



Aim of the forum is to exchange the experience in the field of research and protection of underground objects: natural caves, underground architectural constructions, old mines.

The main themes:

- Caves associated with historical events;
- Artificial caves as objects of cultural heritage (underground architectural constructions, old mines);
- Rock painting and cave graffiti;
- Sacred complexes in natural and artificial caves (Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, pagan and so on);
- Idea of underground space in the culture of different nations, its value and mythologization;
- Underground space in ancient literature (up to and including the XVIII century);
- Historical city and military underground constructions;
- Problems of protection of caves and related applied research;
- Musefication of caves: technical, ethical and legal aspects.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

16-17 April 2016 – Excursions.

19 of April 2016 – Voronezh Arrival and registration of participants.

- Opening Ceremony.
- Session.
- Evening GUIDED TOUR around Voronezh.

20 of April 2016 – Transfer to the Museum-Reserve Divnogorye, excursion to the museum-reserve Kostenki, Ostrogozhsky Historical and Art Museum named by I.N. Kramskoy.

- Resettlement.
- GUIDED TOUR to the cave complex in Bolshie (Big) Divy.

21 of April 2016 – Session.

- Opening of the photo exhibitions.
- GUIDED TOUR to the cave complex in Malie (small) Divy and monuments of the museum-reserve.

22 of April 2016 – Excursion to the Kostomarovsky cave complex.

- Trapeza at the monastery.
- Excursion to the Belogorsky cave complex.
- The final session. Banquet.

23-24 April 2016 – Excursions.

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