



Carpatho-Balkan
Geomorphological Commission



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Institute of Geography,
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Faculty of Silviculture
and Forest Engineering,
Transilvania University of Braşov

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

Invitation

The Conference Organizers, on behalf of the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG), have the pleasure of inviting geomorphologists and other scientists in related fields to participate in an *IAG Regional Conference on Geomorphology*, entitled *Landslides, Floods and Global Environmental Change in Mountain Regions*, which will be held in **Braşov, Romania, September 15-26, 2008**.

Aims and Objectives

The Conference will promote exchange of ideas and methods for the investigation of landslides, floods, and associated geomorphic processes in connection with Global Environmental Change. Mountain Regions are very sensitive geosystems to Global Change. At the same time, they offer a variety of goods and services to mankind.

ORGANISERS of the Scientific Programme:

International Association of Geomorphologists,
Romanian Association of Geomorphology,
Carpatho-Balkan Geomorphological Commission,
Faculty of Silviculture and Forest Engineering, Transilvania University of Braşov,
Institute of Geography, Romanian Academy,
Faculty of Geography, University of Bucharest,
Faculty of Geography, Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca,
Faculty of Geography-Geology, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi,
Faculty of History-Geography, University of Oradea,
Faculty of Chemistry-Biology-Geography, West University of Timisoara,

DATES AND PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Sunday, September 14:

Arrival of IAG Executive Committee members.

Monday, September 15:

Meeting of the IAG Executive Committee, Braşov (overnight in Braşov).

Arrival of participants in Braşov (those participating at the Pre-Conference excursion) (overnight in Braşov).

Pre-Conference One-Day-Excursion

Tuesday, September 16:

1. Braşov-Depression, Bran Castle, Predeal, Timiş Valley, Braşov - Climate Change, landscape and touristic activities. Estimative price (transport, visiting Dracula Castle, meal): 40 Euro/person. (Minimum number of participants: 30)

Arrival of participants (those not participating at the Pre-Conference excursion) (overnight in Braşov).

Conference Program

Wednesday, September 17:

Opening Ceremony. Plenary lectures, oral sessions, working group activities (overnight in Braşov).

Thursday, September 18:

Plenary lectures, oral sessions, working group activities, poster sessions (overnight in Braşov).

Friday, September 19:

8.00 - 12.00 : Poster sessions, round-table discussions. Closing Ceremony.

Afternoon excursion 2: Braşov, Poiana Brasov. Special dinner. Estimative price (transport, dinner): 35 Euro/person (Minimum number of participants: 30) (overnight in Braşov).

Post-Conference Excursions:

Saturday, September 20 to Monday, September 22:

Excursion 3. Vertical Zonation of Floods and Mass Movements in the Carpathian Mountains. Braşov, Sighişoara, Sibiu, Râmnicu Vâlcea, Curtea de Argeş, Bucureşti: Landslides and floods in the Transylvanian Depression, the Fagaraş Mountains (Transylvanian Alps), the Getic Subcarpathians and Piedmont. September 20 to 22 (overnights in Sibiu, Curtea de Argeş, Bucharest). Estimative price (transport, accomodation, meals): 340 Euro/person. Limited number: 35 persons

Excursion 4. Large Landslides, Floods and Seismic Activity. Braşov, Întorsura Buzăului, Nehoiu, Pătârlagele, Bucureşti: Curvature Carpathians and Subcarpathians. The Vrancea Seismogenic Region: earthquake-induced landslides, slope instability along large reservoirs, mass movements related to extreme rainfalls, active faults and mud volcanoes. September 20 to 22 (overnights in Cislău, Ciuta, Bucharest). Estimative price (transport, accomodation, meals): 335 Euro/person. Limited number: 35 persons

International Summer School

Tuesday, September 20 to Thursday, September 25:

Courses and field trips for young geomorphologists in Pătârlagele (Buzău County); the 8th edition of the Summer School

Students attending the Summer School will have common program with participants of the Excursion 4 until Monday, September 22 (five overnights in Pătârlagele).

