The congress follows the invitation by the International Commission on Stratigraphy (ICS) of the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) to be held in Graz (Austria), July 19-23, 2015. The congress will be open to all topics in stratigraphy. The technical program will range from the Archean to the Holocene, across all techniques and applications of stratigraphy and the discoveries that the stratigraphic record reveals about the Earth system. In addition, it will also serve as the primary venue for ICS business, for ICS subcommissions to meet and awarding the ICS stratigraphy prizes.

**Venue and organization**

The congress will take place on campus of the University of Graz, Austria. It will be organized by the Institute of Earth Sciences of the University of Graz in cooperation with other Austrian Earth Sciences institutions representing the Austrian Earth Science community (e.g., Geological Survey of Austria).

Chair: Werner E. Piller, Professor at the University of Graz, chair of the Austrian National Committee of Geosciences, the Austrian Commission on Stratigraphy and the Austrian National Committee for the IGCP. The organization and logistics will be guaranteed by the local organizing committee.

**Accommodation**

The organisation of accommodation for the congress participants will be managed by the Graz Tourist Office, the official tourism unit of the city of Graz:

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A variety of social activities will be offered:

http://strati2015.uni-graz.at/programme/

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### Scientific sessions

The following scientific sessions have been proposed covering a wide range of stratigraphic topics. For more detailed information consult the congress homepage: [http://strati2015.uni-graz.at/sessions/](http://strati2015.uni-graz.at/sessions/)

S01 - The contribution of fossils to Chronostratigraphy, 150 years after Albert Oppel
S02 - Interregional correlations of sequences and sedimentary patterns: Implications for geological history and biotic evolution
S03 - Lithostratigraphy and lithodemic nomenclature in basement rocks
S04 - Carbon and strontium isotope stratigraphy
S05 - Applications, implications and the construction of the Astronomical Time Scale
S06 - Eustasy - What's the Problem?
S07 - Correlating shallow water carbonates with deep water sections
S08 - Stratigraphy and volcanism
S09 - Planetary Stratigraphy
S10 - Concepts and Responsibility of National Geological Survey Organisations in Lithostratigraphy
S11 - Precambrian Stratigraphy and Earth System History
S12 - Reassessment of the GSSP of the base the Cambrian
S13 - Devonian Events, Correlation and Time
S14 - The Devonian/Carboniferous Boundary
S15 - Stratigraphy of the pre-Variscan sequences
S16 - The Mesozoic Earth System from Integrated Stratigraphic Records
S17 - Progress in Triassic stratigraphy
S18 - Triassic integrated stratigraphy and extreme climatic, environmental and biotic events
S19 - Jurassic/Cretaceous boundary issues
S20 - Integrated stratigraphy in Jurassic and Cretaceous sedimentary basins
S21 - IGCP609 Climate-environmental deteriorations during greenhouse phases: Causes and consequences of short-term Cretaceous sea-level changes
S22 - Major events and environmental changes in the Paleogene world
S23 - Towards a calibrated Larger Foraminifera Biostratigraphic Zonation: newest results from Neotethys and beyond
S24 - The Search for a Bartonian GSSP
S25 - Neogene Stratigraphy – Integrating global and regional chronostratigraphy
S26 - Testing the time scale: quantitative and high-resolution calibration of Cenozoic biostratigraphic events
S27 - Integrated stratigraphy and correlation of Miocene stages (Messinian, Badenian): from restricted basin to the world ocean
S28 - Quaternary Stratigraphy
S29 - Quaternary stratigraphy of the Ponto-Caspian region
S30 - Travertines and climate changes
S31 - General session on stratigraphy

### Field trips

FT1 - The vicinity of Graz: Upper Silurian to Upper Carboniferous of Graz Palaeozoic, Upper Cretaceous of the Kainach Gosau and Middle Miocene of Gratkorn
FT2 - The Upper Triassic events recorded in platform and basin of the Austrian Alps. The Triassic/Jurassic GSSP and Norian/Rhaetian GSSP candidate.
FT3 - Late Cretaceous and Paleogene of Austria: Boundaries, Events, Cycles and Sequences
FT4 - Late Pleistocene to Holocene stratigraphy of the former Drau glacier area
FT5 - The Silurian and Devonian successions of the Prague Synform (Czech Republic)
FT6 - Cretaceous marine and continental successions of the Southern Carpathians (Rumania)
FT7 - Neogene stratigraphy of the Styrian Basin
FT8 - Miocene - Pleistocene volcanics of the Styrian Basin
FT9 - Pre-Variscan sequence of the Carnic Alps (Austria/Italy)
FT10 - Terminal megasequence of the NW Adriatic Carbonate Platform (Maastrichtian to Middle Eocene, Slovenia/Croatia).
FT11 - Evolution of the western margin of Neotethys as reflected in the Mesozoic stratigraphy of the Transdanubian Range (Hungary)

More information on the field trips at the congress homepage: [http://strati2015.uni-graz.at/fieldtrips/](http://strati2015.uni-graz.at/fieldtrips/)

### Abstract submission

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