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The Fourteenth Romanian Symposium on Palaeontology
Bucharest, Romania, 14-15 September, 2023

WELCOME

We are honoured to welcome you cordially to Bucharest, one of the centres of Romanian Palaeontology, to attend the Fourteenth Romanian Symposium on Palaeontology to be held between the 14th and 15th of September, 2023, with pre- and post-symposium fieldtrips planned for the periods of 12th-13th September, and 16th-18th September, respectively.

This meeting is organized for the fifth time now by the Department of Geology, Faculty of Geology and Geophysics, University of Bucharest, 26 years after the First Romanian Symposium of Palaeontology organized in 1997 by our Department. These biennial meetings of the RSP (The Romanian Society of Palaeontologists) are aimed to promote the collaboration between scientists working in the wider field of Palaeontology as well as in related research areas represented by Stratigraphy, Sedimentology, Palaeobiogeography, Palaeoecology, Basin Analysis, Geoheritage and Geoconservation. The RSP meetings represent excellent opportunities for scientists working in these fields to share their research experience and results, to discuss different topics of interest, and to initiate collaborative projects. During the years, the biennial meetings of the RSP became International Meetings, with participants from all over Europe but also from other continents.

Our mission is to promote excellence in research and to encourage international collaborations.

The Fourteenth Romanian Symposium on Palaeontology is organized this year by the Romanian Society of Palaeontologists (RSP), the Research Institute of the University of Bucharest (ICUB), the National Institute for Research and Development on Marine Geology and Geo-ecology (GeoEcoMar), and the Department of Geology, Mineralogy and Palaeontology of the University of Bucharest.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee we thank you for your interest in participating at the Fourteenth Romanian Symposium on Palaeontology. We look forward to welcome you in Bucharest!

The Organizing Committee
VENUE

The University of Bucharest is rich in history, and has been actively contributing to Romanian education, science and culture since its founding. Even from the beginnings of the University, Earth Sciences occupied an important place in the formation of the students, with Palaeontology representing one domain of the Natural and Earth Sciences that continuously developed as an important direction of research and education.

The 14th Romanian Symposium on Palaeontology will be held at the Department of Geology, Mineralogy and Palaeontology, Faculty of Geology and Geophysics, University of Bucharest. The symposium center is located in the building of the Faculty of Geology and Geophysics, Laboratory of Palaeontology (second floor), in 1 N. Bălcescu Ave, Bucharest, Romania.

LANGUAGE OF THE SYMPOSIUM

English will be the official language of the Symposium. Most of the service people in Romania can speak/understand English.

PRESENTATION MODES

**Oral Presentations** are organized into special sessions, usually in the frame of a given topic (see attached Programme). Each talk should be planned for 12 minutes with an additional 3 minutes time for questions and discussions. Your presentation should be prepared as PowerPoint file (please also save it as a .ppt file compatible with MS PowerPoint 1997-2003).

**Poster Presentation** The poster board usable space will be 200 cm high and 90 cm wide (suitable for A0 - 841 x 1189 mm - portrait format). Posters will be displayed during the conference at the second floor (Room 2C) at the Department of Geology, Mineralogy and Palaeontology.
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Further information about the 14th Romanian Symposium on Palaeontology (including Programme) will be also available on the RSP webpage [https://geo-paleontologica.org/en/forthcoming-events/] and on Facebook  
(https://www.facebook.com/Romanian-Society-of-Palaeontologists-1217880801568436/)

IMPORTANT NOTICE for RSP Members!

The General Assembly of the RSP Members will be held during the 14th Romanian Symposium of Palaeontology, on **15th September, 2023**. 

