

Eurock 2005 - Impact of the Human Activity on the Geological Environment

**ISRM International Symposium
18-20 May 2005
Brno, Czech Republic**

The ISRM 2005 International Symposium EUROCK 2005 took place in Brno (Czech Republic) from 18 to 20 May. The venue of the symposium was Voronez I - modern congress centre and hotel. This hotel ensured all necessity from agreeable accommodation to discussion in two parallel sessions for more than 200 symposium participants from 29 countries.



Although the symposium started on Wednesday, May 18, the ISRM Board and Commissions assembled since Monday. There was lot of important topics discussed on these meetings, however two important voting took place on ISRM Council meeting on Tuesday afternoon. The place of the 12th ISRM International Congress, in 2011, was chosen. The majority of the Council members voted in favour of the proposal from China and Singapore, to host the 12th ISRM International Congress in Beijing, China, 16-21 October 2011. The election of the president of ISRM for the term 2007-2011 was carried out, too. Prof. John Hudson was elected as the next ISRM President from three candidates.



The main symposium theme "Impact of Human Activity on the Geological Environment" was divided into eight main topics dealing with laboratory and field research investigations in geomechanics, geoengineering and mathematical modelling. A.A. Balkema Publishers published the proceedings including 118 papers dealing with these topics.



Organisers of the symposium prepared three excursions and workshops for participants on Thursday - second day of the regular symposium. "Geotechnics" was discussed in University of Technology in Brno. Theme "Mineralogy and microstructures" was presented in Palacky University in Olomouc and "Laboratory measurements in geomechanics" in Institute of Geonics ASCR in Ostrava.

The presentation of companies dealing with geomechanics was organised during the symposium, too. The social events for participants and accompanying persons completed the fulltime program.

The organising committee believes that the symposium was pleasant and fruitful for all participants and hopes to meet together on some next Eurock symposium.