



Plants, Metals & Environment



**COST CA meeting open for members of all
workgroups**

**organized with special focus to Action's PhD students
as organisers and participants**

Date: April 13-14, 2023

Location: Smolenice Castle near Bratislava, Slovakia

Deadline for registration: March 12, 2023

Abstract submission: March 12, 2023

Selection of talks: until March 20, 2023

Organizers: Plant Science and Biodiversity Centre of Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava & Comenius University in Bratislava & Slovak Society of Botany, Slovakia

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Conference program:

Thursday, April 13, 2023

8:00 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 9:20 Opening

9.20 – 09:50 Keynote lecture 1 – **Prof. Marie-Theres Hauser, Austria**

9:50 – 10:50 Lectures

10:50 – 11:20 Coffee break

11:20 - 12: 20 Lectures

12.20 – 14:40 Lunch break

14.40 – 16:00 Lectures

16:00 – 16:20 Coffee break

16:20 – 17:40 Poster session

17:40 – 18:40 Workshop – How to prepare a good scientific paper and PhD thesis (lead by senior COST members)

19:00 – 22:00 Conference dinner

Friday, April 14, 2023

8:30 – 9:00 Keynote lecture 2 – **Prof. Mark Arts, Netherland**

9:00 – 10:15 Lectures

10:15 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 11:45 – Workshop – Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM) – a good tool for young scientist to find a host lab (experiences from previous STSM grant holders and hosts and suggestion for future candidates)

12:00 Lunch break

13:30 – 17:00 Conference excursion to contaminated old mining site

(Locality with previous mining of As-Sb-Au ores, bus will depart from the Castle and arrived to Bratislava at the end)

The conference venue is located in a marvellous castle belonging to the Slovak Academy of Sciences, located near the small village Smolenice that is approx. 40 km from Bratislava, Slovakia. You can reach the site either by plane (Airport in Bratislava or more frequently connected Airport in Vienna, Austria, located only 60 km from Bratislava with good bus connection every hour to Bratislava). Bratislava can be reached also by train or bus. From Bratislava you need to take a bus to get to Smolenice (approx. 1.5 hour, departures of direct buses on April 12 from Bratislava Main Bus station at 12:40, 14:45, 16:10, 19:26, or combination of two buses) and then walk to the castle approx. 10 minutes. There is also a parking place for private cars at the castle. Therefore, we expect that attendees will arrive already on Wednesday, April 12. At the end of the conference excursion you can stay one more night at the castle or the bus will finish in Bratislava where you can stay or continue your travel.

Conference attendees are kindly asked to make the reservation of accommodation at the Castle by themselves. They can contact castle reception at: recepacia-zamok@savba.sk

Cost of accommodation: (rooms on the availability, price for the room):

Single bed room: 79, - Eur

Double room: 99, - Eur

Three bed room: 132, - Eur

Four bed room: 132, - Eur