The meeting of the General Assembly of the SPR Members is essential for the future activity of the Society of Romanian Palaeontologists, according to the RSP statute and internal regulations. During the General Assembly of the RSP Members, **the new leadership of the RSP will be elected.**
Programme
of the Fourteenth Romanian Symposium on Palaeontology

MONDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2023
17.00 – 19.30: Arrival of the participants at the Pre-symposium Fieldtrip Registration (Symposium Venue, Registration Room)

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, 12 & 13 SEPTEMBER 2023

Pre-symposium Fieldtrip 1:
GEOLOGY AND PALAEONTOLOGY OF THE BUZĂU LAND UNESCO GEOPARK
Leaders: Marius Stoica, Alexandru Andrășanu
For details, the participants will be contacted by email by Marius Stoica.

Pre-symposium Fieldtrip 2:
CRETACEOUS TECTONICS AND LITHOSTRATIGRAPHY IN ROMANIAN CARPATHIAN BEND, PRAHOVA VALLEY
Leaders: Mihaela Melinte-Dobrinescu, Relu-Dumitru Roban
For details, the participants will be contacted by email by Mihaela Melinte-Dobrinescu.

WEDNESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2023
17.00 – 19.30: Registration (Symposium Venue, Registration Room)
THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2023

08.00 – 17.00: **Registration** (Symposium Venue, Registration Room)

09.00 – 09.20: **Opening Ceremony** (Room 2A)
   Welcome and Greetings

09.20 – 09.55: **Plenary keynote lecture** (Room 2A)

Robert E. Riding
*University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN, USA*

*Oxygenation and marine microbial carbonates: The long history*

Robert E. Riding is Research Professor in Paleobiology and Sedimentary Geology at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

**His research interest is concentrated on reef carbonates (both ancient and recent), as well as on algal and bacterial carbonates.**

09.55 – 10.30: **Plenary keynote lecture** (Room 2A)

Dan L. Danielopol
*Karl-Franzens-University, Graz, Austria*

*“Species-talk” perception, a way to reduce taxonomic uncertainties*

Dan L. Danielopol is presently a Visiting Researcher at the Institute of Earth Sciences, Karl Franzen’s Univerity, Graz.

**His research interest is focused on the morphology, systematics and evolution of selected groups of Crustacea (especially ostracods, both recent and extinct), the ecology and biogeography of extant meiobenthic ostracods, as well as groundwater ecology.**

10.30 – 11.00: **Coffee Break** (Geology of Romania Room)

11.00 – 12.30: **Miocene Palaeontology and Palaeobiogeography in Paratethys**
   (Room 2A)

Chairperson: Marius STOICA

11.00 – 11.15: **Anton, E., Apotrosoaei, V., Pojar, I., Lazăr, C. & Melinte-Dobrinescu, M. – Badenian litho-, biostratigraphy and geochemical fluctuations in the Romanian Carpathian Bend**
11.15 – 11.30: Filipescu, S., Bindiu-Haitonic, R., Silye, L., Kövecsi, Sz.-A., Bălc, R., Krézsek, Cs. & Bercea, R. – Challenges on the biostratigraphy of the Lower Miocene of the Carpathian Bend Zone based on fossil foraminifera

11.30 – 11.45: Florea, A.G. & Stoica, M. – The Sarmatian microfauna from the Tuzlata section (Bulgaria)

11.45 – 12.00: Gedik, F. – Early Miocene Larger Benthic Foraminifera of the Malatya Basin, Eastern Taurids, Turkey

12.00 – 12.15: Stoica, M., Lazarev, S. & Vasilyan, D. – Late-middle Miocene microfauna from the Karagiya section, Kazakhstan (Caspian Basin, Eastern Paratethys)

12.15 – 12.30: Palcu, D.V., Stoica, M., Briceag, A. & Melinte-Dobrinescu, M.C. – Multiproxy reconstruction of Eurasian Megalakes connectivity and isolation patterns during Neogene-Quaternary times - PNRR C9 I8 Project code 97/2023

12.30 – 14.00: Lunch Break (Geology of Romania Room)

14.00 – 15.30: Carbonates Palaeontology and Sedimentology (Room 2A)  
Chairperson: Iuliana LAZĂR