Friday, September 25:

End of activities (overnight in Bucharest).

Post Conference Excursion

Tuesday, September 23 to Friday, September 26:

Excursion 5. The Danube Delta. Bucharest, Tulcea, Sulina. Objectives of the excursion: Evolution of Danube Delta in relation to sea-level rise; deltaic and lagunar relief; deltaic accumulation and erosional coasts; deltaic geomorphological processes and human induced changes; transboundary issues of the Danube Delta

Overnights on a floating hotel. Friday, 26th September: overnight in Bucharest
Estimative price (transport, accomodation, meals): 480 Euro/person. Minimum number of participants: 15

Transport to Braşov:

Microbusses will be available, upon request, for direct transport from the Henri Coandă (Otopeni) International Airport (16.5 km north from Bucharest city-centre) to Braşov.

Conference Venue

The Conference sessions will take place in the building of the Faculty of Silviculture and Forest Engineering, Transilvania University in Braşov.

Address: Sirul Beethoven Street, No.1, Braşov; Telephone/Fax: 0268 475705

Working Group Activities:

- Geomorphological Hazards between Theory and Practice – chair: Irasema Alcántara Ayala
- Human Impact on the Landscape – chair: Denes Loczy;
- Geomorphology and Human Heritage – chair: Emmanuel Reynard, Eric Fouache;
- The Third Joint Council Meeting of the IAG/AIG Carpatho-Balkan-Dinaric Regional Working Group and the Carpatho-Balkan Geomorphological Commission – chair: Milos Stankoviansky

Special workshops:

- Hazard Assessment in mining Areas using GIS - chair: Basarab Driga;

Participants to the Braşov Regional IAG Conference on Geomorphology should fill out the attached Registration Form and send it back together with copies of the documents of the payment.

Registration fees in Euros:

Categories	Pre-registration	On-Site Registration
Regular registration	200 Euro	
Students* / Retired Person	100 Euro	
Former Pătârlagele-Summer-School Student	50 Euro	
Accompanying Person**	50 Euro	
Summer School for young geomorphologists***	175 Euro	

*Student registration:

The reduced fee for students will apply only to persons under the age of 30 and to researchers working for an advanced degree (such as M.Sc., or PhD).

Professional, retired person and student registrations include:

- Participation in all the sessions of the Conference-programme
- Volume of abstracts with the programme
- Soft drinks and coffee/tea in both days
- Welcome party

**Accompanying person:

Children under the age of 15 years do not pay. A form for each accompanying person is necessary.

Accompanying person registration includes:

- Welcome party
- Social programme

*** Summer School Registration includes:

- accomodation
- meals
- local transport
- course materials

Accommodation in Braşov during Conference days is not included in the registration fee!

Organisers have secured a limited number of rooms in a range of hotels at **special conference-prices:**

	Hotel Category	Number of available rooms	Single room Euro/night	Double room Euro/night
1	Aro Palace Hotel, 5*	10	80€	100€
2	Capitol Hotel, 3*	50	40€	52€
3	Coroana Hotel, 2*	45	35€	46€
4	Postăvaru Hotel, 1*	15	20€	28€

Hotel prices include breakfast.

We recommend booking hotel accomodation through the Registration Form as soon as possible at the special Conference-prices. The number of available rooms is limited!

Further details on hotels in Braşov are to be found on <http://www.aro-palace.ro>

Method of payment: Payment for registration, accomodation, field trips and the Summer School for young Geomorphologists is by bank transfer.

ACCOUNT data:

Bank: BCR (Banca Comercială Română)

Address: Bucureşti, sector 2, Popa Lazăr Str., No. 8

Tel.: 0040 21 252 79 86/ 252 78 87

Account owner: Fundația cultural-științifică “Simion Mehedinți”

Address: Str. Dimitrie Racoviță, Nr. 12, sector 2, București

Account in EURO:

No: 2511.A01.0.8549238.0073.EUR.2

IBAN: RO62RNCB0073085492380002

SWIFT: RNCB ROBU B20

Registration form will only be accepted together with proof of the bank transfer. For confirmation, copies of the bank remittance have to be sent to us by fax or scanned and sent to us by email.

