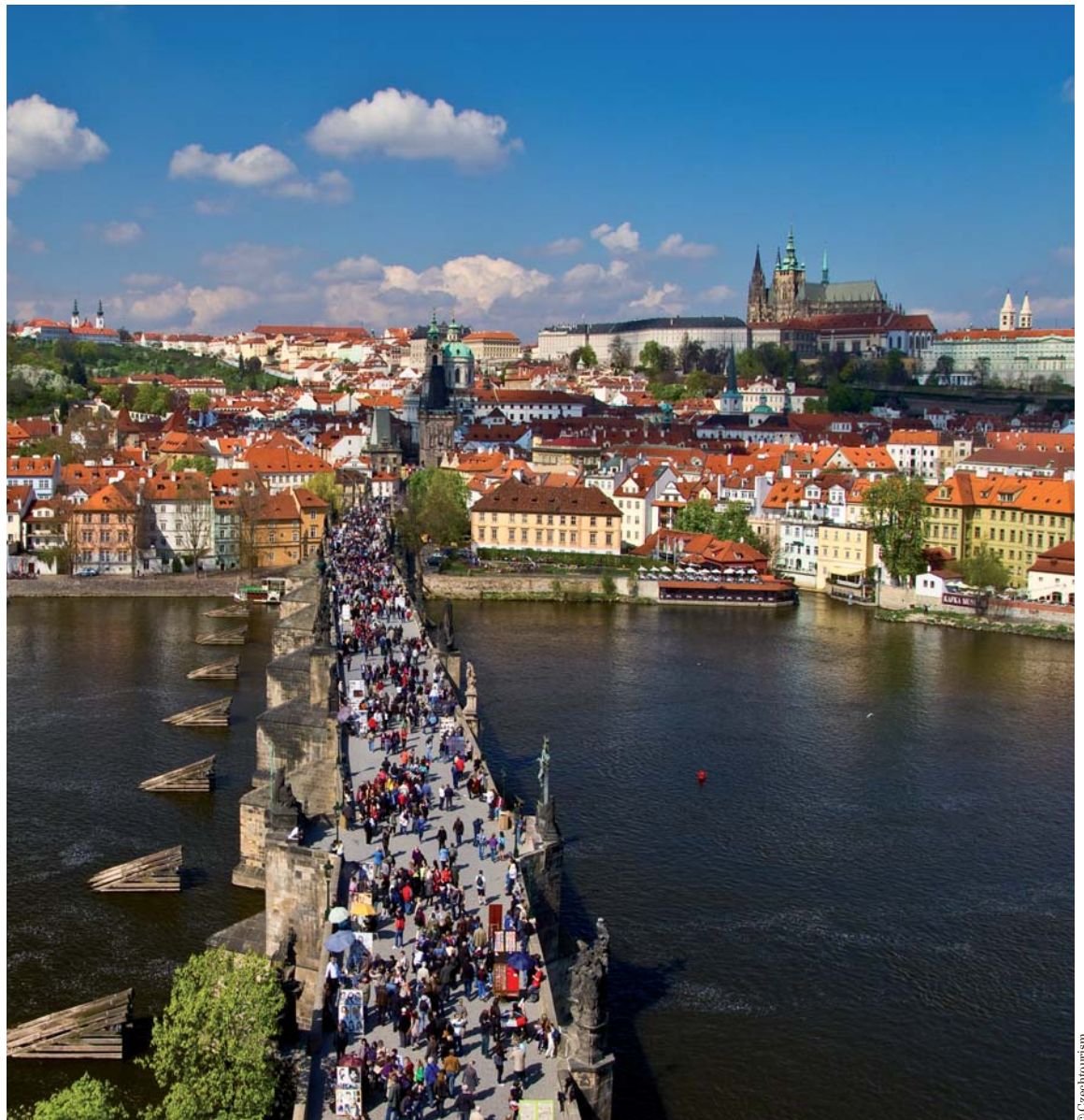
We are looking forward to meeting you in Prague.

