

VENTS GEOCAMP 2008

Student field workshop

“Permo-Carboniferous Volcanism in the Sudetes”

29.09-1.10.2008, Wojcieszów, Poland

During the Third VENTS Assessment Field Workshop in Freiberg, May 2008, the idea of student field workshops “GeoCamp” has been proposed. The GeoCamps were indented to: 1) bring together supervisors and MSc students working on related topics in adjacent areas, 2) to carry out joint, intense field work in selected localities, 3) to discuss practical aspects of field studies and interpretations in palaeo-volcanic terrains, and 4) to enhance collaboration and exchange of people and ideas within the VENTS project framework.

VENTS GeoCamp 2008 has been held in the Polish Sudetes at the turn of September and October 2008. Two supervisors and five students from the Wrocław University and from the Adam Mickiewicz University (Poznań) attended the workshop. We have stayed at a small, cheap pension at Wojcieszów, in the Kaczawa Mts. During three days of field trips we have carried out work in twelve localities in the Intra- and North-Sudetic Basins and in the eastern part of the granite Karkonosze Pluton, looking in detail at some Carboniferous and Permian lavas, volcanoclastic deposits and subvolcanic intrusions. The students had an opportunity to start their MSc research and get first practical experience in logging and sampling in sections of volcanic rocks. The assistance of several actively working colleagues enabled detailed scanning of localities, finding the most interesting places, and also collecting good specimens of rocks and post-magmatic minerals. The supervisors had, in turn, good time to sort out the ideas and discuss further strategies for the MSc theses. All of us had fun.

The Geocamp’08 worked quite well. Such meetings provide really a good platform for the development of the VENTS project at the student’s level and for the stimulation of progress during MSc preparation.

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Looking at structures and post-magmatic mineralization near the top of trachyandesites at Grzędy quarry.



Participants of VENTS GeoCamp 2008 (from left: mgr N. Szczepara, M. Szymański, P. Cader, Prof. dr hab. A. Muszyński, T. Samulczyk, I. Wójcik, dr M. Awdankiewicz).