

**“10 Years After“. Collaboration between  
Serbian Geological Society and Bulgarian Geological Society**

Report for the period 2016-2025

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Dated October 22, 2016, in Belgrade, at the initiative of Prof. Dr. Zoran Stevanović, the president of the Serbian Geological Society, signed the Memorandum of Understanding between the geological societies of Serbia and Bulgaria. On the Bulgarian side, the agreement was signed by the President of the Bulgarian Geological Society, Dr. Evgenia Tarasova, and on the Serbian side, the President of the Serbian Geological Society, Dr. Zoran Stevanović.

The purpose of signing this agreement was to strengthen contacts between the two societies, to provide better information to their members and to encourage joint activities. This report presents summarized information about joint activities of two societies in the period from 2016 to 2025.

As the first step after signing the Agreement, links to the respective societies are posted on the websites of the Bulgarian Geological Society and the Serbian Geological Society.

Joint initiatives of the Bulgarian geological society and the Serbian geological society from 2016 to 2025

**1. Participation in the conference organized by the Bulgarian Geological Society (BGD)**

**2016.** National scientific conference with international participation "Geonauki 2016", Sofia, organized by the BGD. 2 plenary reports were given by the President of the Serbian Geological Society Zoran Stevanović and Aleksandra Maran Stevanović.

**2017.** National scientific conference with international participation "Geonauki 2017", Sofia. SGD members presented 4 papers, of which Prof. Dragan Milovanović was plenary. The conference was attended by 6 SGD members, including SGD president Dr Meri Ganić.

**2018.** National scientific conference with international participation "Geonauki 2018", Sofia. SGD members presented 4 papers. 6 SGD members attended the conference. Veljko Marinović was awarded the Young Scientist Award for his presentation at a high scientific level. Prof. Vesna Ristić-Vakanjac participated in the Organizing Committee of the Conference.

**2019.** National scientific conference with international participation "Geonauki 2019", Sofia. There was a group of 6 SGD members. They presented 5 papers, of which one was plenary -

Prof. Vesna Ristić-Vakanjac, who was also member of the Organizing Committee. For SGD guests, an excursion after the conference was organized in Iskar Gorge.

**2020.** National scientific conference with international participation "Geonauki 2020", Sofia, held online. Serbian colleagues presented 2 articles. Jovana Nikolić received the Award for a Young Scientist for work presented at a high scientific level. Prof. Vesna Ristić-Vakanjac was member of the Organizing Committee.

**2021.** National scientific conference with international participation "Geonauki 2021", Sofia, held online. 1 paper was from Serbia. Veljko Marinović (University of Belgrade) was again granted by the Young Scientist Award for his presentation at a high scientific level. Prof. Vesna Ristić-Vakanjac was a member of the Organizing Committee.

**2022.** National scientific conference with international participation "Geonauki 2022", Sofia. Two articles presented by the Serbian colleagues. The Award for Young Scientist was awarded to Marina Mitrošinović (University of Belgrade) for a high-level oral presentation. Prof. Vesna Ristić-Vakanjac is a member of the Organizing Committee.

**2023.** National scientific conference with international participation "Geonauki 2023", Sofia. Attended by five Serbian colleagues (scientists and doctoral students) who presented four articles. The Young Scientist Award was awarded to Jovana Mladenović (University of Belgrade) for a high-level oral presentation. Prof. Vesna Ristić-Vakanjac is a member of the Organizing Committee.

**2024.** National scientific conference with international participation "Geonauki 2024", Sofia. Hristina Petrova (University of Belgrade) has presented article, while Prof. Vesna Ristić-Vakanjac is a member of the Organizing Committee.

Zoran Stevanović is on the Honorary Board of the upcoming Jubilee Scientific Conference, the international event "Geoscience 2025" (Geonauki) consecrating the "100th year of the Bulgarian Geological Society", and Vesna Ristić-Vakanjac is on the Organizational Board of the conference.

### **Summary:**

From 2017 to today, prof. Zoran Stevanović is a member of the editorial board of the BGD journal (Q3).

From 2018 to today, prof. Vesna Ristić-Vakanjac is a member of the Organizing Committee of the National Scientific Conference with the International Participation "Geoscience" (Geonauki).

From 2018 until now, five awards have been given to young Serbian scientists for their high-level scientific presentations (Veljko Marinović was awarded twice) and to doctoral students of the University of Belgrade, who are members of the SGD.

Since 2016, BGD has in its ranks 4 to 6 members of SGD.

At the conference BGD, member SGD pay registration fee like member BGD.

## **2. Participation of SGD members in geological excursions organized by BGD**

- 2017. (12. to 14. May) on the initiative of the presidents Z. Stevanović and E. Tarasova, a three-day excursion was organized on the territory of the National Park and Geopark Đerdap in north-eastern Serbia. 48 members of BGD and 9 members of SGD participated.
- 2018. (16. and 17. June) on the annual geological excursion of the BGD in the Krajšće region, 5 members of the SGD and 39 members of the BGD participated.
- 2019. (29. and 30. June) on the annual geological excursion BGD on the route Sofia–Karlovo–Šipka–Kazanlak–Sofia, 2 members of SGD and 42 members of BGD participated.
- 2025. (4. do 6. July) 2 members of SGD and 28 members of BGD took part in the annual geological excursion of BGD in Eastern Stara planina in Bulgaria.

## **3. Participation in congresses and scientific events organized by SGD and Serbian geologists**

**2016.** (21. October) in Belgrade on the occasion of celebration of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Serbian Geological Society the President of the Bulgarian Geological Society (BGD) Evgenia Tarasova gave a welcome speech. Mihail Tarasov, current president of BGD, was also present.

**2018.** (May 17-20) 9 members of the Bulgarian Geological Society attended the 17th Geological Congress of Serbia in Vranjačka Banja. BGD members presented 4 scientific papers. They participated in the post-congress geological excursion.

**2022.** (31. May to 4. June) 8 members of the Bulgarian Geological Society took part in the 18th Serbian Geological Congress. BGD members presented their 4 articles. They participated in the post-congress geological excursion.

**2024.** (2. – 6. October) in Pirot, 17. Hydrogeological Symposium. 8 BGD members participated in both, the meeting and the short excursion to Stara planina. They presented 4 articles at the Symposium.

At SGD congresses, BGD members pay fees, as do SGD members.

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