

THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE ROMANIAN NATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL COMMITTEE

Institute of Geography of the Romanian Academy, Bucharest, January 16, 2010

The Meeting, organised jointly by the National Geographical Committee and the Institute of Geography, was attended by fifty representatives from university centres and profile research institutions as follows: Universitatea de Bucharest; *Alexandru Ioan Cuza* University of Iași; *Babeș-Bolyai* University of Cluj-Napoca; West University, Timișoara; Oradea University; Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest; *Valahia* University, Târgoviște; University of Craiova; *Spiru Haret* University, Bucharest; *Hyperion* University, Bucharest; *Ștefan cel Mare* University, Suceva; Romanian-American University, Bucharest; *Dimitrie Cantemir* Christian University, Sibiu; *Ovidius* University, Constanța; *Traian* University, Deva; the Ministry of Education, Research and Innovation; Bucharest School Inspectorate; Institute of Education Sciences, Bucharest; Institute of Geography of the Romanian Academy, Bucharest; and CD PRESS Publishing-house.

Chairmen: by Prof. Dan Bălțeanu, member of the Romanian Academy and President of the National Geographical Committee, and Prof. dr. Alexandru Ungureanu, Corresponding Member of the Romanian Academy and Vice-President of the Committee.

Discussions focused on matters of the Romanian geographers' participation in national and international scientific events, geographical education issues and the activity of profile institutions (Romanian Geographical Society, Association of Geomorphologists in Romania, Association of Human Geography Specialists in Romania, Association of Limnology in Romania and Professional Association of Geographers in Romania).

Some of the main ideas contained in the International Charter of Geography-based Education and in the International Declaration of Geography-based Education were also presented. The prestige enjoyed by Romanian Geography abroad is also the merit of students who have obtained exceptional results in international Olympic competitions. Romania has little representation in the IGU Commissions and in order to remedy this situation, increasing international contacts would be an efficient move. Someone proposed the resumption of gatherings between specialists from various areas, that used to be convened systematically in the past; at the same time, mass-media channels ought to be approached in promoting this discipline, simultaneously with having the content of school-books improved. The teachers' continuous education would be a useful undertaking.

Bianca (Dumitrescu)

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL "NATURAL HAZARDS AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT IN MOUNTAIN REGIONS", THE TENTH EDITION

Pătărlagele, Buzău County, July 19-25, 2010

The Institute of Geography of the Romanian Academy, in collaboration with the National Romanian Committee for Global Environmental Change, has been annually organising an International Summer School on *Environmental Hazards and Sustainable Development in Mountain Regions* at Pătărlagele (Buzău County).

The aim of this event has been to debate environmental change issues entailed by human activity in environmentally vulnerable regions, more precisely in some landslide-affected Curvature Subcarpathian areas.

International Summer School courses (July 19–25, 2010) were attended by young people from Poland, Italy, Venezuela, Sweden, Romania etc. and delivered by Prof. Dan Bălțeanu, Prof. Lucian Badea, PhD. Viorel Chendeș, PhD. Ionuț Șandric, PhD. Josef Pichler, PhD. Mihai Micu and. PhD. Mihaela Sima.

The problems discussed were being sustained by several field trips in Buzău County at Malu Alb – Muchea cu Fluturi, in the Muscel Valley, the Buzău Mountains and the Subcarpathian area.

The idea was to correlate modern GIS and GPS techniques with surveys on the ground, to become acquainted with water and sediment sampling techniques and with the geomorphological mapping principles.