

Dear Colleague,

I would like to invite you to the Swiss Tectonics Studies Group Excursion for 2009:

“Alpine and Variscan Tectonics of the Centovalli and Maggia valley, Central Alps”

Dates: 1 – 3. September 2009

Organisers: François Bussy, Jean-Luc Epard, Andrea Galli, Neil Mancktelow, Henri Masson, Albrecht Steck

Registration deadline: 31. July 09 (registration at [mancktelow@erdw.ethz.ch](mailto:mancktelow@erdw.ethz.ch))

Conditions and equipment: Potential participants should be aware that on the second and third days the excursion will be in mountain country and not always on marked paths so the necessary fitness, appropriate footwear and protective clothing are necessary.

If you wish to come, please reserve these dates in your agenda, and send me an email as soon as possible, so that I can add your name to the list.

The deadline for registration is 31. July. So far, a provisional reservation has been made at

Hotel Albergo della Posta  
CH-6676 Bignasco-Valle Maggia

which can accommodate 25 persons (30 if there are pairs, because 5 of the rooms have double beds). The price for this hotel is SFr 77 for half pension per person (pairs get a rebate of SFr 5 per room). It should be possible to find rooms in other hotels in the immediate vicinity, but to do this we need to have an idea of numbers early enough, so early registration would be appreciated.

Preliminary program:

Tuesday, 1.09., 10:15: Meet in front of Domodossola railway station (10:12, arrival in Domodossola with train from Zürich (departure 07:00), Bern etc.).

10:30: Departure with 3 VW buses from the Lausanne Earth Science Department.

From Domodossola to Locarno: Alpine Structures of the Southern Steep Belt, the Vanzone fold, the Centovalli strike slip fault and the Tertiary aplites, pegmatites and Variscan and Tertiary migmatites. Guides: Thomas Burri, Albrecht Steck.

Overnight at Albergo della Posta, Bignasco-Valle Maggia.

Wednesday, 2.09: Mountain walk to Variscan granitoids (Matorello, Laghetti region) and Alpine tectonics of the Sambuco unit.

Guides: François Bussy, Jean-Luc Epard, Andrea Galli, Neil Mancktelow, Henri Masson.

Overnight at Albergo della Posta, Bignasco-Valle Maggia.

Thursday, 3. 09: By cable-car from San Carlo to Robiei and return by path down to San Carlo: 1. Tectonics of the Robiei triple point between Antigorio, Lebendun and Sambuco nappes. 2. Stratigraphy and Alpine structures of the Teggiolo zone (Antigorio sedimentary cover). 3. The Robiei meta-wildflysch.

Guides: Jean-Luc Epard, Henri Masson

Back to Domodossola for train departure: 19:48, arrival at Zürich HB: 22:31.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the excursion!

Please note: if you no longer wish to be on this email list or if you have other email addresses that should be added, please also contact me.

Best regards,  
Neil Mancktelow