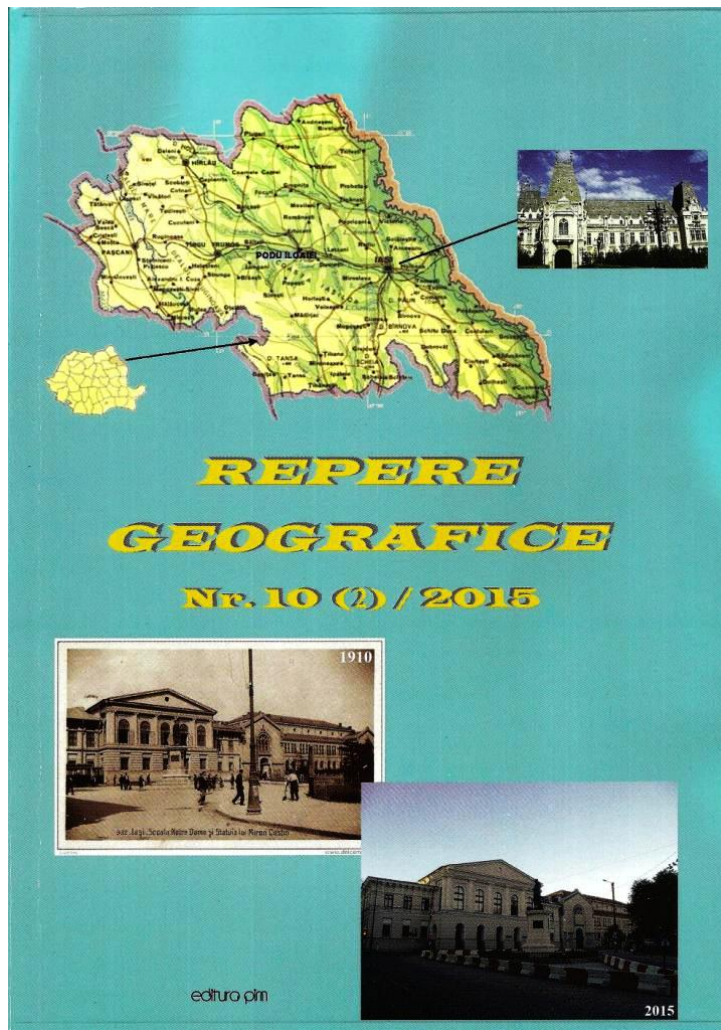


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The first volume of “the geography teachers of Iași County” as it was initially called the *Geographical Landmarks* was published in 2003 by Spiru Haret Publishing House of the Teachers’ House under the auspices of Iași County School Inspectorate. Comprising a 35 pages table of contents, A<sub>4</sub> paper format, the volume aimed at covering the scientific and teaching needs of the pre-university education, including the presentation of the activities introduced by the teachers’ meetings. The Editorial Board was made up of Prof. Fiscutean Dorin (inspector), Chifu Cecilia (editor-in-chief) and Steva Doina (editor). Subsequently, the volume turned into a biannual issue (2005-2007).

Volume 2 was published in 2005, 38 pages, A<sub>4</sub> paper format, with a print run of 50 copies and the following editorial board: Ipate Dan Emil – editor-in-chief, Stratulat Liliana – school inspector and Gherasim Constantin – editor. Since this number, the volume was published under the auspices of The Romanian Geographical Society – Iași Branch, thanks to its vice-president’s support, Dănuț Emil Ipate.

Volume 3 was published in 2007 (35 pages, with a print run of 60 copies) and its editorial board made of: Ipate Dănuț Emil (editor-in-chief), Liliana Stratulat (editor) and Negrea-Văcărița Margareta (editing). In 2008, volume 4 (64 pages, with a print run of 60 copies) had the following editorial board: Ipate Emil Dan (editor-in-chief), Lesenciuc Mihaela (school inspector at Iași County School Inspectorate) and Stratulat Liliana (coordinators). Volume 5 was published in 2009 (59 pages, print run of 45

copies) by the editorial board: Ipate Emil Dan (editor-in-chief and graphics), Țircă Cristinel (inspector at Iași County School Inspectorate), Mateiciuc Oana and Stoica Aura – proofreaders (revised issue by Paraschiv Viorel, in December 2012). Volume 6 was published in 2010 (73 pages and a print run of 60 copies) by the editorial board made of: Ipate Emil Dan (editor-in-chief and graphics), Stratulat Liliana (consultant editor), Gheorghe Constantin (inspector at Iași County School Inspectorate), Mateiciuc Oana and Hoțoleanu Dorina (proofreading editors). Volume 7 was published in 2012 (75 pages, a print run of 60 copies) under the editorial board of: Ipate Emil Dan (coordinator and editor), Lesenciuc Mihaela (inspector at Iași County School Inspectorate), Stratulat Liliana (consultant editor), and Mateiciuc Oana (proofreading editor).

