The working group “Heritage Stones Subcommission” works on the recognition of natural stones that have been used through centuries in the building of heritage, since 2010 (Cooper et al. 2013). Salamanca is an example of the use of local natural stones in the construction of the architectonic heritage. Several stones have been presented as potential candidates for recognition of Global Heritage Stone Resources (e.g. Villamayor Sandstone, Martinamor Granite, Salamanca Sandstone…), and all of them as Global Heritage Stone Province. Salamanca was recognized as World Heritage site in 1988, mainly due to the homogeneous architecture, all of it made of local natural stones. Our working group is dedicated to the knowledge and diffusion of this feature, to prevent deterioration and to facilitate a proper restoration when needed, using original stones or very similar ones in replacements. The latter can only be done if the old quarries are preserved as historical quarries, which is one of the goals of the Heritage Stones Subcommission.
The I Conference on Heritage Stones will take place in Salamanca in October 2018, taking advantage of the 800th anniversary of the University. The preliminary program is included below:

Day 1 (Monday 2nd):
Morning: Invited contributions (to be announced)
Afternoon: Selected, peer review contributions

Day 2 (Tuesday 3rd):
Morning: Selected, peer review contributions
Afternoon: City tour, visiting the architectonic heritage of Salamanca.

Day 3 (Wednesday 4th):
Visiting active and historic quarries.

Costs for the conference will be kept as a minimum, with a registration fee of **100 euros** that will cover the expenses for the assistance to presentations, coffee breaks and lunch for days 1, 2 and 3. The fieldtrip will be included in the registration fee. Financial funding can be requested by legible researchers that can be covered by the IUGS-UNESCO IGCP-637 program: early career researchers, female researchers and researchers coming from a developing/emerging countries.

Due to fieldtrip transport restrictions, we will be able to accommodate only **50 people**, based on “first come, first served”. Please, if you are interested in attending this conference, express your interest by emailing the organizers at: mdp@usal.es. You will be receive instructions to make the deposit of 100 euros in the HS Subcommission account to guarantee your participation.
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Looking forward to celebrating the celebration of Heritage for centuries with you!

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