"THE ACADEMIC GEOGRAPHY OF TIMIȘOARA AT THE ANNIVERSARY OF 55 YEARS!"

(Timișoara, May 16-17, 2014)

INVITATION

The members of the Geography Department of the Chemistry, Biology and Geography Faculty within The West University of Timisoara are happy to invite you to take part to the events organized to celebrate 55 years of tradition and innovation in academic Geography at Alma Mater Timisiensis.

This celebration coincides with the 70th anniversary of the founding, in 1944, of the West University of Timisoara. This reinforces the symbolic meaning of the moment, a time of assessment, strategic planning and interdisciplinary opening.

Notwithstanding inevitable fluctuations due to historical and political events that it had to resist, the Geography of Department at the University of Timisoara has a continuous journey of 55 years.

The various stages in evolution follow from the founding, in September 25, 1959, to the recent rating of the Geography in Timisoara as one of the most powerful programs in the country.

This honouring position is due to generations of geographers, professors, researchers and students who made this continuity possible, who built a tradition and gave force to the Banatian Geography.

We would like to thank to the mentors from other high tradition university centres, who contributed to the formation of the specialists in Timisoara. We also express our gratitude to our colleagues and friends from many universities and research centres in Europe and the rest of the world, with whom we are highly collaborating for so many years.

We give our gratitude and acknowledgement to these past and present generations whose contributions connect traditional values with the modernity of international contracts, establishing the geography of Timisoara as a model of success.

We hope you will join us on this moment of celebration and await you with the joy of sharing professional experience, results of scientifically research, in order to shape together future projects, exchanges and partnerships capable of increasing the relevance, prestige and social-territorial impact of Geography.

The anniversary will be celebrated on the 16th and 17th of May, 2014, within the International conference (12th edition) organised regularly by the Geography Department of the West University of Timisoara since 1992.
Preliminary programme:

I. The works of the conference will start on the morning of May 16, 2014, with *plenary sessions* dedicated to the anniversary of 55 years of Academic Geography at the West University of Timisoara.

II. The conference will continue in the afternoon of May 16, 2014 with *specialized workshops* as follows:

1. Critical toponymy, collective memory and spatial identity (resp. R. Crețan)
2. Interdisciplinarity in geomorphological research (resp. P. Urdea)
3. New trends in territorial regeneration strategies – between spatial justice and economic reason. Local answers to the consequences of globalisation (resp. C. Ancuța)
4. Is tourism a viable solution for local and regional sustainable development? (resp. M. Olaru)
5. Geographical informational systems and remote sensing: concepts, methods and applications (resp. M. Torok, L. Drăguț)
6. Human society between pollution, natural or anthropogenic hazards and associated risks (resp. M. Voiculescu)
7. The Dialogue between the demographic system and the economic system: influences, similarities, challenges (resp. C. Vert)
8. Sustainable cities (resp. S. Voiculescu)
9. Political territories, territorial policies, limits: more competitiveness or cohesion in the sustainable development of the European space (resp. N. Popa)
10. New geographies and the Romanian geographic curriculum: the reconsideration of the place and role of Geography in the Romanian educational system (resp. S. Jucu, R. Ivan)

Conference languages: Romanian, English, French
III. Field trips: May 17, 2014:

Route 1: Timișoara – Bela Crkva – Belgrad – Vršac – Timișoara
Route 2: Timișoara – Băile Herculane – Defileul Dunării – Timișoara

Participation fee:

40 euro/participant, by February 20, 2014
60 euro/participant, between February 21 and March 15, 2014
80 euro/participant, between March 16 and April 10, 2014

(Covering editing of conference materials, translation during conference, coffee breaks and festive dinners)

Note:

One author may participate with only two papers, as single author or co-authors.

Publishing of the works:
The papers full length may be published in the scientific journals edited by the Department of Geography *, at the West University Publishing House after the evaluation of the articles by national and international scientific referees.

*Our scientific journals: Geographica Timiensiensis (indexed IDB); The Annals of the West University of Timișoara, Geography Series; Review of Historical Geography and Toponomastics.

The mailing related to the registration of the participants will be sent exclusively to: Geographyat55@cbg.uvt.ro

Key dates to remember:

Participants’ registrations with works (title, author/authors, abstract): by April 10, 2014
First circular: December 10, 2013, repeated in January 15, 2014
Second circular: February 15, 2014
Third circular: April 1, 2014
Final programme for the Conference: May 1st, 2014

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Other details will be sent to you by circulars I, II, and III or will be found on the web-page of the Department of Geography of UVT at: http://www.geografie.uvt.ro/

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We are looking forward to see you in Timișoara!