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THE THIRD ROMANIAN-BULGARIAN-HUNGARIAN-SERBIAN CONFERENCE

The roots of this interdisciplinary and cross-cultural conference go back to the year 2000, when regional conference “Geographical environment and cross-border cooperation within the Danube lower basin”, was organized by the University of Craiova, Romania, gathering geographers and other researchers from European countries that shared their experiences, knowledge and research results about all aspects of geography. In 2010, Geography Departments of Universities from Craiova and Timisoara organized the first conference and in 2012, the Department of Economic and Social Geography from University of Szeged organized the second conference. The third conference was organized in September 2014 by the Faculty of Geography (University of Belgrade) and Faculty of Sciences, Department of Geography, Tourism and Hotel Management (University of Novi Sad) in Srebrno jezero (Veliko Gradište, Serbia).

The conference theme was “Geographical Research and Cross-Border Cooperation in the Lower Basin of the Danube”. One of the main goals of the conference was to bring geographers and research institutions together from the countries lying at the lower basin of the Danube river and establish a working group to promote sustainable measures for the sake of cross-border cooperations.

Seven sessions among the Plenary session comprised approximately 100 presentations and more than 40 posters. These reports were presented via abstract book. Apart from this fact, a broad range of topics covered almost every field of geography and earth sciences, with presentations relating to the European Union’s Danube Strategy having a high relevance among the conference topics.

According to above mentioned conference topics, this Special Issue of *Geographica Pannonica* is comprised of four papers dealing with environmental and urban issues in Southeastern Europe.

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