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Members of the Balkan Speleological Union BSU

Cc: Union Internationale de Spéléologie; Fédération Spéléologique Européenne

1st Announcement of the 12th “Balkan Cavers Camp” to be held in Romania between 2nd-8th July 2018 in Baru Mare, Sureanu Mountains, Hateg province.

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Dear colleagues,

It is with great pleasure to announce that the Romanian Speleological Federation (FRS) has decided to organise the 12th “*Balkan Cavers Camp*” between 2nd-8th July 2018 in Baru Mare, Sureanu Mountains, Hateg province, to which we herewith invite all our colleagues from across the Balkans and beyond.

This time the “*Balkan Cavers Camp*” will represent a very special event for us since it will be combined with the National Speleological Congress and the Cave Media Contest “*Speoarta*”. Moreover, 2018 represents for us the 100 years anniversary of the Romanian State formation and 150 years since Emil Racovita, the founder of biospeleology and Romanian speleology, was born. Therefore we are obliged to organise a special event, so look out for a top-class gathering of cavers from different countries sharing the same passion for the beautiful world of Karst and caves.

For this event we have also chosen a special location, namely the caves of the Sureanu Mountains located between the towns of Hunedoara and Petrosani, in the heart of the Hateg province, which is known to be the cradle of the Dacians, our ancient predecessors. It is a history-laden area, with magnificent caves (Sura Mare, Cioclovina, Tecuri, Cocolbea), canyons, high mountains and ancient fortresses and citadels waiting to be discovered.

We will soon communicate the link to the event’s webpage and further information will also be available on the federation’s Internet page at www.frspeo.ro

We are all looking forward to welcome you next year at the 12th “*Balkan Cavers Camp*”.

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