

Announcement of a Joint Meeting

***Alpine Salt 2011***

A WORKSHOP ON ALPINE EVAPORITES

and

***Tectonomechanics Colloquium***

**March 30 – April 2, 2011**

**Salzburg University, Dept. Geography and Geology**

**Salzburg, Austria**



Dear colleague,

Salzburg and its surroundings have a 3,600 years tradition in salt mining, and over the past – if not reaching back quite as far - much research work has dealt with the geology of these Alpine evaporites. A number of basic questions are still discussed controversially, however, as new observations and ideas came into focus in recent times (for example: the preservation of living ancient bacteria in salt, or new ideas on the role of evaporites in regional tectonics).

In the light of the variety of new ideas and facts concerning the evaporite geology and related microbiology in the Salzburg area, it appeared timely to us to organize a workshop devoted to this broad subject. We invite researchers dealing with various geological, geomechanical, and microbiological aspects of evaporite deposits, and with Haselgebirge tectonics in particular, to contribute to this colloquium.

We intend to combine this ***Alpine Salt 2011*** workshop at Salzburg (*for which we plan a 30 € registration fee; 15 € for students*) with our traditional ***Tectonomechanics Colloquium*** (*no registration fee*) and invite you to participate in both events. As always, we wish to encourage participants to contribute to the latter colloquium through informal presentations of new results, debates of nascent or critiques of 'established' ideas in areas of common interest, that call for different approaches to physical processes in geology and tectonics in particular.

We have scheduled ***Alpine Salt 2011*** for Wednesday, March 30 – Thursday morning, March 31, and the ***Tectonomechanics Colloquium*** for Thursday afternoon, March 31 - Friday, April 1, with an official dinner on Friday evening. This will be followed by an excursion (visit of one of the active salt mines, likely Berchtesgaden, and an active gypsum quarry on Saturday, April 2; ca. 20 € for transportation). There is limited space for both colloquia and excursion.

Please note that these meetings immediately precede the 2011 EGU Meeting in Vienna.

If you plan to come, please write soon to our secretary <[Claudia.Esterbauer@sbg.ac.at](mailto:Claudia.Esterbauer@sbg.ac.at)>, but not later than February 15, 2011. She will keep you informed on progress with the ***Alpine Salt 2011*** and ***Tectonomechanics Colloquium*** in Salzburg and will also provide information on local geography and hotel accommodation. One-page abstracts are welcome

For further questions, please contact any one of us.

We look forward to welcoming you in Salzburg!

Best regards,

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