

# CUEVATUR 2014

## ARACENA

(Huelva, España)

**1<sup>st</sup> Ibero-American Congress and 5<sup>th</sup> Spanish Congress on  
Show Caves**

*“Ibero-America Underground”*

Aracena. 2, 3 and 4 October, 2014

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Information Circular

### CONVENERS



**ACTE**  
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## INTERNATIONAL SHOW CAVES ASSOCIATION



## PRESENTATION

CUEVATUR has been a place of exchange of experiences and knowledge for the show cave's managers and experts. It has been a point of reference for the fitting of new caves for a tourist use, because the most important specialists at show caves and mines meet up in CUEVATUR.

After the creation of **actiba** (Ibero-American Show Caves Association), and coinciding with the centenary of the first tourist visit to Gruta de las Maravillas, Aracena will host the 1st Ibero-American Congress on Show Caves, during which the **actiba**'s General Assembly will take place.

## DATES AND VENUE

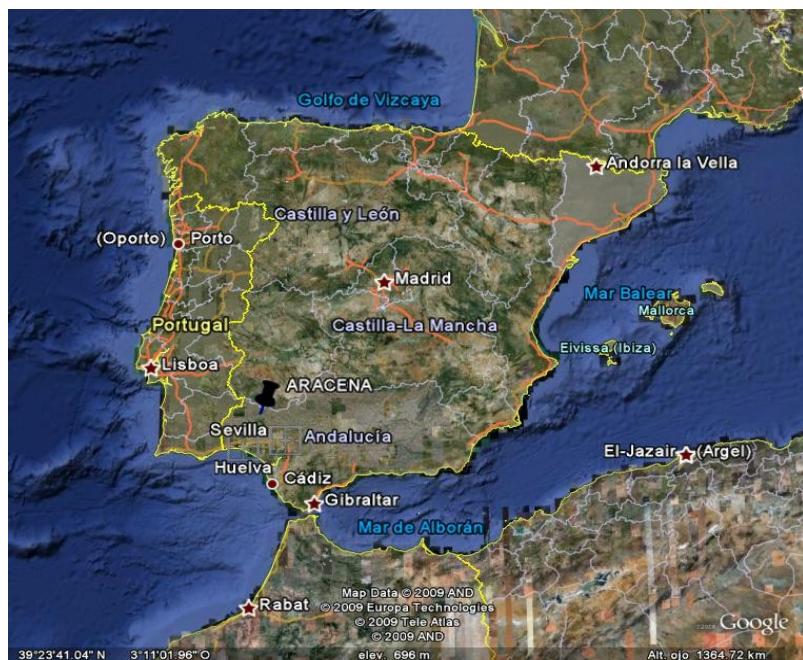
The Congress will be held in Aracena (Huelva), on 2, 3, and 4 October, 2014. Meetings will take place at Sierra de Aracena Theatre, in Avda. de Huelva, s/n. 21200 Aracena. Phone number: +34 663937879. E-mail: [teatro@ayto-aracena.es](mailto:teatro@ayto-aracena.es). Web: [www.aracena.es](http://www.aracena.es)



**Aracena (Huelva)**, declared in 2006 “Municipio Turístico” (Tourist Town) of Andalucía, is the capital of the region, and the city which gives its name to the Natural Park "Sierra de Aracena y Picos de Aroche", a very important protected area, that occupies the entire north of the province.



Because of the extraordinary beauty and singularity of the Gruta de las Maravillas (The Cave of Wonders), Aracena has become an interesting cultural and tourist destination, and its cave is the most visited tourist resource in the province of Huelva. The Gruta de las Maravillas is one of the most interesting karst formations in Spain. It was opened to the public in 1914, becoming one of the pioneer in the underground tourism in Spain. For this reason, during 2014, the year which marks the 1<sup>st</sup> Centenary of the opening of the Cave and its enhancement as a natural tourist resource, a complete program of activities and actions has been launched in Aracena. These actions started in 2010, with the 3rd National Congress on Show Caves, CUEVATUR 2010, and will be completed with the celebration of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ibero-American Congress and 5<sup>th</sup> Spanish Congress on Show Caves.



## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Hotel & Spa Aracena Park \*\*\*\*. 198 beds.**

CN-433 Sevilla-Lisboa, Km 88. Tlf. 959 127959

**Hotel Convento Aracena Hotel / Spa\*\*\*\* 114 beds.**

C/ Jesús María, s/n. Tlf. 959 126899

**Hotel Apto. Rural Finca Valbono \*\*\*. 52 beds.**

Ctra. Carboneras, Km. 1. Tlf. 959 127711

**Hotel Posada de Valdezufre \*\*\*. 40 beds.**

C/Santa Marina, 1. Tlf.. 959 463322

**Hotel La Era de Aracena \*\*\*. 36 beds.**

Ctra. Sevilla-Lisboa, km. 85,4. Tlf. 610796800

**Hotel Sierra de Aracena \*\*. 76 beds.**

Gran Vía, 21. Tlf. 959 126175

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Avda. Huelva, 5. Tlf. 959 126300

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Plaza Marquesa de Aracena, 6. Tlf 959 128900.

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C/ Barberos, 2 . Tlf. 959128014.

## HOW TO GET TO ARACENA



### BY PLANE. DISTANCE FROM THE NEAREST AIRPORTS

Sevilla: 94 km

Jerez (Cádiz): 169 km

Faro (Portugal) 208 km

Málaga 308 km

Lisboa 302 km

### TRAIN

Ave: Madrid – Sevilla.

### BUS

Damas( Bus Company). Bus line Sevilla-Aracena y Huelva-Aracena.

### MOTORWAY

FROM SEVILLA:

- S-30 road, for 27,3 km.

- Take the exit 782 towards N-630 road, Exit 782, towards motorway N-630 - Venta del Alto/ Aracena.
- At the roundabout, take the second exit, to N-630.
- Go into the branch to N-433/ El Garrobo/Aracena/Portugal.

FROM PORTUGAL:

- N-433 towards Sevilla until km. 88.

FROM MADRID:

- A-5 towards Sevilla for 305 km.
- Take exit 343 to go into A/66, towards Mérida.
- Take exit 747 , towards A-461, Zufre and go into N-433 road, through the branch to Aracena.

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## **FEATURES OF THE CONGRESS**

Different sessions will be held during the three days of the Congress, with the presentations of scientific and technical communications, posters session, invited lectures and other official events. Short tours during the days of the Congress will be organized, visiting the Gruta de las Maravillas and other points of tourist interest in the region.

## **OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**

Spanish and Portuguese are the two official languages in the Congress.

## **PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**

### **Wednesday, 1 October, 2014**

18:00 - 20:00      Accreditations and delivery of documents.

### **Jueves, 2 de octubre de 2014**

09:00 - 10:00      Accreditations and delivery of documents.  
10:00 - 10:30      Opening ceremony.  
10:30 - 11:00      Opening Conference.  
11:00 - 11:30      Coffee break.  
11:30 - 14:00      1st Paper Session.  
14:00 - 16:00      Lunch break.  
16:30 - 17:30      2nd Paper Session.  
17:30 - 19:30      **actiba** Assembly.

### **Viernes, 3 de octubre de 2014**

09:00 - 11:00      French-Iberian workshop on unique experiences in show caves.  
11:00 - 11:30      Coffee break and Posters Session.  
11:30 - 12:30      Audiovisual screening.  
12:30 - 14:00      3rd Paper Session.  
14:00 - 16:00      Lunch break.  
16:00 – 17:00      ISCA Meeting  
17:00 – 20:00      Tours, included in the Congress Program:

- α Gruta de las Maravillas, Castillo.
- α Minas de Río Tinto. Museo Minero, Corta Atalaya. Rio Tinto Mines.
- α Ruta del jamón.

22:00      Official Congress Dinner. Delivery of prizes and awards.

### **Sábado, 4 de octubre de 2014**

09:00 - 09:45      Conference.  
09:45 - 11:15      4th Paper Session.  
11:15 - 11:45      Coffee break.  
11:45 - 12:30      Conference.  
12:30 - 13:00      Closing Ceremony. Award to The Best Paper Session.  
13:00 - 14:00      **ACTE Assembly.**

## **EXHIBITIONS**

**"100 años de Gruta de las Maravillas". (100 years of the Cave of Wonders)**

**"Las caras de las Cuevas turísticas españolas". (The faces of the Spanish Show Caves)**

**"Las exploraciones subterráneas a lo largo del tiempo". (Underground explorations throughout the time"**

## **EXCURSIONS (included in the program)**

**Route 1. Gruta de las Maravillas - Castillo - Iglesia Ntra. Sra. del Mayor Dolor.**

17:15.h. Technical visit to La Gruta de las Maravillas.

Prospecting niners in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> stumbled upon a cave of such beauty that it was decided to make it available for visiting tourists to enjoy. In September 1914 the series of caverns were unveiled as the Gruta de las Maravillas, beginning the history of subterranean tourism in Spain.