14.00 – 14.15: Mircescu, C.V., Bucur, I.I., Pleș, G. & Ungureanu, R. – Microfacies and microfossils from Middle Triassic limestones of the Southern Carpathians - depositional environments and biostratigraphy

14.15 – 14.30: Özkul, M., Türker, A., Yılmaz, İ.Ö., Erdoğan, K. & Kılc, A.M. – Sedimentological and geochemical features of Middle-Upper Triassic peritidal limestone, SW Türkiye

14.30 – 14.45: Solak, C., Bucur, I., Koç, H. & Tasli, K. – The benthic foraminifera and calcareous algae of the Lower Jurassic from the Aladağ Mountains (Beyaz Aladağ Unit, Eastern Taurides), Turkey

14.45 – 15.00: Lazăr, I., Grădinaru, M. & Kołodziej, B. – Peculiar Oxfordian megastromatolites from Central Dobrogea (Romania)


15.15 – 15.30: Grădinaru, M., Lazăr, I., Stoica, M., Krobicki, M. & Popa, M. – Microfacies and depositional environments of the Jurassic-Lower Cretaceous carbonate deposits of Munteana - Dumbrăvița section (Danubian Units, Romanian Carpathians)

15.30 – 16.30: Coffee Break & Poster Session (Geology of Romania Room / Room 2C)
16.30 – 18.00: **General Session 1 on Palaeontology, Biostratigraphy and Palaeoenvironments** (Room 2A)

**Chairperson: Sorin FILIPESCU**

16.30 – 16.45: **Posmoșanu, E. & Hyžný, M.** – New Miocene decapod crustacean material from Tășad (Tasádfő), Romania

16.45 – 17.00: **Chira, C.M., Bindiu-Haitonic, R., Negru, R., Popa, M.V., Bedelean, H. & Zabulic, G.** – Middle Miocene (Badenian) calcareous nanofossils, foraminifera and molluscs from Strei Basin, Central Paratethys, Romania: Biostratigraphy and palaeoecology

17.00 – 17.15: **Mandic, O., Stoica, M. & Krijgsman, W.** – Upper Miocene to Pleistocene (Khersonian to Romanian) mollusk assemblages from the Slănicul de Buzău section (NE Dacian Basin, Romania)

17.15 – 17.30: **Mužek, K., Mandic, O., Hajek Tadesse, V., Harzhauser, M., Kovačić, M., Kurečić, T. & Pezelj, D.** – Eastward migration of the late Neogene ostracods and mollusk s from the southern Pannonian Basin (Slavonian mountains, NE Croatia)

17.30 – 17.45: **Briceag, A., Rotaru, S., Dimitriu, R., Vasiliu, D. & Barbu, B.** – The influence of environmental factors on marginal marine ostracods: the Late Holocene record from Danube Delta and Black Sea shelf

17.45 – 18.00: **Ruskal, A., Diaconu, A-D., Panait, A., Galka, M. & Tanţău, I.** – Holocene hydroclimate reconstruction in the Eastern Romanian Carpathians

19.00 – 21.00: **Welcome Party** (Geology of Romania Room)

**FRIDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2023**

08.30 – 13.00: **Registration** (Symposium Venue, Registration Room)

09.00 – 09.35: **Plenary keynote lecture** (Room 2A)

**Ioan I. Bucur**

*Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania*

*Dasyycladalean green algae through time*

Ioan I. Bucur is full Member of the Romanian Academy of Sciences, Bucharest, and Professor emeritus at the Faculty of Biology and Geology, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca.
His research interest is concentrated on the biostratigraphy, micropalaeontology (calcareous algae and benthic foraminifera), microfacies, and sedimentology of Mesozoic carbonates of the Tethyan realm.

