

Symposium

National Symposium on Geomorphology, 33rd Edition, Iași, Romania, May 11-14, 2017

The 33rd edition of Romanian Geomorphology Symposium was held in Iași, between 11 and 14 May 2017. Organized by the Department of Geography of "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iași, the symposium represented a new opportunity for many scientists to present and to discuss their new results in many geomorphologic fields: tectonic geomorphology, fluvial geomorphology, slope processes, mountain geomorphology (glacial and periglacial), coastal geomorphology, soil erosion, geomorphometry, paleogeomorphology, dendrogeomorphology, geomorphosites, hazards and associated risks.

During the two days of indoor sessions (kindly hosted by "Mihai Eminescu" Central University Library Iași), were presented 19 oral and 25 posters. For the first time, this edition hosted five invited speakers, well known scientists in our field: Prof. (retired) Ian Evans from Durham University (United Kingdom); Prof. Jean Poesen from Leuven University (Belgium), Doctor Honoris Causa of "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iași; Prof. Dan Bălțeanu, member of the Romanian Academy, Head of the Institute of Geography (Romania), Prof. Mauro Soldati, the actual President of International Association of Geomorphologists, from Modena and Reggio Emilia University (Italy), and Prof. Paolo Tarolli from Padova University (Italy). The oral sessions were plenary grouped in 6 slots of 4-8 presentations, and the poster session (a very animated session), organized on the evening of 12 May, reached 25 posters, presented especially by younger geomorphologists. Overall, more than 60 participants have attended the symposium sessions. They have represented many academic centers from Romania (Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca, Timișoara, Iași, Suceava, and

Constanța) and from other European countries (Belgium, Bulgaria, Italy, and United Kingdom).

The fieldtrips were organized in the afternoon of the third day and in the fourth one. They included two routes in Central Moldavian Plateau and Jijia Hills. The main topics were slope processes, land degradation, anthropic lakes and sediments, and threatened cultural heritages.

Many of the themes discussed during the symposium were already published in the first volume of the "Proceedings of the Romanian Geomorphology Symposium" edited by Mihai Niculiță and Mihai Ciprian Mărgărint (<http://www.geo.uaic.ro/sng2017/>). The volume includes two introductive articles about Romanian Association of Geomorphologists and "Mihai Eminescu" Central University Library Iasi, 33 papers presented during the symposium sessions, and 6 papers dedicated to the main objectives visited during the fieldtrips.

According to the Statute of Romanian Association of Geomorphologists, this event was the occasion for the election of the president and the council members. The new leading structure of Romanian Association of Geomorphologists is: the President of our association – Dr. Mihai Alexandru Micu (Institute of Geography, Romanian Academy); the Vice-Presidents: Prof. Maria Rădoane, Prof. Petru Urdea, Prof. Mircea Voiculescu, Lect. Olimpiu Pop, and Assoc. Prof. Mihai Ciprian Mărgărint; Secretary General, Prof. Alfred Vespremeanu-Stroe; Council Members: Prof. Iuliana Armaș; Dr. Marta Jurchescu; Prof. Sandu Boengiu; Assoc. Prof. Nicolae Cruceru; Prof. Dan Dumitriu; Lect. Mihai Niculiță; Lect. Florin Tătui.



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