

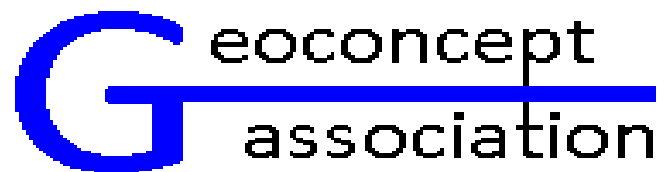
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As organizers are pleased to invite you to the 1<sup>st</sup> international workshop

## **CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE CARPATHIAN- BALKAN REGION DURING THE LATE PLEISTOCENE AND HOLOCENE**

in SUCEAVA, Romania between 9-12 June 2011

<http://atlas.usv.ro/www/climatechange/>

### **1<sup>st</sup> ANNOUNCEMENT**

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the workshop organizing committee, we would like to invite you to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop on Regional Climate Dynamics “**Climate Change in the Carpathian-Balkan Region During the Late Pleistocene and Holocene**”, which will be held in the city of Suceava, Bucovina region, ROMANIA, between June 9-12, 2011.

The workshop will be centered on open debates, round-table discussions and exchange of ideas on a wide range of topics related to the Regional Climate Dynamics during the Pleistocene and Holocene in the mountain environments of the Carpathian and Balkan regions - the least studied mountain areas of Europe. The contributions shall focus mainly on palaeoenvironment and the main objective is to bring together researchers interested in sharing latest advances in the study of these regions, and for providing synergies for interdisciplinary international collaborations.

Field excursions to the formerly glaciated alpine ranges of the Northern Romanian Carpathians as well as to several large peat-bog accumulations and wetland ecosystems are also planned.

The Workshop will be held in the venue of University of Suceava (<http://www.usv.ro/index.php/en>), in the historic capital of the province of Bucovina, a land famous for picturesque landscapes and for the highest density of UNESCO monuments in Eastern Europe

## **Workshop purpose:**

The purpose of this PAGES-sponsored workshop is to bring together an international group, as well as local researchers, in order to discuss and promote opportunities for collaboration on topics such as glaciations, palaeolimnology, history vegetation, speleothemes, dendrochronology, geoarcheology, palaeorivers and paleosoils in the Carpathian-Balkan region, one of the least studied and promoted areas in Europe. Furthermore, this workshop aims at an educational role, by providing scientific training for young researchers and students. The workshop will focus on interdisciplinarity and international cooperation.

**We kindly invite you to submit abstracts for oral/poster presentations addressing mainly the following scientific subjects:**

- Characteristics and extents of former glaciation(s) in the Balkan-Carpathians Mountains
- Lake Sediments and Peat-Bogs deposits as palaeoenvironmental archives
- Past climates, History of Vegetation Changes and Human Impact
- Karst and Cave Records as recorders of Climate Change
- Dendrochronology
- Geoarchaeology
- Climate variations and fluvial dynamics
- Loess-Paleosol complexes

The Workshop combines keynote presentations, talks, posters and working group sessions. The Organizing Committee will compile the preliminary/final programs based on the abstracts received; the final Workshop schedule would be distributed among the **registered** and **attendance** participants, and posted on the web site of the University of Suceava.

The **Abstracts/Manuscripts** should not exceed four pages in length, including figures, tables and references. A proceeding volume would be compiled before the meeting and the Organizing Committee reserves the right to reject manuscripts neglecting the typescript requirements or contradicting the workshop topics.

If a sufficient number of high-quality contributions are received we intend to produce an **open-access book**, as a sub-series of the renowned *Lecture Notes in Earth Sciences* (Editor: Earth Sciences & Geography, Springer-Verlag GmbH).

## **Organizational fee:**

1. **Free:** All accepted participants will not pay any fee excepting the costs related to the field trip (see below at *Costs*)
2. **Partially Free:** Attendance participants have to pay for meals and accommodation, during the Workshop (if they request help from the Organizing Committee), and the field trip cost in case they consider participating.

## **Costs:**

1. Field trip (include transport, meals and accommodation): 40 Euros

A Second Circular with details regarding the List of participants, Lectures, Attendance, Milestones, Accommodation, Field Trip, Open-access book and other items of interest will be emailed on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2011.

## **IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES**

**May 8, 2011** – submission of preliminary applications by the participants

**May 15, 2011** – forwarding of the 2nd circular with confirmation of participation in the conference including list of lectures and booking of hotel rooms.

**June 1, 2011** – abstracts should be ready for publishing in a special volume.

**October 15, 2011** – papers should be ready for publishing in a special Open/access book.

Applications to participate and attendance in the Workshop (Registration Forms) are to be submitted via E-mail after the visiting the Web-Site of Workshop:

<http://atlas.usv.ro/www/climatechange/>

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interested. Welcome!**

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**Pages Web-Site Workshop:**

<http://pages-142.unibe.ch/cgi-bin/WebObjects/calendar.woa/wa/calendar?id=562>