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SYMPOSIUM

“The 12th ANNUAL NECLIME MEETING, SEPTEMBER 27 – 30, 2011”

The Symposium **12th ANNUAL NECLIME MEETING** will be held in Bucharest, between 27th – 30th September 2011 in the National Geological Museum, being co-organized by **NECLIME** – *the Neogene Climate Evolution in Eurasia Program* developed by **Senckenberg** - *world of biodiversity*, and by **IGR** – *the Geological Institute of Romania* with the support of **RSP** – *the Romanian Society of Paleontologists* and of **ANCS** – *the National Authority for Scientific Research*.

SCIENTIFIC TOPICS

Please see attached program.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Oral Presentations are planned to include 20 minutes talk plus 10 minutes discussion. A digital projector and a computer with PowerPoint 2007 are available

Posters should be prepared in A0 size, both portrait and landscape formats are possible.

OPTIONAL PROGRAM:

By request a one day post symposium field-trip will be organized (~50 Euros) in Oltenia region, a field trip in a region with lignites: Bucharest – Pitesti – Curtea de Arges – Rm. Valcea – Tg. Jiu – Motru and back to Tg. Jiu – Rm. Valcea – Pitesti – Golesti – Bucharest. One night more in the hotel I Bucharest must be considered. Start at 7:00 – back in Bucharest at 21:00. Transport by minibus.

In this itinerary will be some interesting stops:

- Curtea de Arges - a visit to an important historical site from the late Romanian Middle Age (1300-1500), with a splendid Christian monastery (~1515), royal court, and others.
- Horezu - Costesti – geological site for *trovants*.
- Slatioara and Bengesti-Ciocadia geological sites – for late Miocene plant imprints and plant remains.
- Tirgu Jiu: 13:00 - Lunch; Visit to the Sculptural Ensemble of Brancusi: Table of Silence, Kissing gate and Endless Column.
- Motru: geological site, the open pit Lupoiaia with Pliocene lignites, plant imprints and plant remains.
- Golesti: 19.30 - wine tasting.

FEE PAYMENT

The Registration fee of **100 Euros** will be paid on-site. After having received full payment of the Registration fee on-site a receipt and a letter of confirmation will be remitted.

THE REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

- attendance to all scientific sessions;
- conference official documentation (final program & book of abstracts);
- conference bag with complete congress materials;
- coffee and tea during breaks;
- lunches and dinners during the conference;
- Welcome Party and Farewell Party.

Registration fee does not include accommodation.

ACCOMMODATION - HOTEL RESERVATION

Reservation should be booked separately, directly or through the organizers, and paid on-site. We recommend a hotel close to the symposium location – the National Geological Museum:

- Hotel Triumf (<http://hoteltriumf.ro/>). At this address you can do the booking. Verify the currency on <http://www.cursbnr.ro/curs-valutar-bnr>. For any problem ask the main organizer (iamandei@gmail.com).

Based on international standards, Romanian hotels usually require credit card details in order to guarantee room reservations, furthermore usually accept cash or credit cards (check it in <http://hoteltriumf.ro/>). Those, who wish to pay the accommodation by wire transfer, are kindly requested to contact the hotel directly and agree on the conditions of wire transfer.

Note that **no shuttle service to the hotel will be provided during the conference**. The recommended hotel close to the Geological Museum is located in the city centre, see the map (<http://www.bucharest-life.com/map/map.php>). There is an easy access by foot.

BUCHAREST & THE SYMPOSIUM VENUE

Bucharest (<http://www.inyourpocket.com/romania/bucharest>) can be reached by plane, by train or by car. Henri Coandă (Bucharest - Otopeni) Airport, Romania (OTP) is close to the city centre (16.5 km) (<http://www.europe-airports.com/romania/show-flightstats.php?code=OTP>). Please send us details on your flight.

Location of Symposium is the National Geological Museum, Romania, 2nd Kiseleff Avenue, RO-011345 Bucharest, near Piata Victoriei (the Victoria Square).

You can download a map about how to access the conference venue from the official conference hotels at the bottom of the Hotel Reservation page. These PDFs contain public transport information as well.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Language

- The official language of the conference will be English. No translation facilities will be available.

Insurance

- The organizers of the conference recommend that participants arrange their own insurance for health, travel and property. The organizers will not accept any liability for personal injury or for loss of, or damage to, property.

Clothing and weather

- Romania has a temperate continental climate. At the end of September the weather is usually pleasant, the maximum temperature may reach 25-30 °C. Nevertheless, showers may occur.

Bank and currency exchange

- The currency is the RON. The relation could be: 1 euro=4.2 - 4.3 RON; 1 USD=3.05 - 3.10 RON (the Romanian money is usually named Leu – Lei. Notes are in denominations of Lei 500; 200; 100; 50; 10; 5; 1. Coins are in denominations of ban-bani 50; 10; 5 and 1).
- Delegates may change foreign currency and travelers' cheques at the airport upon arrival in Bucharest, and also at many exchange bureaus, at the railway station or in most of the hotels.
- International credit cards are accepted for payment in hotels, restaurants and shops. Credit and debit cards can be used to withdraw money from ATMs.
- The organizers recommend that participants exchange money exclusively in authorized money exchange offices and retain all exchange receipts.

Electricity

- Electricity in Romania is 220 Volts, alternating at 50 cycles per second. If you travel to Romania with a device that does not accept 220 Volts at 50 Hertz, you will need a voltage converter. European-style two-pin plugs are used.

Mobile telephone

- GSM dual band 900/1800, see GSM World Coverage Map (<http://www.worldtimezone.com/gsm.html>).
- Main network operators include Vodafone, Orange, Cosmote with coverage throughout the country.

CONTACT US

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