

THE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Geographical Research and Cross-Border Cooperation



Organised by:

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Craiova, 6-9 September, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

*On behalf of the organizing committee, we are pleased to invite you to the fifth edition of the International Conference **GEOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH AND CROSS BORDER COOPERATION**, which will be held in Craiova, Romania, in September 2018. The meeting is hosted by the Geography Department of the University of Craiova.*

The roots of this conference go back to the year 2000, when the University of Craiova organised the regional conference focused on "Geographical environment and cross-border cooperation within the Danube lower basin, gathering geographers and other researchers from European countries that shared their experiences, knowledge and research results about all aspects of geography.

Then, in 2010, the conference got a genuine cross-border character, when the Geography Department of the University of Craiova invited institutions from the neighbouring countries to organize the first Romanian-Bulgarian-Hungarian-Serbian conference, entitled Geographical research and cross-border cooperation within the Lower Basin of the Danube. Thus, this first edition, that took place in Craiova, was co-organized by the Geography Institute of the Romanian Academy, West University from Timișoara, Romania, St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia, Bulgaria, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Geography, University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Sciences, Department of Geography, Tourism and Hotel Management, University of Szeged, Hungary, University of Pécs, Hungary, Geographical Institute "Jovan Cvijić", Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Serbia.

In 2012, the Department of Economic and Social Geography from University of Szeged organized the second edition of the conference, at Eger.

In 2014, the Faculty of Geography (University of Belgrade) and Faculty of Sciences, Department of Geography, Tourism and Hotel Management (University of Novi Sad) organized the third Romanian – Bulgarian – Hungarian – Serbian conference, in Srebrno jezero (Veliko Gradište, Serbia).

In 2016, St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia, Bulgaria organized the fourth edition of the conference, on the Danube shores, at Vidin.

The main goals are, to provide a forum where attendees can share information, ideas, scientific data and experiences, gain a better understanding of the problems, opportunities and challenges posed by cross-border cooperation and encourage cooperative efforts for further research.

We hope that you will be able to accept our invitation, and join us for what promises to be an interesting and fruitful meeting.

We are looking forward to welcome you and your colleagues in Craiova, Romania.

On behalf of the International Scientific Advisory Committee,

Prof. Dr. Sandu BOENGIU





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The programme will include keynote lectures, oral sessions, poster sessions and social events. Researchers from all over the world are invited to submit papers and poster abstracts. The aim is to facilitate the exchange of new ideas and to offer opportunities for networking within an infor-

CONFERENCE THEMES

- **Corss-border cooperation and reasearch**
- **Environment and sustainable development**
- **Geography, education and EU policy**
- **GIS, landscape analysis and planning**
- **Hazards, risks and mitigation**
- **Land use and degradation**
- **Population change and challenges**
- **Local and regional development**
- **Tourism, heritage and culture**

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IMPORTANT DATES

February, 1st 2018

Early registration begins

May, 31st 2018

Deadline for submitting abstracts

June, 15th 2018

Notification about the results of the abstract review

July, 1st 2018

Deadline for early registration fee payment

Publication of the provisional conference program

August, 15th 2018

Deadline for regular fee payment

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

An author can submit only one paper as a single or first author.

Upon acceptance of the papers, the organizers will publish a special issue of *FORUM GEOGRAFIC* (www.forumgeografic.ro), that will include selected papers.

PARTICIPATION FEES

Early registration (1st of March – 1st of July 2018)

Early career researchers (PhD Students)	60 EUR
Others	80 EUR

Regular fee (2nd of July – 25th of August 2018)

Early career researchers (PhD Students)	80 EUR
Others	100 EUR

Field trip	60 EUR
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PAYMENT: bank transfer to the following bank accounts:

For international participants:

Account number (in EURO): RO74BRDE170SV36063371700

Name of the bank: Romanian Bank for Development/ BRD-GSG

Account holder: Alexandru Rosu Foundation

Bank address: Craiova, România

SWIFT: BRDEROBU

For Romanian participants:

Titularul contului: Fundația cultural științifică Alexandru Roșu

Cod de înregistrare fiscală: 9789723

Adresa: Str. A.I. Cuza, nr. 13, Craiova, România

Numărul de cont (pentru lei): RO02BRDE170SV 034 873 61700

All participants are kindly asked to mention the acronym of the conference **danubebc2018**

while transferring money.

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PROGRAMME

Thursday, September, 6th, 2018

18.00: Registration and Welcome cocktail

Friday, September, 7th, 2018

8.00—9.00: Registration

9.00 - 10.30: Official opening of the conference

10.30 - 12.30: Plenary session

12.30 - 14.00: Lunch break

14.00 - 19.00: Parallel sessions

Saturday, September, 8th, 2018

8.00 - 20.00: Field trip *Craiova—the Danube Gorge—Craiova*

- each room at the Conference venue will be equipped with a projector and laptop. In addition there will be an assistant in the rooms who will look after technical facilities.
- the length of presentation is normally 10 minutes, but slot chairs might deviate from this timeframe, depending on the actual number of papers in the slot

REGISTRATION

In order to complete the registration, please fill in and return the Registration Form to the following email address: danube2018@gmail.com no later than **May, 31st, 2018**.

FIELD TRIP

The conference will be held at the beginning of autumn, when the weather is usually warm and dry, so that participants can enjoy a nice field experience.

The fieldtrip costs 60 EUR, including transportation, lunch, museum tickets, and it will be available to a limited number of participants. It can be billed as an item additional to the main conference fee.

The main highlights of the field trip are:

- Iron Gates hydroelectrical power plant
- Cruise along the Danube (gorge)
- Hiking on Ciucaru Mare
- Severin medieval fortress

CONTACT

Please contact the conference organizers at: danubecbc2018@gmail.com

CONFERENCE WEBPAGE

<http://forumgeografic.ro/events/>

We are looking forward to seeing you in Craiova, on September, 6-9, 2018