



June 29, 2016

Re: Visit of Dr. Marcel Mindrescu to the University of Vermont

To Whom it May Concern:

Dr. Marcel Mindrescu, University of Suceava, visited the University of Vermont (UVM) June 5 to 10, 2016. The trip and visit were funded by a grant from the Trust for Mutual Understanding (W.I. Keeton, P.I.). While at UVM, Dr. Mindrescu met with the Director of the Gund Institute (Dr. T. Ricketts), several professors in the Rubenstein School, and held extensive discussions regarding research collaboration with myself and co-participant Dr. Elena Matei (University of Bucharest).

The visit and exchange also included several days of visits to field sites around the state of Vermont, all focused on environmental sustainability, climate change, and ecotourism. During the site visits Dr. Marcel exchanged ideas and information with a wide range of environmental professionals.

Dr. Marcel gave a seminar on the UVM main campus on June 8 entitled "Lake sediments and glacial cirques in the Romanian Carpathians and their climatic implications." The seminar was held at the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics and was well attended by faculty and graduate students. The seminar was followed by an active and engaging panel discussion.

It was a pleasure hosting Dr. Mindrescu at UVM and I look forward to continued collaboration and exchange with him and others from your university.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William S. Keeton", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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