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SUSTAINABLE MOUNTAIN REGIONS: MAKE THEM WORK

INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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13.05.2015 (Wednesday)

16.00-19.00 – Registration

14.05.2015 (Thursday)

09.00-12.00 - Registration

Plenary Hall

10.00-11.00 – Official Opening

Chair: **Boian Koulov**, National Institute of Geophysics, Geodesy, and Geography, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Program Head, Center of Excellence in the Humanities “Alma Mater”, Sofia University “St.Kliment Ohridski”.

Assoc. Prof. **Kostadin Grozev**, Scientific Director, Center of Excellence in the Humanities “Alma Mater”, Sofia University “St.Kliment Ohridski”

11.00-11.30 – Coffee break

11.30-13.00 – Plenary session

Academician Professor **Dan Balteanu**, Director, Institute of Geography, Romanian Academy of Sciences, Romania

Prof. **Urs Wagenseil**, Head of Tourism, Lucerne School of Business, Institute of Tourism, Switzerland

PD Dr. habil. **Benjamin Burkhard**, Institute for Natural Resource Conservation, Christian Albrecht University Kiel, Germany

Prof. Dr. Arch. **Vesselina Troeva**, Executive Director, National Centre for Territorial Development, Sofia, Bulgaria

13.00-14.30 – Lunch

Hall 1

14.30–16.00 **Section: Risks and Their Mitigation in Mountain Regions: Regional and Trans-border Policies for Sustainability**

Chair: Matija Zorn

Daniela Avetisyan (1), Bilyana Borisova (2), Roumen Nedkov (1)

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DETERMINATION OF THE LANDSCAPES REGULATION CAPACITY AND THEIR ROLE IN THE PREVENTION OF CATASTROPHIC EVENTS: A CASE STUDY FROM THE LOM RIVER UPPER VALLEY, BULGARIA



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GIS AND RS-BASED MODELLING OF POTENTIAL NATURAL HAZARD AREAS IN MOUNTAINS - CASE STUDY: VLAHINA MOUNTAIN

Mircea Voiculescu

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NEW CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF RISK MANAGEMENT OF SNOW AVALANCHE IN ROMANIAN CARPATHIANS. CASE STUDY: FAGARAS MASSIF-SOUTHERN CARPATHIANS

Venelin Terziev (1), Ekaterina Arabska (2), Zlatka Grigorova (2)

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SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES IN AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM ACTIVITIES IN MOUNTAIN REGIONS

Jana Špulerova, Tatiana Hrnčiarova, Veronika Piscova, Miriam Vlachovicova, Henrik Kalivoda, Róbert Kanka, Marta Dobrovodska, Pavol Kenderessy, Viktória Miklósova, Monika Drábová

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ON THE SELECTED AREA OF LOW TATRAS NATIONAL PARK – LANDSCAPE VERSUS URBAN PLANNING

Mariyana Nikolova

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A REGIONAL APPROACH TO CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION IN BULGARIAN MOUNTAINS

16.00-16.30 – Coffee break

16.30–18.00 Section: Risks and Their Mitigation in Mountain Regions: Regional and Trans-border Policies for Sustainability

Chair: Mircea Voiculescu

Yavor Chapanov, Georgi Zhelezov

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VARIATIONS OF SOUTHEASTERN EUROPEAN MOUNTAIN CLIMATE DUE TO DECADAL SOLAR CYCLES

Teodora Rizova

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TRANSBORDER PROTECTED TERRITORIES IN BULGARIA – EUROPEAN PARKS FOR LIFE



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SLAVYANKA/ORVILOS AND STARGACH / PERIVLEPTO MOUNTAINS (SOUTHWESTERN BULGARIA / NORTHERN GREECE) – LAND USE, HEMEROBY AND NATURE PRESERVATION ACROSS THE BORDER

Milica Kasanin-Grubin (1), Srdjan Bojovic (2), Ljuba Josic (3)

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DETERMINING LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY IN MOUNTAINOUS REGION: CASE STUDY ON FRUSKA GORA (SERBIA)

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THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RAINFALLS AND LANDSLIDE ACTIVITY: A CASE STUDY OF GENERAL GESHEVO LANDSLIDE, EAST RHODOPE MTS, BULGARIA

Hall 2

14.30 – 16.00 **Section: Mountain Ecology and Protected Areas**

Chair: Boian Koulov

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INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES IN THE NORTHERN PART OF MALA PLANINA

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SPATIAL DISCREPANCIES OF ECOLOGICAL NETWORKS IN THE BORDER REGION OF SERBIA AND BULGARIA

Zita Izakovičová, László Miklós

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BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION OF THE FOREST ECOSYSTEMS ON THE BASE OF REPRESENTATIVE GEO-ECOSYSTEMS

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ECOLOGICAL AND GEOCHEMICAL MONITORING OF THE CATCHMENT AREA OF THE BELAYA RIVER IN THE CAUCASUS STATE NATURE BIOSPHERE RESERVE



