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The Olenekian-Anisian Boundary Field Workshop 2026 Romania, May 26th-29th, 2026

SECOND CIRCULAR CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Olenekian-Anisian Boundary Field Workshop 2026, organized by the Research Institute of the University of Bucharest (ICUB) and the Department of Geology, Mineralogy and Paleontology of the University of Bucharest in collaboration with the Università degli Studi di Milano, Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra "Ardito Desio", the Subcommission on Triassic Stratigraphy (STS) and the Romanian Society of Palaeontologists (RSP), will be held in Bucharest and Tulcea on May 26th to 29th, 2026.

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*We are honoured to cordially invite you to Bucharest, one of the main centres of Romanian Palaeontology, to attend the **Olenekian-Anisian Boundary Field Workshop** to be held between the **26th and 29th of May, 2026**.*

This meeting is aimed to promote the collaboration between scientists working in the field of Triassic Stratigraphy, Palaeontology, Sedimentology, Palaeobiogeography, and Paleomagnetism with special interest in the Olenekian–Anisian Boundary.

*We hope that this meeting will represent an excellent opportunity for scientists working in these fields to share their research experience and results and to discuss the **Olenekian-Anisian Boundary definition, and the selection of the Anisian GSSP**.*

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Bucharest!

The Organizing Committee

VENUE

The Olenekian–Anisian Boundary Field Workshop 2026, will be held for one day in Bucharest at the Department of Geology, Mineralogy and Paleontology of the University of Bucharest, 1 N. Bălcescu Ave, Bucharest and a two-day field trip in Northern Dobrogea.

The University of Bucharest was founded in 1864 by Ruling Prince Alexandru Ioan Cuza and is one of the leading academic centers of Romania. The University has a rich history, and has been actively contributing to the progress of Romanian higher 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 Paleontology representing a domain of the Natural and Earth Sciences with a continuous development as an important direction of research and education.

LANGUAGE OF THE WORKSHOP

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

REGISTRATION FEES

Any person interested in the Olenekian-Anisian Boundary wishing to attend the Field Workshop is welcome but needs to register first. The Symposium is currently scheduled to take place in a face-to-face format. Considering the very specific topic of the workshop, **the number of the participants is limited to maximum 25 persons. Up to now 20 participants are registered, 5 places are still available.**

Registrations fees	Workshop Registration Fee (26. 05. 2026, Bucharest)	Field trip Registration Fee (27, 28, 29 05.2026) for the participants that registered up to 30th of December 2025	Field trip Registration Fee (27, 28, 29 05.2026) for the participants that will register up to 15th of March 2025
Senior Professionals	150 euro	-	350 euro
PhD Students	75 euro	-	250 euro
Accompanying persons	75 euro	-	250 euro

Workshop Registration Fee covers workshop materials, coffee breaks and refreshments, and lunch. Welcome party on 26th of May will be provided by the Romanian Society of Palaeontologists (RSP).

Field trip Registration Fee covers:

- accommodation in Single Room at 3-star hotel in Tulcea (27th, 28th of May),
- breakfast and dinner on 28th of May,
- breakfast and workshop dinner on 29th of May,
- sandwiches, water, and fruits for lunches during the field trip.

The transport for the field trip will be partially provided by the University of Bucharest and ICUB.

Registration fee and field trip fee have to be paid in the RSP account with the following specification data:

Registration fee for *the O-A B Field Workshop 2026*

Field trip registration fee for *the O-A B Field Workshop 2026*

**Our society has both RON and EUR bank accounts. Foreign participants can choose to transfer the fees using our EUR account.*

EUR BANK ACCOUNT

SOCIETATEA PALEONTOLOGILOR ROMANIA

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Swift: BTRLR022

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CIF: 10347946

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Swift: BTRLR022

An account statement with the payment of the registration fee should be sent to Alexandra Lăcătuș (alexandralacatus73@yahoo.com)

KEY DATES

- **15th March 2026** – registration fees deadline for the meeting and field trip
- **30th March 2026** – deadline for abstract submission (talks)
- **15th April 2026** – receipt of corrected abstracts
- **15th May 2026** distribution of the Programme

Preliminary PROGRAMME

- **Registration:** starts on Tuesday, 26th May 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
- **Opening session in Bucharest:** starts on Tuesday, 26th May 2026 at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- **Scientific Session:** Tuesday, 26th May 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 17:00 p.m.
- **Welcome party** - The party will be held on Tuesday, 26th May 2026 at 17:30 to 20:30 p.m.

- **Workshop field trip (to North Dobrogea):** 27th - 29th May 2026. Details will be provided in the second circular.
- **Working Group meeting and discussions** 28th May 2026 from 16:00 a.m. to 19:00 p.m. (in Tulcea).
- **Workshop dinner** - The Workshop Dinner will be held on 28th May 2026, at 19:30 (in Tulcea).
- **Returning from Tulcea to Bucharest on 29th May 2026.**

CALL FOR ABSTRACT

Guidelines for abstract preparation

Please follow the instruction given in the **abstract template** sent together with the second circular.

