

PLUREL CONFERENCE: MANAGING THE URBAN-RURAL INTERFACE,  
STRATEGIES AND TOOLS FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
AND SUSTAINABLE PERI-URBAN LAND USE RELATIONSHIPS

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The PLUREL conference “*Managing the urban-rural interface*” was held in Copenhagen, Denmark on October 19 – 22, 2010. The event was hosted by the Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Copenhagen Frederiksberg, Denmark as the final event of the **PLUREL project: Peri-urban land use relationships – strategies and sustainability assessment tools for rural-urban linkages** funded by the European Commission’s sixth Framework Programme for research (EC FP6 036921).

The conference was organized jointly by several Danish scientific and governmental and non-governmental bodies such as: the PLUREL project, Landscape Tomorrow, Danish Association of Landscape Ecologists, Danish Architecture Centre; International Union of Forest Research Organizations etc. and targeted a broad spectrum of participants aiming to encourage the multidisciplinary of research in urban and rural linkages

The scope of the event was to present the current status in assessing the peri-urban land-use relationships, to set the agenda for future research in the field, and enhance international research cooperation.

The topics of the sessions were concentrated on: urban-rural regions in a globalised world: driving forces on land use change; scenarios: futures for rural-urban regions; land-use relationships and the structure of the rural-urban system: European and regional models; rural-urban land use dynamics: impacts on resource demands and utilisation; quality of life and ecosystem services in rural-urban regions; growth management and governance systems in rural-urban regions; locally adapted strategies for rural-urban regions: from understanding of issues to finding of solutions; sustainable multifunctional landscapes in peri-urban areas; economic evaluation of policies affecting land use in rural-urban regions; instruments and tools for sustainability impact assessment; sustainable urban development in emerging economies; urban forestry and urban greening in developing countries; remote sensing and GIS for sustainable urban development science.

The conference hosted more than 200 participants from about 20 countries. From Romania participated dr. Ines Grigorescu with the paper entitled: *Land use/land cover changes in the urban-rural interface in the Bucharest Metropolitan Area*.

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