09.35 – 10.10: **Plenary keynote lecture** (Room 2A)

**Eric Buffetaut**

*Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (UMR 8538), Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, France*

*Giant ostriches from the Pleistocene of Eurasia*

Eric Buffetaut is Director of Research emeritus at the *Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique* (CNRS), and is based at the Geology Department of the *Ecole Normale Supérieure, PSL Research University, Paris.*

His research interest is focused on fossil archosaurs, with current special emphasis on non-avian dinosaurs and birds, with strong interest in the history of Palaeontology.

10.10 – 11.30: **Coffee Break** (Geology of Romania Room)

11.30 – 13.00: **Session on Vertebrate Palaeontology** (Room 2A)

**Chairperson:** Zoltán CSIKI-SAVA


11.45 – 12.00: **Trif, N.,** Codrea, V.A., Pleș, G. & Bordeianu, M. – An upper Eocene fish fauna from Lechia Limestone (Transylvanian Basin, Romania)

12.00 – 12.15: Díez Díaz, V., Mannion, P., Upchurch, P. & **Csiki-Sava, Z.** – The More the Merrier: Latest Cretaceous titanosaur from the Transylvanian Landmass – diversity and affinities

12.15 – 12.30: **Codrea, V.A.,** Venczel, M., Solomon, Al., Bordeianu, M. & Fărcaș, C. – The anthracotheres of Romania (Preliminary results)

12.30 – 12.45: **Badea, D.-D.,** Rățoi, B.-G. & Brânzilă, M. – The micromammal assemblage from Arsura 1, a new fossil site from the Late Miocene (Early Turolian, MN 11) of the Moldavian Platform

12.45 – 13.00: **Vasilyan, D.,** Lazarev, S., Mandic, O., Stoica, M., Becker, D., Šujan, M. & **Delinschi, A.** – New data on Late Miocene land vertebrate faunas from the Republic of Moldova with outlooks on small mammalian faunas
13.00 – 14.00: **Lunch Break** (Geology of Romania Room)

**ATTENTION – TWO PARALLEL SESSIONS ARE HELD IN THE AFTERNOON**

14.00 – 14.15: **Cretaceous Anoxic Events and Palaeoceanography** (Room 2A)
Chairperson: Florentin MAURRASSE

- **14.00 – 14.15:** Roban, R.D., Apotrosoaei, V.A., Mitrică, D., Baboș, T. & Melinte-Dobrinescu, M.C. – Global versus regional control factors recorded by Cretaceous black shales of East Carpathians
- **14.15 – 14.30:** Melinte-Dobrinescu, M.C., Anton, E., Ion, G., Apotrosoaei, V., Briceag, A. & Lazăr, C. – Calcareous nanofossil turnover and isotope fluctuations linked to the Oceanic Anoxic Event 2 recorded in the Eastern Carpathians
- **14.30 – 14.45:** Yilmaz, I.O. – Cretaceous Oceanic Anoxic and Oxic Events in Turkey (Pontides and Taurides): collaboration of oceanic, climatic and tectonic controls
- **14.45 – 15.00:** Orihuela, J., Melinte-Dobrinescu, M.C. & Maurrasse, F.J-M.R. – First record of an Oceanic Anoxic Event in the Proto-Caribbean Basin revealed by lowermost Cretaceous limestones from Sierra de los Órganos, Guaniguanico Terrain, Western Cuba
- **15.00 – 15.15:** Yilmaz, I.O., Ozer, S., Mulayim, O., Hosgor, I., Tasli, K. & Sari, B. – Drowning of the Arabian Carbonate Platform (Campanian) SE Turkey: Responses to tectonics and palaeoceanographic changes

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14.00 – 15.15: **Session on Palaeobotany and Palynology** (Room 2D)
Chairperson: Mihai E. POPA

