

Announcements

International Symposium on Engineering Geology as related to the Study, Preservation and Protection of Ancient Works, Monuments and Historical Sites, Athens, Greece, 19-23, September, 1988. During the last few years people have become more and more interested in the protection and restoration of ancient monuments, structures and the valorization of historical sites. At the same time, there is an increasing public concern in these subjects due to the direct or indirect damaging effects to that heritage, resulting from the growth of present day society.

The Symposium will give an opportunity to gain experience acquired so far in a field, not yet fully concerned during the meetings of the International Association of Engineering Geology. It will present a world-wide overview of present-day experience on the above field, promoting the contribution of engineering geology and geosciences.

All correspondence related to the scientific programme should be addressed to : Scientific Secretariat of the Symposium : Greek Committee of Engineering Geology, P. O. Box 19140, 117 10 Athens - Greece, Telex : 21 6834, Telefax : (1) 3238792 (Attn. Prof. P. Marinos).

Global Catastrophes in Earth History : An Interdisciplinary Conference on Impacts, Volcanism and Mass Mortality, Snowbird, Utah, October 20-12, 1988. *First Circular, December 1987* ; BACKGROUND : Catastrophic events are now generally recognized as likely to have been involved in the mass mortality at the Cretaceous-Tertiary boundary. A milestone in the recognition of this exciting idea was the 1981 Conference on Large Body Impacts held at Snowbird, Utah and the subsequent publication of the Proceedings as *Geological Society of America Special Paper No. 190*. Since the conference and the publication of its proceedings, research on global catastrophes (and mass mortalities) has so proliferated that it is time to review progress and take stock of the new data and new ideas. To meet that need, the National Academy of Sciences and the Lunar and Planetary Institute have again joined together to organize a conference.

The purpose of the conference is to review progress and to expand consideration of global catastrophes through inter-disciplinary exchanges. To achieve this end, the organizing committee is inviting a series of papers that will summarize major advances since 1981. These papers, and the ample discussion periods that follow them, will provide a starting point for interdisciplinary exchanges.

For further information contact Global Catastrophes Conference, Lunar and Planetary Institute, 3303 NASA Road 1, Houston, TX 77058-4399.

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