

International conference
ESSE WECA 2004
Environmental, Structural and Stratigraphical Evolution
of the Western Carpathians

The already 4th bi-annual ESSE WECA conference was held at the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Comenius University of Bratislava, in December 3–4, 2005. Besides the main organizer, Department of Geology and Paleontology of the Comenius University, also the Dionýz Štúr State Institute of Geology, Slovak Geological Society, Geological Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences and EQUIS Ltd., Bratislava, participated in organization of the meeting. The organizing committee wishes to thank all these institutions for the provided help.

The conference went on in a friendly and creative pre-Christmas atmosphere. Altogether 48 contributions, 25 oral and 23 poster, were presented by 56 participants from Poland, Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary and Slovakia. 35 presentations covered the field of paleontology, stratigraphy, sedimentology, environmental geology and paleogeography, 13 presentations dealt with structural and regional geology, tectonics and geodynamics of various Western Carpathian units and adjacent parts of the

North European Platform. These fields of research have become a tradition since the first ESSE WECA meeting in 1998. A considerable part of presented talks and posters was prepared by young scientists and students. We hold this to be the main and welcome goal of this periodic conference and we intend to offer the introductory scientific forum for our young colleagues also in next ESSE WECA meetings. Hence see you again in Bratislava at ESSE WECA 2006!

This ESSE WECA 2004 proceedings issue includes seven full papers presented at the conference. Please note that the papers underwent only a limited review process and, consequently, the authors are fully responsible for the scientific content and language correctness of their contributions.

Dušan Plašienka and Rastislav Vojtko
guest editors

