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### **Speleo 2017 i Sydney: Den 17. Internasjonale Kongress for Speleologi!**

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This article combines an explanation of what UIS means and what was happening at the congress in Sydney.

The UIS was officially founded in 1965 at the fourth congress, a congress of specialists from different countries. Due to their common interest they decided to found the UIS (Union International de Speleologie).

In 2017 the Congress was held in Sydney and had about 450 visitors. 293 topics were presented in the form of presentations or exhibits. The presentations were made 6 at a time, but that was not a problem. Lots of time to talk to each other was given in between. Norway had 6 good presentations. The main week was filled with presentations, whilst the week before and the week after gave the participants the opportunity for many caving excursions. Not only specialists received a lot of new information at this congress, for sure everybody else as well. So don't forget the UIS in France in 2021.