- **14.00 – 14.15:** Popa, M.E. & Kędzior, A. – The Early Jurassic flora from Pregheda and its sedimentary context
- **14.15 – 14.30:** Iamandei, S., Iamandei, E., Velitzelos, D. & Velitzelos, E. – Palaeoxylotomical studies in the Cenozoic petrified forests of Greece. Part three – dicots
- **14.30 – 14.45:** Paraschiv, V. – New contributions to the Ciocadia Middle Miocene flora (part five)
- **14.45 – 15.00:** Sirenko, O. & Bakrač, K. – The first results of complex palynological studies of the Sarmatian deposits of the southern part of the Ukrainian Shield (the eastern coast of the Sea of Azov)
15.00 – 15:15: Grindean, R., Tanțău, I., Egréi, M. & Rustoiu, A. – Past land cover and land-use changes inferred from palynological analysis at two archaeological sites (Mureș Valley)

15.15 – 15.30: Coffee Break (Geology of Romania Room)

15.30 – 17.00: General Session 2 on Palaeontology, Biostratigraphy and Palaeoenvironments (Room 2A)
Chairperson: Mihaela Carmen Melinte-Dobrinescu
15.45 – 16.00: Balini, M., Lăcătuș, A., Grădinaru, E. & Lazăr, I. – Towards the definition of the GSSP of the Anisian Stage (Middle Triassic): the ammonoid fauna of Desli Caira section and its correlation with Chios (Greece) and Kcira (Albania)
16.00 – 16.15: Demangel, I., Richoz, S. & Grădinaru, E. – First evidence of Late Triassic Calcareous Nannofossils for the Palaeo-Tethys Ocean (North Dobrogea, Romania): A significant biostratigraphic tool for the Rhaetian
16.30 – 16.45: Gedik, F. – An example of evolutionary trends in the Miogypsinidae (Foraminiferida) from Turkey: Postmiogypsinella intermedia Sirel and Gedik

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15.30 – 17.00: Late Cretaceous Evolution of the Transylvanian Area (Room 2D)
Chairperson: Eric BUFFETAUT
15.45 – 16.00: Bâlc, R., Bindiu-Haitonic, R., Gabor, G., Kövecsi, S.-A., Țabără, D., Bedelean, H., Silye, L., Csiki-Sava, Z & Ducea, M. – Revisiting and updating the biochronology and palaeoenvironmental interpretations of the Bozeș Formation deposits from the south-eastern part of the Apuseni Mountains (Romania)
16.00 – 16.15: **Csiki-Sava, Z.**, Țabără, D., Bălc, R., Bindiu-Haitonic, R., Botfalvai, G., Albert, G. & Vasile, Ș. – New biostratigraphic and palaeoenvironmental constraints in the uppermost Cretaceous deposits from the Ciula Mică (Geat Valley) – west Vălioara area, northwestern Hațeg Basin (Romania)

16.15 – 16.30: Magyar, J., **Csiki-Sava, Z.**, Augustin, F.J., Ósi, A. & Botfalvai, G. – Got the Head and Tail of It? – New ornithopod dinosaur fossils from Vălioara represent the most complete rhabdodontid skeletal association from the Densuş-Ciula Formation (Hațeg Basin)


16.45 – 17.00: **Csiki-Sava, Z.**, Bălc, R., Ducea, M., Țabără, D. & Vasile, Ș. – A new, long view on an old mammalian island radiation – updating the history of kogaionid multituberculates

17.00 – 17.15: **Coffee Break** (Geology of Romania Room)

17.15 – 19.00: **General Assembly of the Romanian Society of Palaeontologists** (Room 2A)

19.30: **Symposium Dinner**

**POSTER SESSIONS** (Room 2C)

Posters will be displayed continuously during the two days of presentations (14 & 15 September) in Room 2C at the Symposium Venue, in the Department of Geology, Mineralogy and Palaeontology, first floor, with a dedicated poster session on the afternoon of Thursday, 14 September.