Important Notes

All handling charges / bank expenses must be paid by the remitter.

Registration will be deemed incomplete without payment of the registration fee.

Personal checks will not be accepted.

Confirmation of receipt

The “Simion Mehedinți” Foundation will send a written confirmation to all registered participants.

Cancellations and Refunds

Cancellations received by August 1, 2008 will get 70% refund.

Cancellations received after August 1, 2008 will get no refund.

All the refunds will be made after the Conference.

On-Site Registration will be made at the Conference Desk.

IAG Grants for young geomorphologists

IAG offers 3 grants of 500 euros each to support the participation in the Regional Conference and in the Summer School of young geomorphologists world-wide. Applicants should have a special interest and research experience in the themes of the Conference, to be proved by their CV. For further details, see the Call for IAG Grants.

The Organising Committee of the Conference will waive the registration fees for the Conference and for the International Summer School to the IAG grant winners.

Visa Requirements and Insurance

Visitors should check with their local travel agent, or the Romanian Consulate or Embassy nearest to them, to obtain advice on the proper identification and documentation required to enter Romania.

Visitors should arrange for health and travel insurance prior to departure.

Instructions to the authors

The authors need to submit an abstract.

Abstracts

The abstract paper should follow some requirements: to be presented on a A4 format, with the title in capitals, the names of the authors (first the last names then the initials of the surnames) all in capitals, the professional address with e-mails, all centered. The text should

be of about 300-500 words, with 3-5 keywords, formatted in the Word program, in Times New Roman font, 12, space 1, and lateral spaces of 2,5.

An author can submit at maximum two abstracts as the first author.

Acceptation, review and publications:

The acceptance/rejection of these will be communicated to the authors (the first authors) before August 7, 2008. The accepted abstracts will be printed in the Volume of Abstracts that will be distributed to the registered persons during the Conference. Deadline for abstracts is August 1, 2008. The submitted abstracts must be accompanied by the registration form and a payment proof.

Posters:

Every author can choose between the two presentation forms: oral or visual (by poster). The size of the poster should not exceed 1.5 m length and 1 m width.

New extended deadline:

August 1, 2008 – Extended deadline for abstract submission (with registration)

The third announcement will be sent in June 2008. Details related to the IAG Regional Conference on Geomorphology will also be found on the website of IAG (<http://www.geomorph.org>) and of the Institute of Geography of the Romanian Academy in Bucharest (www.geoinst.ro).

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSES:

Conference Secretariat

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**Prof. Dan Bălțeanu,
Organizing Committee**

REGISTRATION FORM

Please copy, fill and send it on the following email address: geoinst@mc.ro or to Fax number: 004 021 311 12 42

**Registration Form to the Regional Conference on Geomorphology, September 15-26,
2008, Braşov - Romania**

Name				
Institution				
Address				
Phone/Fax				
Email				
Title of communication to be presented				
Form of Presentation			Oral	
			Poster	
Desired Accomodation in Braşov	5* Hotel	3* Hotel	2* Hotel	1* Hotel
	Single/double room	Single/double room	Single/double room	Single/double room
Date of arrival in Braşov				
Date of departure from Braşov				
Number of nights to be booked at the hotel in Braşov	Number of nights:			
	From		To	
Registration for Excursions (Excursion number)	Pre-Conference (1)	Afternoon Excursion (2)	Post-Conference (3) Vertical Zonation	Post-Conference (4) Large Landslides
				Post-Conference (5) Danube Delta
Registration to the Summer School (for young geomorphologists)				
Accompanying Person (name) (a separate Registration form is needed for each Accompanying person)				
Total sum to be paid				
Comments				