On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee,

Pavel Chromý, Chairman

Conference Venue

For more information about the conference venue see the conference website <http://www.ichg2012.cz>



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Conference Themes

Historical geography: past, present and future
Teaching historical geography
Historical geography archives and methods (research)

Borderlands, cores and peripheries in historical geographical perspective
Changing rural landscapes: transformation of the countryside
Changing historical towns: transformation of urban space

Nature, society and environmental change
Historical natural hazards and climate change
Historical land use: theory and methods

Regional, national and transnational identities
Heritage: creation, conservation, protection, extinction
Local places – global processes: places of memory – memory of places

Geographies of colonialism and post-colonialism
Spaces of mobility and migration
Spaces of conflict: war and post-war landscapes

Transitioning economies: industrialization, urbanization, and capitalist development
Leisure transition: tourism, sport and recreation
Changing Central Europe
Applied historical geography

Submission Guidelines

Panel proposals are especially encouraged, although roundtable discussion proposals, individual papers, and posters are also welcome. **Submission of complete session proposals is preferred;** nevertheless the LOC will try to arrange sessions from proposals submitted as individual presentations. Although it is not required, it is possible to nominate session commentators.

In order to enable greater participation in the conference, the submission of session proposals with a greater number of participants is encouraged (e.g., 4 presenters of 10 minutes each).

All sessions (including roundtables) will be scheduled for 1.5 hours. No single presentation should exceed 15 minutes in order to enable at least 30 minutes for the discussion of presented papers.

Since roundtables are intended primarily for discussions among the speakers and with the audience, each roundtable presentation should not exceed 10 minutes.

Each **individual participant may present only one paper during the conference (in a panel session, roundtable, or any other session)**. However, they can also serve as chairs or commentators in other sessions.

Abstract submission will be opened on September 1, 2011.
All abstracts must be submitted online via the main conference website.

The conference language is English. The authors are responsible for the content and language of the submitted abstract.

The abstract size limit is:
Panel abstract = 400 words
Presentation in panel abstract = 250 words
Individual paper or poster abstract = 300 words
Roundtable abstract = 200 words

Publication Strategy

The printed abstract book will be available to participants during registration. An electronic copy of the abstract book will also be available on the conference website. Young participants, e.g. PhD candidates, are kindly invited to make poster presentations of their research in particular. Poster abstracts will be included in the abstract book as well.



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Preliminary Program

Monday, August 6	Registration, opening plenary session, icebreaker
Tuesday, August 7	Registration, parallel sessions
Wednesday, August 8	One-day scientific excursions
Thursday, August 9	Parallel sessions, roundtables, poster session, conference dinner
Friday, August 10	Parallel sessions, roundtables, business meeting, farewell party
Saturday, August 11	Departure of participants
Post-conference Field Trip	August 11–13

Registration Fee, Accommodation, Meals, Transportation

15. ICHG 2012 Registration Fees	By March 31, 2012	After March 31, 2012
Regular participant	270 EUR	330 EUR
Independent / retired scholar	150 EUR	190 EUR
Student	140 EUR	180 EUR
Accompanying person	80 EUR	80 EUR
One day registration		120 EUR
One day registration – student		50 EUR
One day registration – accompanying person		50 EUR
Conference dinner	45 EUR	45 EUR

The one day scientific excursions prices will vary between 25–80 Euro. The offer of individual excursions (themes, regions and places of interest) and their prices will be published in the 2nd circular, i.e. on January 31, 2012. In the 2nd circular will be also published the offer of one post-conference three day excursion.

The full conference fee will include: Icebreaker, refreshments during coffee breaks, abstract book, final programme and farewell party.

The LOC cannot make any exceptions to the conference fee.

Transportation and accommodation: there will be several hotels of different categories located within walking distance from the conference venue. Further information will be available later on the main conference website.

Conference Registration

Will be opened on November 1, 2011 on the main conference website.

Receipt of registration, messages, payment, papers and other materials will be confirmed by e-mail.

Important Deadlines

Submission of abstracts	December 31, 2011
Second circular	January 31, 2012
Acceptance of papers	February 28, 2012
Early registration	March 31, 2012
Conference program	June 30, 2012
Post-conference excursion	August 11–13, 2012

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