

**INQUA PERIBALTIC WORKING GROUP**

*International Field Symposium*

**Quaternary evolution of the Eastern Baltic region:  
from glaciations and interglacials to the recent global warming  
9–15th May 2020**

**URGENT INFORMATION:** due to the increasing risk of COVID-19, all the Participants are asked to follow the situation both in your countries of origin and here, in the Baltic. In case of extra ordinary situation (quarantine, etc.) announced in the territory where the Symposium is going to be organized, the additional information will be sent immediately.

**Organizers:**

Institute of Geology and Geography, Nature Research Centre (Lithuania)  
Lithuanian Geological Survey  
University of Latvia  
Latvian Association for Quaternary Research  
Lithuanian Geological Society  
INQUA Peribaltic Working Group  
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**Format and venue:**

The Symposium consists of one-day Conference (oral and poster presentations) and four days of Field Excursion.

Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. on 9th May 2020 in Vilnius, Lithuania (the more detailed information will be included in the 4<sup>th</sup> announcement). At 2:00 p.m. departure from Vilnius to the Conference venue (Jaunmoku Pils, Latvia) by bus is planned. On the way the bus will stop (at about 6:00 p.m.) at the Riga International Airport (Latvia) where the arrival of participants is also possible.

At the end of the Symposium (on 15th May 2020) the transportation from the place of the last accommodation (Mingė village, Šilutė district, Lithuania) directly to Vilnius will be provided (planned arrival at about 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.).

**Registration:**

Currently there are 87 participants from 13 countries registered (including those colleagues who going to attend the Conference only). **Please note** that the registration fee **covers** conference materials, transportation, accommodation and full board during the Symposium (from the registration on 9th May morning until 15th May noon). Health insurance, travel and extra accommodation (before and after the Symposium) costs **are not included**.

**Registration fee cancellation policy:**

Before 15th April 2020 – 100% refund (minus bank transfer fee).  
After 15th April 2020 – 50% refund (minus bank transfer fee).

**The session of oral and poster presentations** takes part on 10th May 2020, in the Jaunmoku Pils, Latvia. English is an official language of the Conference. Time for the single oral presentation is limited to 15 min. (including discussion). Posters should be up to A0 size (840x1190 mm), portrait orientation. The abstracts will be published in a special Volume along with the Excursion Guide. The authors are fully responsible for the content of the abstract. The publication of the abstracts will be provided only for those who have paid the registration fee.

The Programmes of the Conference and Field Excursion are attached (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> annexes).

**The Fourth Circular** with additional information about the Symposium (scheme of gathering place, public transport, etc.) will be distributed at the **end of April 2020**.

**Other information:**

- More than 20 applications with intentions to publish in the SI of the *Quaternary International* have been received. For more detailed information, please apply to the SI editors:  
**Robert Sokolowski** ([robert.sokolowski@ug.edu.pl](mailto:robert.sokolowski@ug.edu.pl))  
**Kristaps Lamsters** ([kristaps.lamsters@gmail.com](mailto:kristaps.lamsters@gmail.com))
- A part of the Symposium materials could be accepted for publication in the international journal of geosciences *Baltica*.
- Official invitations needed to get a visa will be sent on your request.
- If you have special requirements for food (vegetarian, etc.), please inform the Symposium Secretary **before 25th March**.
- Please note that due to the increased risk of infection with tick-borne encephalitis (TBE), the timely vaccination of participants is highly recommended.
- For any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Symposium Secretary **Aldona Damušytė**, e-mail: [aldona.damusyte@lgt.lt](mailto:aldona.damusyte@lgt.lt), phone +370 686 17518 (parallel contact in-extra case: Albertas Bitinas; e-mail: [albertas.bitinas@gamtc.lt](mailto:albertas.bitinas@gamtc.lt); phone +370 687 80826).

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