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Online Seminar on the Protection of Gypsum Karst

Thursday, June 1, VdHK YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@vdhk5006>

The Online Seminar is part of the VdHK Symposium of Natura 2000 and Cave Protection in Gypsum Karst from 1.-4. June in Walkenried, Germany in German language.

The Symposium is dedicated to Alexander Klimchouk (1956 – 2023)
for his devotion and outstanding contribution for gypsum and evaporite karst.



Alexander Klimchouk Photo: Kempe

Gypsum Karst of the World – Protection and Country Reports Moderator: John Gunn, Chair IUCN/WCPA GSG Caves and Karst Working Group			
12:00 -12:15 CEST	John Gunn	IUCN/WCPA Cave and Karst Working Group	Evaporite Karst in International Protected Areas
12:15 -12:45 CEST	Kyung Sik Woo	IUCN/WCPA Geoheritage Specialist Group	Justification for the new IUCN Programme (Key Geoheritage Areas) for Geoheritage Conservation in the World
12:45 -13:00 CEST	Paolo Forti	University of Bologna	Life and Work of Alexander Klimchouk in and for the Gypsum Karst of the World
13:00 -13:30 CEST	Ergin Gökkaya, Francisco Gutierrez	- Department of Geography, Ankara University, Türkiye - Department of Earth Sciences, University of Zaragoza, Spain	The Sivas Gypsum Karst, Türkiye
30 min break			
14:00 -14:30 CEST	José Maria Calaforra	International Union of Speleology, University of Almeria	The Gypsum Karst of Sorbas (Almeria, Spain)
14:30 -15:00 CEST	Friedhart Knolle, Olaf von Drachenfels	- VdHK - NABU Lower Saxony	German Gypsum Karst with Focus on South Harz
15:30 -16:00 CEST	Giuseppe Nicolosi	University of Turin Department of Life Sciences and Systems Biology	The Subterranean Fauna of the Monte Conca Gypsum Karst (Sicily, Italy)
16:00 -16:30 CEST	Kevin Stafford	Austin State University	Gypsum Karst in New Mexico (USA)
15 min break			
Cave and Gypsum Protection in Europe Moderator: Jean-Claude Thies, President European Cave Protection Commission			
16:45 -17:15 CEST	Jean-Claude Thies	European Cave Protection Commission	Cave Protection in Europe
17:15 -17:45 CEST	Alexander Just	EU-Commission DG ENV	Can the Appropriate Assessment of Art 6(3) Habitats Directive save Minerals in Natura 2000 sites?
17:45 -18:15 CEST	Ursula Schäfer	Friends of the Earth BUND Thuringia	Green Alternatives for Extraction and Consumption of Natural Gypsum in Germany