Pre-Congress A1 Trip: Lower Carboniferous of the St. Petersburg region (north-western Russia), 7-10 August The trip will go ahead if 7 or more people attend (up to 15)

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The cost of the field meeting will be about €300 for the trip. The fee includes accommodation in Borovitchi town, breakfast, packed lunch, transportation from Saint Petersburg to Borovitchi town, ground transport to the sections and the field trip guidebook, transportation to and from the airports, Evening meal can be ordered in the hotel in Borovitchi by the participants themselves. Participants will need to book a hotel for two nights (one night before and one night after the excursion) in Vasiliev Island district in Saint Petersburg.

Date	Event	
7 th August	Arrival in St. Petersburg. Meeting at Pulkovo airport (if needed).	
8 th August	 Departure from St. Petersburg to Borovitchi (8.00 a.m). Accommodation at the hotel "Olimp" in Borovitchi and lunch in the hotel restaurant. Observation of the Upper-Visean mud- mounts in the Msta River valley. Stop 1. Observation of outcrops along the Msta River. Intercalation of the clay layers and limestone of the Aleksinian and Mikhailovian Regional Stages. 	

9 th August	Stop 2. Intercalation of Visean siliciclastic and carbonate deposits. Paleokarst surfaces and paleovalleys. Lower Serpukhovian boundary and Tarusian deposits along the Msta River Valley.	
	Stop 3. Carbonate deposits of the Steshevian Regional Stage in the "Gverstka" quarry and the mouth of the Poneretka River. The base of the Protvian Regional Stage.	
	Stop 4. Limestone of the lower part of the Uglovka Formation near Malyi Porog Village.	
10 th August	Stop 5. Visit to the Uglovka Quarry (20m outcrops of the Protvian deposits). Lunch in the Uglovka quarry cafeteria. Departure to St. Petersburg.	

11 th August	Flight from St. Petersburg to Kazan. The date of the flight will be sent to each participant. Tickets have to be bought by the participants themselves and the price of ticket is not included in the cost of the excursion.	
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