FOURTH ROMANIAN-BULGARIAN-HUNGARIAN-SERBIAN CONFERENCE

Geographical Research and Cross-Border Cooperation within the Lower Basin of the Danube

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VIDIN – BULGARIA
15 – 17 September 2016
Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the organizing committee, we are pleased to invite you to Fourth Romanian – Bulgarian – Hungarian – Serbian Conference referring to the Danube lower basin, which will be held in Vidin, Bulgaria. The meeting is hosted by the Faculty of Geology and Geography – Sofia University, Department of Geography – University of Veliko Tarnovo, National Institute of Geophysics, Geodesy and Geography – BAS, and Association of Professional Geographers and Regionalists.

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

In 2010, the Geography Departments of the Universities of Craiova and Timisoara organized the first conference, in 2012, the Department of Economic and Social Geography from the University of Szeged organized the second conference, and the third conference was organized in 2014 by the Faculty of Geography – University of Belgrade and Faculty of Sciences, Department of Geography, Tourism and Hotel Management – University of Novi Sad.

Following the success from the previous scientific conferences on the topic “Geographical Research and Cross-Border Cooperation within the Lower Basin of the Danube” the Faculty of Geology and Geography – Sofia University, Department of Geography – University of Veliko Tarnovo, NIGGG – BAS, and Association of Professional Geographers and Regionalists (APGR) organize the Fourth Romanian – Bulgarian – Hungarian – Serbian conference, which will be held on 15 – 17 September, 2016 at Vidin, Bulgaria.

The main goals are, to bring together geographers and institutions from the countries within the Danube basin and establish a working group to promote sustainable measures for the cross border cooperation and national phenomena.

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 Vidin, Bulgaria

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AIMS

This interdisciplinary and cross-cultural meeting welcomes presentations on geographic research and cross border cooperation within the Danube basin. The event targets a broad spectrum of participants, recognizing the multidisciplinary research in geography and other related disciplines. The conference aims to:

- present the status of scientific approaches within the Danube lower basin
- discuss the role of geographical research in cross-border issues
- bring together scientists, academics, practitioners with a view to strengthening and promoting the cross-border cooperation
- define the priorities concerning various aspects of geographical research.

CONFERENCE THEMES

1. Geography, Governance and Local Development
2. Cross-border and Transnational Cooperation
3. Environment, Risk Assessment and Management
4. Climate Change and Water Recourses
5. GIS, Landscape Analysis and Landscape Planning
6. Cultural and Political Challenges in Geography
7. Population trends, Human Mobility and Emigration
8. Sustainable Tourism Policy, Planning and Development

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE

- The opportunity to present your research within a unique forum and collaborate with experts from wider regions and around the world.
- A chance to promote your research by presenting it to relevant people and organizations.
- Conference abstracts/papers will be peer-reviewed by members of the International Scientific Committee.
- Abstracts will be published in hard copy format and made available to the international scientific community.
- Abstracts will be public available on the website of the Conference (http://forumgeografic.ro/events/)
- Conference participants will be invited to submit an extended version of their paper to the following scientific journals:
  - Forum Geografic – Geographical studies and environment protection research (www.forumgeografic.ro)
  - Geographica Pannonica (http://www.dgt.uns.ac.rs/pannonica.html)
  - Bulletin of the Faculty of Geography (zbornik@gef.bg.ac.rs)
- The conference will be an opportunity for strengthening the cooperation between the institutions within the region.
- Participants will have the chance to know the geographic realities better through field trips.
The programme comprises plenary presentations, parallel sessions and poster sessions.

The Fourth Romanian – Bulgarian – Serbian – Hungarian conference is not just about listening to geographers and other researchers from the countries in the Danube lower basin. It is also about engaging them in new and unique ways. The format, based on an interactive sharing of thoughts between participants and speakers, will serve as a springboard for the development of a sound, cohesive cooperation policy.

Each session consists of two types of specific formats.

**Presentations:** Each session contains 10 minutes presentation for specific topical perspective.

**Roundtable Panels:** After the presentations are concluded, the speakers involved in that session will join the members of the Scientific Committee for a free-flowing, panel discussion about the challenges and future trends for the sustainable cooperation within the lower basin of the Danube.

**Thursday, the 15th of September 2016**


17:30 – Welcome cocktail (Baba Vida fortress)

**Friday, the 16th of September 2016**

08:00 – 09:00 – Registration – Congress centre of Regional Governor of Vidin, Dunavska 6 str. Vidin – [http://en.vidin.government.bg/094/60-16-16/index.html](http://en.vidin.government.bg/094/60-16-16/index.html)

09:00 – 09:30 – Official opening

09:30 – 11:30 – Plenary Session

11:30 – 12:00 – Coffee break


13:30 – 15:00 – Lunch break

15:00 – 16:30 – Parallel Sessions

16:30 – 16:45 – Coffee break

16:45 – 18:00 – Parallel Sessions

20:00 – Conference feast

*09:00 – 17:00 – Poster presentations

**Saturday, the 17th of September 2016**

09:00 – 11:00 – Parallel Sessions

11:00 – 11:30 – Conclusion

**FIELD TRIP**

12:30 – 20.00 – Belogradchik, Belogradchik rocks and Magura cave
**PARTICIPATION FEE**

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**Participation fee includes:** participation at the Conference, Conference Certificate, Abstract book, Conference and promo materials, Welcome cocktail, visit Baba Vida fortress, Lunch on 16 September, Coffee breaks, and Conference feast.

**Field trip fee includes:** transport, entrance fees and lunch

All the fees mentioned to be transfered on the following bank account

**DSK Bank**  
**Bank address:** 5 Georgi Benkovski str., 1036 Sofia, Bulgaria  
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**Beneficiary:** APGR  
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Please be aware that all bank transaction fees should be at the participant's expenses  

*Please, indicate the Conference participation and/or Field trip on the payment document.*

After the payment, please send a copy of your bank transfer document to: danube2016@gmail.com

**ACCOMMODATION**

The information about accommodation will be available in second circular

**ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS**

Abstracts should clearly state the purpose, results and conclusions of the work to be described in the final paper. **Technical details for the abstract:**

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**Key words:** Maximum 5 words (Times New Roman 12pt, Italic)

Specific guidance for paper formatting and submission will be available in second circular.
IMPORTANT DATES

Early registration starts – 20 November 2015
Abstracts submission deadline – 1 April 2016
Notification of results of abstract reviews – 15 April 2016
Deadline for early registration fee payment – 15 May 2016
Deadline for regular registration fee payment – 1 September 2016