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are kindly asked to send  
us their address or leave  
their card at our booth at  
upcoming conferences so  
that we can keep them  
informed of further  
developments regarding  
the 11<sup>th</sup> Scientific Assembly.  
We are ready to answer  
questions and welcome  
any suggestions re-  
lated to the Sopron event  
(including field trips  
and social- and accom-  
panying programs).

See you in Sopron in 2009!



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**11<sup>th</sup> Scientific Assembly**  
**11<sup>ème</sup> Assemblée Scientifique**  
Sopron (Hungary)  
August 23–30, 2009

International Association of Geomagnetism  
and Aeronomy, member of International Union  
of Geodesy and Geophysics



## » invitation

You are cordially invited to attend the IAGA 11<sup>th</sup> Scientific Assembly, to be held August 23–30, 2009 in Sopron, Hungary. Hungary, a member of the European Union, will be your proud host in one of its oldest cities, Sopron.

Sopron ([www.sopron.hu](http://www.sopron.hu)), a real gem, is situated near the western border of Hungary, at the foot of the Alps, 70 km from Vienna and 220 km from Budapest. It acts as a bridge between Hungary and its western neighbours, opening a gate to foreign guests wanting to visit Hungary. Sopron offers a wide variety of accommodation and excellent tourist infrastructure. The city and its surroundings are a microcosm of Hungary. A university town, Sopron has an active cultural life. The countryside is famous for its composers Liszt and Haydn (musician of the Prince Eszterházy), the Fertő/Neusiedlersee Cultural Landscape as UNESCO World Heritage site, and the site of the Paneuro-pean Picnic (held on August 19, 1989, which triggered the pulling down of the Berlin Wall). Sopron is easily accessible by plane, train and on road. Hungary is on track to implement the Schengen Treaty in 2008.



## » scientific program

The scientific program of the meeting, which will cover all areas of IAGA science, will be defined by IAGA and its scientific bodies during and after the 2007 IUGG General Assembly. It will be announced in the Second Circular, which will give all relevant information on how to submit an abstract and how to register for the meeting.

The scientific program starts on August 24 (Monday) and ends on August 29 (Saturday). The posters will be on show for six days. About 600 oral presentations, 600 posters, and two association lectures are expected.

## » exhibition

Potential exhibitors are kindly asked to contact us.

## » excursions

A Pre-Assembly tour is planned to Budapest and Balaton (August 20 is Hungary's National Day, rich in cultural and touristic programmes). On August 30 (Sunday), a one-day tour is planned to West-Transdanubia. Touristic and cultural visits are planned to Sopron downtown, Geophysical Observatory at Nagyecenk, Széchenyi palace at Nagyecenk, Eszterházy palace at Fertőd, and Lake Fertő.

## » scientific freedom policy statement

The organizing committee of IAGA 2009 Scientific Assembly shall observe the universality of science and shall affirm the rights of scientists throughout the world to adhere to or associate with international scientific activity without discrimination based on citizenship, religion, creed, political stance, ethnic origin, race, colour, language, age or sex, in accordance with the statutes of the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU).



*The Liszt Ferenc Conference and Culture Centre*

## » venue

The IAGA 11th Scientific Assembly will be held in the Liszt Ferenc Conference and Culture Centre (LFCCC) and nearby buildings (in the developing "Sopron Downtown Convention District"). LFCCC will serve as the headquarter (with the registration area, opening and closing ceremony, association lectures, and part of the sessions). The other part of the sessions and the poster presentations will be held in other buildings. All lecture and poster halls are within less than 5 minutes of each other on foot.

