



ETHNIC LANDSCAPES AND ETHNO-ECOSYSTEMS

Interdisciplinary Workshop

Cluj, 19-21 May 2011

FINAL CIRCULAR



VENUE

HOTEL UNIVERSITAS

Cluj Napoca, Romania

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Thursday, 19th of May

14:30 – 16:00 Session 1

- ❖ Introduction to Workshop
- ❖ Ethnic Landscapes - A new approach for the analysis, protection and development of traditional landscapes
JOHANNES GNÄDINGER
- ❖ Cultural identity, traditional agriculture and nature conservation in the Eastern Carpathians
BARBARA KNOWLES, LASZLO DEMETER

Break

16:30 – 17:30 Session 2

- ❖ Actions and Interactions of Human and Natural Factors in the Upper and Middle Sectors of Strei Valley (Hunedoara County)
STEFANIA MANEA

- ❖ Projects in the field of cultural landscape conservation and traditional land-use practices in Burgenland (Eastern Austria)
STEFAN WEISS, VERONIKA ZUKRIGL

- *Dinner* -

Friday, 20th of May

9:30 – 10:30 Session 3

- ❖ Land use-based textural analysis of Cluj-Napoca city suburban landscape
DAN GAFTA
- ❖ The fragmentation of grassland habitats as a consequence of land use and land use abandonment
ANDREI CRISAN, CRISTIAN SITAR, NATALIA TIMUS, LASZLO RAKOSY

Break

10:45 – 11:45 Session 4

- ❖ How do we bring together people, plants, animals and space? Is there something more than the ecological / systemic approach?
RUDOLF POLEDNA
- ❖ Presentation of example sites for future ETHLAS-Project
INGE PAULINI, MARIUS BARBOS, LASZLO RAKOSY

Break

12:00 – 13:00 Discussion

- ✓ Interim conclusions
- ✓ Presentation of possible project sponsors

- *Lunch Break* -

14:30 – 17:30 Work in groups

Development of a project outline

17:30-18:30 Presentation of group work and final discussion

- *Dinner* -

EXCURSION - PROGRAMME

1. COMMUNE OF DABACA

The commune of Dabaca in the south-eastern part of the “Hills of Cluj” offers interesting historical sites as well as an attractive landscape and high nature value grasslands. It is one of the two communes included in the Mozaic Project.

The mayor Mr. Valer Petrindean will show us the most important sites of the commune, including the fortress of Dabaca, which was the seat of government of the Hungarian comitat Doboka.



Afterwards we will climb up to the top of the “Cock’s hill” and visit abandoned and active hay meadows as well as pastures. The members of the Mozaic Project will highlight the land use history and explain why this site is of Europe-wide importance.

- *Lunch in nature* -
(sandwiches)

2. COMMUNE OF BONTIDA



The next stop will be Banffy Castle in the village Bontida – one of the most important castles in Transylvania. It was built as a Renaissance castle and restructured in the Baroque style. After a long period of degradation, the building complex was partly restored during the last decade. Nowadays it harbours a training centre for traditional building craft skills as well as a nice cafe. Be prepared that we will be there on the day of the village fete!

3. COMMUNE OF SUATU

We will visit two nature reserves, also called the “Mecca of Botanists” in Romania, because of their species-rich subpannonic steppe grasslands and two very rare plant species: *Ephedra distachya* and the endemic *Astragalus peterfii*. We will see “slumping hills”, a geomorphological phenomenon characteristic for Transylvania and learn why the protection of the site has had negative aspects on an important butterfly species.



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No conference fees. Accommodation, board and excursion costs will be covered for the invited participants.

If you have any questions, please contact Inge Paulini (ipaulini@uni-bonn.de).

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