

## MECC2010

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The MECC was originally the joint conference of the national clay groups of **Poland, Slovakia, Croatia and Hungary**.

The plan of joint meetings of the Mid-European clay groups was decided during the EUROCLAY Meeting in Kraków, Poland in 1999, and was supported by the **European Clay Groups Association (ECGA)**. The aim of these, currently **biannual, meetings** is to promote co-operation and exchange of ideas among specialists of neighbouring countries. Participants from other countries of Europe and from other continents are welcome.

The first conference, MECC'01, was organised by the Slovak Clay Group **in 2001 in Stará Lesná, Slovakia**. Since that time, MECC grew into a conference of international reputation. MECC'04 was held in Miskolc, Hungary, MECC'06 took place in Opatija, Croatia, and MECC'08 in Zakopane, Poland. In 2006 the **Czech**, in 2008 the **German-Austrian-Swiss Clay Group Association** also joined the initiative.

### CONFERENCE DATE AND PLACE

25–29 August, 2010

Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary

### THE LANGUAGE OF THE CONFERENCE IS ENGLISH.

### ABSTRACTS

Participants are invited to submit contributions in the field of the scientific programme. The abstracts will be published in *Acta Mineralogica-Petrographica, Abstract Series, Szeged*. For details please refer to the home page from September 2009.

### GRANTS

There will be several grant options advertised on the home page from September 2009.

## MECC2010

### SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Contributions from **all fields of clay research are welcome**.

**Key topics:** Crystal chemistry and structure; Physical and chemical properties of clays; Colloidal properties and surface chemistry; Advanced instrumental techniques; Genesis and synthesis of clays; Geology of clays; Clays in soils and weathering; Environmental application of clays; Clays in industry.

**Special attention** will be paid to subjects connecting to the fields of mineral sciences, to attract scientists, other participants of IMA2010, who are not familiar with the recent advances of clay science, but work in connecting fields, like environmental mineralogy, environmental geochemistry or properties and characterisation of nanomaterials.

### GENERAL STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

**IMA2010** (joint registration will be possible)

**August 22–27 (Sunday–Friday):**

IMA2010 scientific sessions

**August 24 (Tuesday):** One-day field trips of IMA2010 (starting and ending in Budapest)

### **MECC2010**

**August 25 (Wednesday) morning**

MECC2010 registration

**August 25 (Wednesday) afternoon / evening**

MECC2010 scientific sessions / welcome party

**August 26–27 (Thursday–Friday)**

MECC2010 scientific sessions

**August 28–29 (Saturday–Sunday)**

Field trip to *Southern Transdanubia* (starting and ending in Budapest); programme: radioactive waste repository, clays and historical red wine regions, paleo-environmental applications of clays; visit to *Pécs*, Cultural Capital of Europe 2010.

## IMA2010

The International Mineralogical Association (IMA) organised its 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting (GM) in 1959. IMA2010, the next meeting of the recently quadrennial IMA GM series, is standing on and will pay tribute to the solid basis built up by the results of two generations of mineral scientists, having met traditionally at IMA GMs, coming from *earth and environmental sciences* or *physics and chemistry*.

Today the special skills and viewpoints of mineral scientists are inevitable when **solid matter** is present in a system. Whatever is its **origin**: natural, environmental, life-related or man-made; whatever is its **size**: nanoparticles or the continental plates: its behaviour, properties and interactions, its usefulness, beauty, value or risk are determined by its bulk and surface structure and chemistry, and by its texture.

The motto of IMA2010, **“Bonds and Bridges”**, reflects that the Budapest meeting will be a meeting of **multidisciplinary**, a meeting for all **continents** and a meeting for all **generations** of scientists.

**For details please visit: <http://www.ima2010.hu>**

### PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION FORM

**SIDE A** For on-line pre-registration please visit:  
<http://www.mecc2010.org>  
or fill in both sides of this form  
and return it not later than  
September 2009.

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Germany-Austria-Switzerland, Poland, Slovakia,  
and Hungary

**SCIENTIFIC SPONSORS (PRELIMINARY LIST)**

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I'm planning

- to participate at the MECC2010 conference
- to submit an abstract for the MECC2010
- to take part at the whole IMA2010 meeting
- to join some of the pre- or post-meeting  
excursions

For detailed information  
please visit our continuously updated website:

<http://www.mecc2010.org>

**DEADLINES**

Final on-line registration opens (conference, abstract submission, field trips, accommodation, grant applications)	October 17, 2009
Early bird (reduced rate) registration closes Early bird grant application closes	December 14, 2009
Abstract submission closes Grant application closes Field trip registration closes	March 6, 2010
Normal rate registration closes	April 30, 2010
Final meeting schedule / programme	May 31, 2010

**ADDRESSES FOR CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

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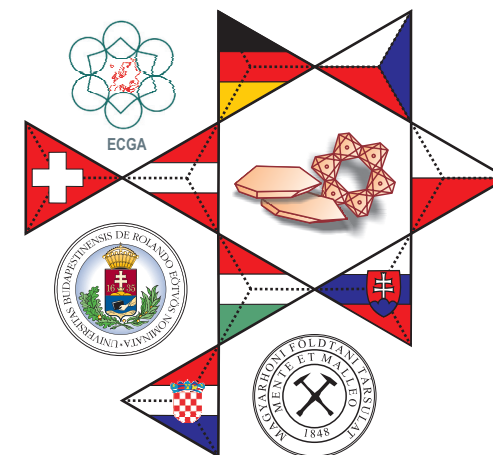
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# 5<sup>th</sup> Mid-European Clay Conference

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**25–29 August, 2010**

**Budapest, Hungary**



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