



## Schlagzeilen '99

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The annual Meeting of FOREGS (The Forum of European Geological Surveys) meets every year in another European country. The aim is to promote future activities of several working groups such as the Geochemistry Working Group, the Marine Geology Working Group or a Working Group on Non-metallic Minerals and Industrial Rocks, as well as to discuss past and future activities. Special attention is laid on social relevant co-operative projects on Natural Hazards. During the meeting the most professional PR-product, the best digitally produced map, the best annual report and the best booklet or public brochure were evaluated and awarded.

The '99-Meeting took place at the Geological Survey at Palais Rasumofsky in Vienna from Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of August till September 2<sup>nd</sup>. After finishing discussions and the programm of the official agenda, a bus left for Hallstatt for a four days excursion. Among the geological highlights of these days the visit of the salt-mine in Hallstatt, the tour to the ice-cave at Dachstein mountain as well as a boat tour on Lake Hallstatt were most impressive. The Hallstatt-Dachstein aerea was attributed as number 806 to the World-Heritage List of UNESCO in December 1997 for the following reason: "The Hallstatt / Dachstein / Salzkammergut alpine region is an outstanding example of a natural landscape of great beauty and scientific interest which also contains evidence of a fundamental human economic activity, the whole integrated in a harmonious and mutually beneficial manner."

The FOREGS-Conference was attended by participants from 28 European countries.

Info: <http://www.pgl.waw.pl/foregs>