

NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF GEOMORPHOLOGY

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Between the 15th and 19th of May 2011 at the University of Craiova took place the XXVIIth edition of the National Symposium of Geomorphology. Organized by the Department of Geography (University of Craiova) and the Institute of Geography (Romanian Academy) the manifestation gathered a lot of young researchers, Master and Ph.D. students.

The Conference was structured in plenary lectures and section-divided presentations. Following the warm welcome of the local hosts, the President of the ARG (Prof. Virgil Surdeanu) started the plenary session with an overview of the scientific activities within the last couple of years, highlighting the increased interest in interdisciplinary studies and applied geomorphology. Following his idea, the importance of climate change impact on water resources in one of the most important catchments of Europe (Danube) was outlined through a international project (GLOWA – Global Change and the Hydrological Cycle), which was presented by its coordinator, Prof. Wolfram Mauser (Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich). Another plenary presentation (Prof. Emil Vespremeanu) was dedicated to the Regional Conference of the IAG, held in Ethiopia, a region showing remarkable research opportunities.

The Conference's sections focused on several topics: fluvial and erosional relief, present-day geomorphological processes and human activities relationships, coastal geomorphology, slope processes, mountain space-related problems. A large section was devoted to the posters, which gathered complex issues: landslide susceptibility and risk assessments, vulnerability analyses, paleo-environmental reconstructions, slope-channel coupling, regional geomorphological assessments, relief morphometrical traits or fluvial morphodynamics.

Another important moment was represented by the elections of the new Leading Council, Prof. Petru Urdea (Timișoara University) being elected the was President of the RAG.

The Conference ended with the invitation for the next meeting, for which organization Timișoara University and Bucharest University have already launched their initiative.

The papers presented during this event, following a selection procedure, will be published in geographical reviews.

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