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PLAN FOR PROTECTION PART OF THE DINARIDES IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA – KARST PHENOMENON IN FUNCTION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Nina Nikolova, Christo Angelov, Assen Tchordadjieff, Todor Arsov, Ilia Penev, Ivo Kalapov

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HIGH-MOUNTAIN AIR MONITORING AT THE BASIC ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATORY MOUSSALA

16.00-16.30 – Coffee break

16.30 – 18.00 **Section: Mountain Ecology and Protected Areas**

Chair: Zita Izakovičová

Yakup Özkaya, Eren Alper Yılmaz

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THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTED AREAS IN MOUNTAINOUS REGIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: CASE OF KAZ MOUNTAIN PROTECTED AREA

Rahman Nurković

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THE INFLUENCE OF NEGATIVE CLIMATE CHANGES ON PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF URBAN AND RURAL AREAS IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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ARSENIC AND HEAVY METAL VERTICAL DISTRIBUTION IN SOIL OF THE OGOSTA RIVER LOW FLOODPLAIN, NW BULGARIA

Ibrahim Atalay

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INTEGRATED LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT AND NATURE CONSERVATION IN THE ROMANIAN CARPATHIANS



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FOREST MANAGEMENT AS A SUPPORTING TOOL OF BIODIVERSITY IN NATURA 2000 FOREST HABITATS IN DINARIC MOUNTAINS IN SLOVENIA

Hall 3

14.30–16.00 **Section: Population and Heritage: Challenges in Mountain Regions**

Chair: Snezana Stetic

Kiril Kaloyanov

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CONTEMPORARY ADAPTATION OF TRADITIONAL CULTURE FOR TOURISM PURPOSES IN DOBARSKO VILLAGE (RILA MOUNTAIN)

Svetlana Andreyanova

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SOME ASPECTS OF THE STUDY OF THE CONFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENT IN THE NORTH CAUCASUS

Venelin Terziev (1), Ekaterina Arabska (2)

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CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES OF BUILDING COMPETENCES THROUGH LIFELONG LEARNING IN MOUNTAIN REGIONS

Marijana Pantic

Independent researcher

VOICE OF THE MOUNTAIN POPULATION – A LESSON ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY - CASE STUDIES: CRNA TRAVA, KNJAŽEVAC, KURŠUMLIJA AND UŽICE MUNICIPALITIES (SERBIA)

Lyudmil Haydutov, Yulia Bosseva, Teodora Ivanova, Dessislava Dimitrova

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TRADITIONAL PLANT-BASED PRODUCTS FROM BULGARIAN MOUNTAIN REGIONS

16.00-16.30 – *Coffee break*



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16.30–18.00 **Section: Population and Heritage: Challenges in Mountain Regions**

Chair: Mariana Nikolova

Snežana Štetić (1), Sanja Pavlović, Sara Stanić Jovanović (1)

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THE ROLE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE IN DEVELOPING OF MOUNTAIN TOURISM – CASE STUDY
MOUNTAIN RUDNIK, SERBIA

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NATURAL DISASTERS VERSUS CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

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TOURISM AND THE COMMODIFICATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE IN THE EASTERN BLACK SEA
MOUNTAINS, TURKEY

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MONITORING GLACIER CHANGES WITH THE USE OF ARCHIVE IMAGES: THE EXAMPLE OF THE
JULIAN ALPS (NW SLOVENIA, NE ITALY)

Dessislava Dimitrova, Lyudmil Haydutov, Teodora Ivanova, Yulia Bosseva

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PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES AS SOURCE FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE SOCIOECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT OF MOUNTAIN RURAL AREAS IN BULGARIA

19.00 – Gala Dinner

15.05.2015 (Friday)

Hall 1

9.00-10.30 – **Section: Mountain Economies: Tourism, Agriculture, and Forestry**

Chair: Urs Wagenseil

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SMALL SCALE MOUNTAIN TOURISM IN BULGARIA: DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS AND
SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS



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BEYOND EXISTING E-TOURISM FOR MOUNTAINS: FINDINGS FROM THE CASE OF ZAGORI, GREECE

Riccardo Beltramo, Paolo Cantore, Stefano Duglio

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DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM BASED ON OPEN SOURCE TECHNOLOGY IN A GEO-INDUSTRIAL TOURIST DESTINATION

Elena Petkova, Vasya Yaneva

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SERVICES OFFERED BY THE ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS AT THE MOUNTAIN RESORT OF BOROVELTS AND AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAMOKOV: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

10.30-11.00 – Coffee break

11.00-12.30 Section: Mountain Economies: Tourism, Agriculture, and Forestry

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HIGH QUALITY "MOUNTAIN POLYFLORA", "MOUNTAIN PRODUCT" AND THE MOUNTAIN "FAMILY FARM", "KEYS" FOR SAFEGUARDING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF MOUNTAIN AGRI-FOOD ECONOMY, IN A COOPERATIVE-ASSOCIATIVE SYSTEM, FOR SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE

Mariya Stankova, Stefan Kirilov, Svetoslav Kaleichev, Ivanka Vasenska

INNOVATION AND TOURISM – GETTING SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH GOOD PRACTICES

Giorgi Begadze

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ROLE OF TOURISM IN OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF MOUNTAIN REGIONS IN GEORGIA

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STUDY CONCERNING GASTRO-TOURISM TYPOLOGY IN RELATION TO THE BIODIVERSITY OF NATURAL RESOURCES FROM THE ROMANIAN CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS

12.30-14.00 – Lunch



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14.00-15.00 **Section: Mountain Economies: Tourism, Agriculture, and Forestry**

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COOPERATION MODELS AND PLURI-ACTIVITY TO EXHAUST VALUE ADDED POTENTIALS IN MOUNTAIN REGIONS

Andrej Zigon

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THE CHALLENGES OF MOUNTAIN BIKING TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN THE MOUNTAIN REGIONS OF EASTERN EUROPE WITH A CASE STUDY OF THE SKI RESORT POHORJE IN SLOVENIA

Stella Giannakopoulou, Dimitris Kaliampakos

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THE ROLE OF ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF MOUNTAINOUS AREAS. EVIDENCE FROM EPIRUS, GREECE

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TOURISM AND TRAVEL INDUSTRY AS A FACTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE CANTON OF SARAJEVO

15.00-15.30 – *Coffee break*

15.30-17.00 **Section: Mountain Economies: Tourism, Agriculture, and Forestry**

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TOURISM AS A SEGMENT OF SPATIAL PLANNING OF STARA PLANINA

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DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE TOURISM IN THE NATIONAL PARK GALICICA

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PECULIARITIES AND PROBLEMS OF THE TOURIST INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE MOUNTAIN REGION OF SMOLYAN DISTRICT



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SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC VALORIZATION OF THE NATIONAL PARK KOPAONIK

Hall 2

9.00-10.30 – ***SEEmore Network Organizational Meeting***

10.30-11.00 – *Coffee break*

11.00-12.30 - ***Organizational Meeting, Bulgarian-German Project "Ecosystem based information system covering sensitive mountain areas in Bulgaria"***

12.30-14.00 – *Lunch*

14.00-15.00 ***Section: Natural Resources and Ecosystem Services: Adaptation to Climate Change in Mountain Regions***

Chair: Stoyan Nedkov

Nikolas Katsoulakos, Lefkothea Papada, Dimitris Kaliampakos

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IS FOREST BIOMASS EXPLOITATION A PANACEA TO DEAL WITH ENERGY POVERTY IN MOUNTAINOUS AREAS?

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TOURISM CLIMATE INDEX IN THE COASTAL AND MOUNTAIN LOCALITY OF ADJARA, GEORGIA

Momchil Panayotov (1), Nikolay Tsvetanov (1), Alexander Dountchev (1), Petar Zhelev, Stefan Yurukov

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CONSEQUENCES OF NON-INTERVENTION MANAGEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUBALPINE SPRUCE FORESTS IN BULGARIA

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HYDRIC SIGNIFICANCE OF LANDSCAPE IN MOUNTAIN RIVER BASIN

Albena Ivanova, Anita Kostadinova, Momchil Panayotov, Stefan Yurukov

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CAMBIAL ACTIVITY OF PINUS HELDREICHII CHRIST AND PINUS PEUCE GRISEB IN NP "PIRIN"



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15.30-17.00 – **Section: Natural Resources and Ecosystem Services: Adaptation to Climate Change in Mountain Regions**

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A MODEL ASSESSMENT ON THE TECHNICAL CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION OPTIONS OF THE MAJOR SKI RESORTS IN BULGARIA

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APPLICATIONS OF GIS-BASED HYDROLOGICAL MODELS IN MOUNTAIN AREAS IN BULGARIA FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES ASSESSMENT – ISSUES AND ADVANTAGES

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MAPPING CARBON STORAGE USING LAND COVER/LAND USE DATA IN AREA OF BEKLEMETO, CENTRAL BALKAN

Irena Ilcheva (1), Igor Niagolov (1), Snejana Balabanova (1), Anna Yordanova (1), V. Zaharieva (2), Vesela Rainova (1), Albena Vatrlova (1), Denislava Georgieva (1)

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WATER RESOURCE BALANCE FOR VITOSHA NATURAL PARK, INCLUDING ANALYSIS UNDER CONDITIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND EXTREME PHENOMENA

Anna Yordanova, Vesela Rainova

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HYDROLOGICAL AND QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS OF WATER FLOW IN THE VLADAYSKA RIVER CATCHMENT OF VITOSHA NATURAL PARK

17.00-17.30 – Conference closing

16.05.2015 (Saturday) - Field trips



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