Please submit your formatted abstract(s) in .doc or .docx format (MS Word) by e-mail to iuliana.lazar@g.unibuc.ro **before 30th March, 2026 (a firm deadline).**

Your abstract(s) should not exceed 3 pages (~ 1,500 words). In case your abstract is not in a print-ready format following the specifications of this template, it will be returned to the authors for editing.

All submitted abstracts will be peer-evaluated before their acceptance. All the abstracts will be scheduled for oral presentations and will be compiled into a PDF format Abstract Book. A digital version of the abstracts volume and the meeting's final programme will be available on the RSP website.

PRESENTATION MODES

Each oral presentations should be planned for 15-20 minutes, including time for questions and discussions. The schedule of the scientific sessions, including timeslots allocated for each talk, will be given in the programme. Your presentation should be prepared as PowerPoint file.

TRAVEL - Reaching Bucharest

By air - The Bucharest Henri Coandă International Airport (Otopeni Airport, OTP) <http://www.bucharestairports.ro/en> is the most important and largest airport in Romania. The airport is located at 16.5 km from the Bucharest city center.

There is a regular 24/7 public bus line from the airport to reach the town center: bus 783 (runs every 15-20 minutes during the day and 20-30 minutes during the night – see timetables of the bus leaving the end stations from and to the airport). The drop-off bus stop is at *Piața 21 Decembrie 1989*, with a ca. 5-minute walk to the University of Bucharest (Department of Geology, Mineralogy and Palaeontology, Faculty of Geology and Geophysics) where the meeting venue is located.

At the main exit of the airport touchscreen terminals for taxi requests are available for customers who want to order taxi from a certain company.

By rail - The Bucharest main railway station (Gara de Nord, Bucharest North railway station) is located at 3 km from the symposium venue, the Faculty of Geology and Geophysics of the University of Bucharest, 1, N. Bălcescu Ave. Bucharest North railway station has direct railway connections with the neighboring countries (see <http://cfrcalatori.ro/en/international-traffic/offers> for details). From the railway

station, the quickest route to the symposium venue is by subway on the yellow line from *Gara de Nord 1* to *Piața Victoriei 1* station, then switching to the blue line, from *Piața Victoriei 2* to *Universitate* station, dropping you off right next to the symposium venue.

By car - The main routes for reaching Bucharest by car include:

- from the south (Bulgaria): entry point at Ruse – Giurgiu, then northward on E85 to Bucharest.
 - from the west (Hungary): entry point at Magyarcsanak – Nădlac, eastward on E68/A1 to Sebeș and Sibiu, then southward on E81 to Pitești, and continuing on A1 to Bucharest.
 - from the northwest (Hungary): entry point at Ártánd – Borș, then southeast-ward on E60 to Cluj-Napoca and Brașov, and southward on DN1 to Ploiești and Bucharest.
- DN – National Road; E – European Route; A – Motorway.*

ACCOMMODATION

Bucharest offers a wide range of accommodation facilities.

We strongly recommend to the participants that did not register up to the end December 2025, to book accommodation in Bucharest at the earliest opportunity – there is limited availability in Bucharest hotels in May, as Bucharest is a tourist city. For the accommodation in Tulcea we negotiated special fees for the Filed workshop participants at Hotel Delta (3 stars).

CURRENCY

The local currency is the Romanian LEU or RON. The currency exchange rate per the 12th of February 2026 is as follows (<https://www.cursbnr.ro/>):
1 EUR = 5.0934 RON; 1 USD = 4.2881RON

PERSONAL INSURANCE, INVITATIONS AND VISAS

Personal insurance is not included in the registration fee.

American and Canadian citizens as well as citizens of Australia, New Zealand and most European countries **do not need an entry visa** to visit Romania, for stays up to 90 (ninety) days. However, a valid passport is required for all overseas/non-EU visitors. **Citizens of the European Union countries** can enter Romania with a valid passport or with their National Identity Card. Citizens of certain countries and territories need a visa to visit Romania. To quickly check if you need a visa, please go to www.E-Visa.MAE.ro, select the "Get Informed" tab, and enter the following information: passport issuing country, type of passport, purpose of your visit to Romania. Entry requirements and visa information are also available at www.mae.ro

Letter of invitation

Upon request, the organizers may send a personal letter of invitation to enable participants to obtain supporting funds or visas to attend this meeting. **The invitation letters shall not be considered as an offer of financial support from the organizers.**

Responsibility

The organizers of the *The Olenekian–Anisian Boundary Field Workshop 2026* will make all possible efforts to provide any necessary assistance as well as to ensure the good progress of the meeting, but they accept no responsibility for any possible dis-

turbances that are beyond the reach of the organizers, such as personal insurance, natural disasters (e.g., flood, fire, etc.), state of emergency, riots, citizen strikes, war, communication accidents, changes of currency exchange rates, and similar.

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Further information about the *The Olenekian–Anisian Boundary Field Workshop 2026* (including circulars, abstract template, registration form, costs and details of the fieldtrip) will be also available on the Romanian Society of Palaeontologists webpage <https://geo-paleontologica.org/en/forthcoming-events/>