

**IGU Thematic Conference
on**

**LAND USE/COVER CHANGES, BIODIVERSITY, HEALTH AND
ENVIRONMENT, LOCAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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Bucharest, Tulcea



INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL UNION COMMISSIONS:

***LAND USE/COVER CHANGE
LOCAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
BIOGEOGRAPHY AND BIODIVERSITY
HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT***

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THE CONFERENCE RATIONALE:

Connecting land use and biodiversity is essential to understand the relationships between ecosystems and socio-economic systems, ecosystem services, and the potential risks and benefits to regional specialization and human welfare. Such topic calls for investigations on how human activities and global environmental changes affect terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems, human well-being and public health, what are the feedback and the potential local and regional futures. In this context, the rationale of the conference is to bring together scientists and stakeholders from various connecting fields to address different effects of ecosystems changes, to set-up mitigation and adaptation strategies and contribute with scientific information to local/regional land use, planning and environmental policies.

MAIN THEMES:

Land Use/Cover Change and Land Degradation

Impacts of Land Use/Cover Changes on Biodiversity Loss

Causes and Consequences of Land Use/Cover changes

Biodiversity Conservation and Management

Extreme Weather Events, Socio-Territorial Vulnerabilities and Impacts on Public Health

Environmental Changes and Human Health: Impacts and Inequalities

Distribution of Health Resources, Access to Health Care and Spatial Justice

Local Resources and Regional Specialization

Local and Regional Development: socio-economic disparities

Spatial Development and Territorial Cohesion

Cross-border Cooperation and Neighbourhood Policies

Governance and Policies in Planning, Land use and Biodiversity

CONFERENCE VENUE & ACCOMODATION:

BUCHAREST - Romanian Academy, 125 Calea Victoriei

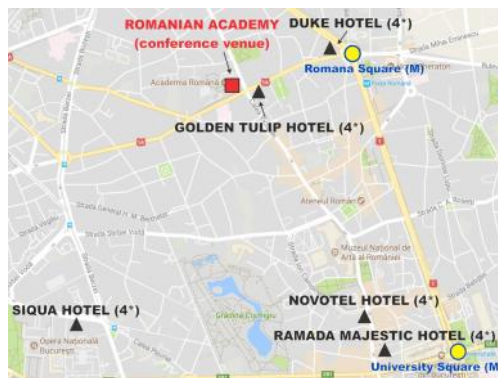
Access to Bucharest from “Henri Coandă” International Airport

- by taxi – about 45’ (10-12 euro)
- by Airport Express (783) – about 45’- 1h (2 euro)

10/11 September 2017

14/15 September 2017 (upon the departure)

Accommodation	Single room	Double room
Hotel Siqua 4* geanina.jitaru@hotelsiqua.ro	45 €	55 €
Hotel Duke 3* office@hotelduke.ro	60 €	70 €
Hotel Ramada Majestic 4* reservations@ramadamajestic.ro	75 €	85 €
Hotel Golden Tulip Victoria 4* reservation@goldentulipbucharest.com	89 €	99 €
Hotel Novotel 4* H5558-RE@accor.com	(10/11 sept.) 90 € (14/15 sept.) 115 €	100 € 125 €



Important note! Because of the cultural and social events that are taking place during that period in Bucharest (e.g. George Enescu Festival), most hotels are fully booked, so we have pre-booked a number of rooms in each proposed hotel. You are kindly asked to make your own accommodation arrangements on time (prior to July 25th 2017), mentioning “for the IGU Thematic Conference”.

In order to have an overview of the overall booking situation, when writing to your chosen hotel, please also add Miss Ana Maria Talos (e-mail: ana.talos@geo.unibuc.ro) in CC.

TULCEA - Hotel Delta, 2 Isacsei Street

12-14 September 2017

Accommodation	Single room	Double room
Hotel Delta 3* hoteldeltatulcea@gmail.com , office@hoteldelta.eu	40 euro	50 euro
Hotel Delta 4* hoteldeltatulcea@gmail.com , office@hoteldelta.eu	60 euro	70 euro

REGISTRATION FEE (without accommodation)

Conference Delegates	Developed + EU Countries	Developing Countries
Participants	350 euro	250 euro
PhD Students	300 euro	200 euro
Accompanying persons	300 euro	200 euro

The conference fee includes: coffee breaks, lunch, gala dinner, conference proceedings, field trip to the Danube Delta (September 13th, 2017), field trip to the Dobrogea Region (September 14th, 2017), organized transfer from/to Bucharest.

Post-conference excursion (15-16 September 2017) – optional Bucharest – Sinaia – Braşov – Sibiu – Râmnicu Vâlcea – Piteşti – Bucharest (overnight in Sibiu) – around 150 euro (depending on the number of participants) – the fee includes transport, accommodation and full board.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

September 10th

Bucharest - arrival of participants

September 11th

Bucharest – Romanian Academy, Aula Magna

8:30 – 9:30	Registration of participants
9:30 – 10:00	Opening Ceremony
10:30 – 12:00	Plenary Session
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
14:00	Departure to Tulcea
18:00	Arrival in Tulcea

The transfer from Bucharest to Tulcea will be provided by the organisers

September 12th

Tulcea, Hotel Delta

Parallel sessions

Room	9:00-10:30	10:30-11:00	11:00-12:30	12:30-14:00	14:00-15:30	15:30-16:00	16:00-17:30	17:30-18:00	19:00
R1	LUCC		LUCC		LUCC		Business meeting LUCC		
R2	LRD		LRD		LRD		Business meeting LRD	Closing Ceremony	Gala Dinner
R3	BB	Coffee break	BB	Lunch	BB	Coffee break	Business meeting BB		
R4	HE		HE		LRD		Business meeting HE		

September 13th

One day boat trip to the Danube Delta

Tulcea – Suline Arm – Maliuc – Gorgova – Crişan – Dunărea Veche Chanel – Mila 23 village – Olguţa Channel – Fortuna Lake - Şontea Chanel – Băclăneşti Lake - Nebunu Lake (strictly protected area) – Mila 23 – Tulcea (estimated arrival time: 18:00)

September 14th

Field trip to Dobrogea Region and Black Sea Coast

Tulcea – Măcin – Babadag – Jurilovca – Constaţa – Bucharest (estimated arrival time: 20:00)

September 15th

Departure of participants

More details available at: <http://igutc2017.geoinst.ro/>

For any further information or suggestion do not hesitate to contact us at: igu.tc.2017@geoinst.ro