La Gruta de las Maravillas consists of 3 superimposed galleries with a length os 2,130 m. of which 1,200can be visited by following a gentle path on a guided visit taking somo 45 minutes. You can see, take in and feel the full majesty of this extraordinary place,



19:00 h.. Visit to El Castillo- Alcázar and Iglesia de Ntra. Sra. del Mayor Dolor.

In the XII century, the kingdoms of Porgugal and Castile had this fortress buit, with defensive and strategic objetives, on the remains of a X century Islamic fortification.

Nex to the fortress is de Iglesia de Ntra. Sra. del Mayor Dolor, the oldest and most emblematic church in Aracena. The building was started at the end of the XIII century and was finished in the XV century. It is a gothic structure.



## Route 2. Minas de Riotinto. Museo Minero. Corta Atalaya.

17:15 h. Depart to Minas de Riotinto

17:45 h. Visit to Museo Minero "Ernest Lluch"

The museum has an area of 1,800 m<sup>2</sup> and fourteen exhibition areas. Among the exhibits is a reproduction of a Roman mine. The permanent display shows the project work and aims of the Foundation, the environmental and geological features of the area and also its history, always in relation to mining exploitation.

The visitor can see many pieces related to mining and metallurgy, as well as exhibits of industrial archaeology

The Mining Museum of Riotinto is a journey through 5,000 years of mining history.



19:00 h. Visit to Corta Atalaya. The Atalaya open-pit mine - a vast crater measuring 1,200 metres across and 345 metres deep - is the identifying trait of this area, which has been associated with mining since time immemorial. Its benches once provided work for over 12,000 miners and its revolutionary method of mineral extraction made it the largest open-pit mine in Europe and one of the largest in the world.



20:00 H.. Depart from Minas de Riotinto towards Aracena.

### **Route 3. Ruta del Jamón. Ham Museum- Dehesa- Sausage Factory.**

17:15 h. Visit to Museo del Jamón. Visitors Information Center on Iberian Pig.

The visitor can take a virtual tour see the formula to produce legs of ham, the pasture lands and their rich environment, the Iberian pig, the industrial and traditional slaughter, ham and its characteristics, the quartering of the Iberian pig and the best cooking recipes. This is all achieved by means of a modern system of informative panels, multimedia applications and audiovisual support where you can discover why this region is the cradle of the Iberian pork industry and treasures a rich ethnographic heritage around the animal and its by-products.



18:15 h. Visit to a dehesa, to observe the iberian pig in its natural habitat. La dehesa, is a large area of oaks, cork oaks and quejigos, whose fruit, the acorn, is the main and fundamental food for the Iberian Pigs.

19:30 h. Visit to a sausage factory.



## AUDIOVISUAL SCREENING

Documentaries about the underground formations.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- α BEST PAPER AWARD.
- α SILVER STALACTITES.
- α ALFONSO XII PRIZE
- α ACTE 2014 PRIZE.

## REGISTRATIONS

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| Normal fee. Payment before 1 June 2014<br>Payment after 1 June 2014                  | 200 €<br>250 € |
| Reduced fee. (For members of <b>actiba</b> , <b>ACTE</b> and partner organizations). | 150 €          |
| Authors of accepted papers (one per paper)   | 150 €          |
| Students and companions  | 100 €          |

In addition to the participation in CUEVATUR 2014, the registration fees include working lunches, social events, closing lunch, excursions and organized visits, certificate of participation and publications.

The payment for the Congress registration must be made by a bank transfer to:

Vivienda y Desarrollo de Aracena, Empresa Municipal.

Concept: CUEVATUR 2014

Account IBAN number:

CCC: ES7301 8260 2801 0201502040

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Publication of Papers from the Congress**

Papers presented in sessions of the Congress, will be published in a book that will be delivered to the conference participants, during the celebration of CUEVATUR 2014.

### **CALL FOR PAPERS. DEADLINES:**

- 15 April 2014, is the time limit to send summaries to the Technical Secretariat (Maximum 300 characters)
- 1 June 2014, to send the entire papers, if the summary has been accepted.
- Before 1 August 2014, the papers, in its final version, must be sent to the Technical Secretariat

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- 250€ Payment after 1 June 2014.

- 150€ Reduced fee. For members of actiba, ACTE and partner organizations).

- 150€ Author of accepted papers.

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**Registration includes:**

1. Participation in the Congress.
2. Congress documentation.
3. Congress Receptions and Meals
4. Certificate of attendance and/or Certificate of presentation of papers
5. Guided tours and other activities of the Congress.

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1. Fill in the form.
2. Pay the registration fee by bank transfer. Account Iban number :  
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