

The XXVIIth National Symposium on Geomorphology

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In the spring of 2011, the Geography Department of the University of Craiova hosted the traditional symposium of Romanian geomorphologists for the first time. This edition of the National Symposium of Geomorphology was organized by the Association of Geomorphologists from Romania, Geography Department of the University of Craiova and the Institute of Geography of the Romanian Academy.

The works of the symposiums began with the lecture of Prof. dr. Virgil Surdeanu, president of the Association of Geomorphologists from Romania, followed by Prof. Wolfram Mauser (Geography Department from *Ludwig-Maximilians* University of Munich) who presented the GLOWA Project – Danube – The impact of climate change on the upper Danube, and Prof. dr. Emil Vespremeanu (University of Bucharest), synthesizing the IGU Regional Conference of Geomorphology held at Addis Abeba.

The Symposium included six sessions; the first one, associated with plenary lecturers, included presentations on fundamental

geomorphology. In the afternoon, there were parallel sessions, dealing with *Denudation relief* (Second Session), *Present geomorphological processes and human activities* (Third Session), *Costal Geomorphology and mass movements* (Fourth Session), *Problems within the mountainous area* (Fifth Session) and *Poster Presentations* (Sixth Session).

The trip field took place along the left slope of the Jiu Valley, targeting the terraces and the flood plain, where Craiova is situated, following the right slope, in order to study the landslide at Breasta and the homonymous torrential valley.

The National Symposium of Geomorphology gathered geomorphologists from all universities in the country and invited a prestigious German geographer. The attendees tackled various present and future issues for the geomorphological research in Romania.

Hoping that the Oltenia land and spirit were a source of energy for the well-known geomorphologists, as well as for the apprentices, the organizers wish to thank all the participants.

