

First Circular

Workshop on Palaeosoil Analysis in Late Glacial Sandy Terrains Across Europe

INQUA Project PAST (TERPRO commission)

When: 5–7 May 2025

Where: The Special Nature Reserve "Deliblato Sands", Serbia

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About the Workshop

The multidisciplinary international team of the **INQUA Project PAST** invites you to participate in a workshop focused on **Late Glacial palaeosoils in sandy terrains across Europe**. This workshop will be held in the unique and protected environment of the **Deliblato Sands**, Serbia.

The overarching goal of PAST is to take first steps in building a comprehensive **Upper Pleistocene palaeosoil database** from dunes and sandy terrains across Europe. This single-year INQUA project aims to lay the foundation for a future multi-year research initiative. The workshop will therefore focus on the southern Pannonian Basin as a starting point for this ambitious endeavour.

We foresee a 3-day workshop: 1.5 days of presentations followed by 1.5 days of field trips. The exact planning might be subject to the number of presentations that will be received. Participants are invited to submit an abstract that is in line with the PAST objectives, but attending without presenting an abstract is also possible.

Workshop Goals

1. **Data Collection:** Gather and review published research on Late Glacial palaeosoils intercalated in aeolian sands and dunes.
2. **Database Development:** Start developing a database of Late Glacial aeolian sand-intercalated palaeosoils.
3. **Knowledge Sharing:** Present findings to scientists experienced in Late Glacial palaeosoil research and engage with researchers interested in this field.
4. **Collaboration Expansion:** Extend the project's scope by including new collaborators and study locations across Europe.
5. **Climate Change Analysis:** Conduct high-resolution comparisons of abrupt climate change records in palaeosoils from **Durđevac Sands** (Croatia)

and **Deliblato Sands** (Serbia), highlighting their geological, pedological, and climatic diversity.

6. **Protected Area Management:** Facilitate knowledge exchange between managers and experts of protected areas to promote best practices.
 7. **Education and Awareness:** Educate young people about the geological and geomorphological heritage of their regions and the dynamics of past climate change.
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Key Details

- **Registration Fee: Free of charge** (includes coffee breaks).
 - **Participation Options:**
 - In-person attendance at the Plava Dama Hotel facilities (Banatski Karlovac, Serbia).
 - Online participation will be offered.
 - **Excursions:**
 - **Labudovo Okno, Dubovac, and Grabovac** (free of charge).
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Important Deadlines

- **20 March 2025:** Registration and abstract submission deadline.
 - **1 April 2025:** Second circular with a detailed program.
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Registration

Registration can be done through the PAST website: [registration form](#).

Abstract submission (optional)

Abstracts can be submitted online using the following template: [abstract template](#). They should be sent via e-mail to Koen Beerten (koen.beerten@sckcen.be) and Lidija Galović (lgalovic@hgi-cgs.hr). Abstracts should not be longer than 1 page and should not contain figures or tables.

Accommodation

Participants can stay at the [Plava Dama Hotel](#) (approximately **40 € for half board**) or explore other options on [Booking.com](#).

Travel Information

For detailed travel instructions, please visit: [Traveling Explanations](#).

Contact Information

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We look forward to your participation in this exciting workshop!