

The Annual Colloquium of the International Association of Climatology Rennes (France), 1 – 4 September 2010

Founded in June 1988, the International Association of Climatology (A.I.C.) has as main purpose to promote and develop the collaborative relationships among climatologists, by encouraging the specialized information exchange, the meetings and scientific publications. French is the official language of A.I.C and its headquarters is located in Aix-en-Provence (other information regarding A.I.C. can be provided by the web address of the association: <http://www.climato.be/aic/>).

Due to the complex and interdisciplinary character of climatology, A.I.C. is open not only to climatologists but also to specialists belonging to other domains of research such as: hidrology, biogeography, geomorphology, management of natural resources, social sciences, etc.. They gather yearly during the A.I.C. Colloquium, which, according to the association status, is alternatively hosted by France and other countries. After 2009, when Romania had the honour to host the Annual Colloquium of A.I.C. in Cluj Napoca, the XXIIIth edition of this event was hosted in September 2010 at Rennes (France), being organised by COSTEL LETG (UMR 6554 CNRS) laboratory of University Rennes 2. The general theme of the colloquium was „*Risks and Climate Changes*” and included 7 topics: *Risks and extreme climate events, Climate changes and their impact, Urban climatology, Agroclimatology, Historical climatology, Climate and geomatics, Modelling in climatology.*

The programme of the colloquium included 114 scientific papers (54 oral presentations and 60 posters) which presented the results of researches entreprised by specialists coming from 21 countries (Algeria, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Congo, Cameroon,

the Central African Republic, Switzerland, France, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Marocco, Niger, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Senegal, Spain, Togo, Tunisia).

Romania became a traditional presence at this meeting, this time having a dellegation of 10 participants representing universities and research centres from Bucharest, Iași, Oradea, Târgoviște and Timișoara. On behalf of the Faculty of Geography, University of Bucharest there were registered in the Colloquium Programme Prof. PhD Florina GRECU, Prof. PhD Liliana ZAHARIA, PhD Gabriela IOANA-TOROIMAC, PhD Cristina GHIȚĂ, PhD std Emil Cârciumar. They had two papers namely: *Episodes pluvio-hydrologiques extrêmes et dynamique hydro-géomorphologique dans la Plaine Roumaine: le cas de la rivière Vedea* (authors: GRECU F., ZAHARIA L., GHIȚĂ C., IOANA-TOROIMAC G., CÂRCIUMARU E.) and *Causes météorologiques des plus importantes crues de la Prahova (Roumanie) depuis 1970* (authors: IOANA-TOROIMAC G., BELTRANDO G., ZAHARIA L.). The participation at A.I.C. Colloquium at Rennes was a new opportunity to consolidate and extend the collaborative relationships that the Faculty of Geography, University of Bucharest has with other high education and research centres from different countries. At the same time the meeting permitted to the audience to discover the novelties in climatology and of the relation of climatology with other environmental domains. Nevertheless the event created the opportunity to exchange experience with foreign specialists regarding analysis and management of climate phenomena and their social impact.

The 2011 edition of A.I.C. Colloquium will be organised by the University of Ferrara and will take

place between 6 – 10 september at Rovereto (Trentino Region, Italy). It will have as core theme *Mountain climate and associated risks*. Those who

are interested in participating at the next edition of A.I.C. Colloquium can find out information and register on the site of association (above mentioned).



Representants of the Colloquium, Rennes, 1 – 4 September 2010

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