**LIST OF POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

**Micropalaeontology:**
- **Antoniade, C.** - Microfossil assemblages of the Pliocene deposits from Southern Dobrogea
- **Copilaș-Ciocianu, D. & Ionesi, V.** – Late Miocene fossils from NE Romania illuminate the evolution of the extant Ponto-Caspian amphipod radiation
- **Dumitrică, P.** – Middle Anisian (Pelsonian) radiolarian assemblage from Cristian (Brașov area, Romania), the first proof of the rejuvenation of the radiolarian fauna after the end-Permian extinction
P04: **Gedik, F.** – Oligocene larger benthic foraminifera of the Denizli and Burdur Basin, Western Taurids, Turkey

P05: **Gedik, F.** – Four new larger benthic foraminiferal taxa from the Oligocene, Oligo-Miocene boundary of Turkey

P06: **Loghin, S.,** Brânzilă, M., Melinte-Dobrinescu, M.C. & Olaru, Ș.M. - The Badenian micropalaeontological assemblages revealed by several boreholes in Moldavian Platform

P07: **Nedelea, E.** – Badenian radiolarians from the Costești area (Vâlcea)

**Vertebrate Palaeontology:**

P08: Codrea, V., **Solomon, Al.,** Venczel, M., Bordeianu, M. & Fărcaș, C. – New azhdarchid pterosaurs remains from Oarda de Jos (Transylvanian Basin, Romania)

P09: Makádi, L., **Csiki-Sava, Z.** & Botfalvai, G. – Amphibians and lizards from a new Upper Cretaceous site at Vâlioara (Hunedoara County, Romania)

P10: **Popescu, A.** – The presence of the genus *Mammuthus* on the territory of the locality Dobromira (Dolj County), Romania


P12: **Țibuleac, P.,** Tissier, J., Petculescu, A., Vasilyan, D. & Becker, D. – Reassessment of the *Chilotherium* specimens (Rhinocerotidae, Mammalia) from the Upper Miocene of Eastern Carpathian Foreland (Romania)

**Palaeontology, Biostratigraphy and Palaeoenvironments:**

P13: Martín-Martín, M., **Miclăuş, C.,** Serrano, F., Tosquella, J., Samsó, J.M., Tent-Manclús, J.E. & Martín-Pérez, J.A. – New biostratigraphic data on the Paleocene-Eocene succession from the Prebetic domain (Betic Cordillera: South Spain)

P14: **Nesterenko, O.** & Hyžný, M. – Mechanical methods of macroscopic processing of palaeontological material with various types of fossil preservation

P15: **Torres-Parada, J.M.,** Patarroyo, G. & Torres, G. – Sedimentological and micropalaeontological assessment of the calcareous rocks in Old Providence Island, (Colombian Caribbean)

P16: **Țibuleac, P.,** Baudouin, C., Lazăr, I., Ajdanlijsky, G. & Pénagé, E. – New records of Early Cretaceous nautiloids from the Southeastern Moesian Platform (Romania and Bulgaria)

P17: Váradi, S., Boțka, D. & **Silye, L.** – Morphometrics and palaeoecology of Pannonian (late Miocene) molluscs from the central Transylvanian Basin
**Palaeobotany and Palynology:**
P18: Lee, E., Yi, S. & Lim, J. – Holocene natural disaster (flooding and fire) in the southern part of the Korean Peninsula inferred from pollen and microscopic charcoal record


P20: Țabără, D. & Csiki-Sava, Z – Palynostratigraphic and palaeoenvironmental investigations of the Maastrichtian from Oarda de Jos (southwestern Transylvanian Basin)


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**SATURDAY, SUNDAY & MONDAY, 16, 17 & 18 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Post-symposium Fieldtrip:**
GEOLOGY AND PALAEOONTOLOGY OF CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN DOBROGEA
**Leaders:** Iuliana Lazăr, Marius Stoica, Antoneta Seghedi, Mihaela Melinte-Dobrinescu
For details, the participants will be contacted by email by Iuliana Lazăr.