Volume 8 / 2013 (212 pages, print of 250 copies) was printed at PIM Iași Publishing House. The A<sub>4</sub> paper format was replaced with B<sub>5</sub> paper size by a new editorial board and a modern scientific approach, as well as by inviting several geographical scholars to join the Scientific Board set up at the editors' suggestion. The new board proposed the issue to become biannual (March and September). The main objectives of this newly made editorial board were aimed at: providing the continuity of the volume's publication through a successful managerial up-date; increasing domestic and international visibility; the valorisation at a higher level of the local scientific environment, by attracting the young graduates for scientific and teaching research; diversification of topics for better visibility and attractiveness; respect for professional teaching ethics specific to the written word.

Since 2013, the *Editorial Board* was made up of volunteering teachers: dr. Albăstroi Elena-Simona – “Petru Rareș” Technological High School of Tg. Frumos, and the Economic Technological High School of Tourism, Iași (since 2016), Ghiurco Anca-Mihaela – Physical Education High School, Iași (until 2016), Ipate Emil-Dănuț – “Radu Cernătescu” Technological High School, Iași, dr. Paraschiv Viorel – The Economic Technological High School of Tourism, Iași, dr. Răduianu Ionel-Daniel – “Vasile Lupu” Pedagogical High School, Iași, dr. Șipoteanu Anca-Iuliana – The Technological High School of Mecatronics and Automation, Iași and The National College, Iași, dr. Voicu Cristina-Georgiana – “Titu Maiorescu” High School, Iași (since 2017); Paraschiv Viorel – coordinating editor; Ipate Dănuț-Emil – editorial secretary. Joint contributions have also been made by Lesenciuc Mihaela, Mateiciuc Oana, Iancu Gabriela and Ifteme Ciprian.

The first Scientific Board was completed and changed over time, thus currently consisting of: Hon. Prof. Dr. *Liviu Apostol* – Al. I. Cuza University of Iași, Faculty of Geography and Geology; Hon. Prof. Dr. *Vasile Surd* – Babeș-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca, Faculty of Geography; Prof. Dr. *Constantin Cucuș* – Al. I. Cuza University of Iași, Faculty of Educational Sciences and Psychology – Teacher Training Department Director; Prof. dr. *Veronica Andoni-Hrițcu* – The National University of Cernăuți, Faculty of Geography; Prof. dr. *Eugen Rusu* – Al. I. Cuza University of Iași, Faculty of Geography and Geology; Prof. dr. *Petru Urdea* – West University of Timișoara, Faculty of Chemistry, Biology, Geography – Department of Geography; Prof. dr. *Silviu Costăchie* – University of Bucharest / Secretary General of AGUR; Assoc. Prof. dr. *Gheorghe Niculiță* – Ion Creangă State Pedagogical University of Chișinău – the president of Gh. Năstase Geographical Society of the Republic of Moldova; Assoc. Prof. dr. *Elena*

*Sochircă* – University of Tiraspol (Republic of Moldova), Chişinău Headquarters, Faculty of Geography; Scientific researcher dr. *Cătălina Mărculeţ* - The Institute of Geography of the Romanian Academy, Bucharest; Lecturer dr. *Mădălina Andrei* – Hyperion University of Bucharest, Faculty of Geography; Lecturer dr. *Vasile Budui* – Ştefan cel Mare University of Suceava, Faculty of Geography and History; Lecturer dr. *Daniela Larion* – Al. Ioan Cuza University of Iaşi, Faculty of Geography and Geology; Lecturer dr. *Marius-Claudiu Oancea* – Aurel Vlaicu University of Arad, teacher at Sebiş Theoretical High School, Arad county; High degree Lecturer *Serafima Roşcovan*, The Institute of Educational Sciences, Chişinău – The Republic of Moldova; Dr. *Adrian Covăşnianu* – CUGUAT-TIGRIS Research Center – Al. I. Cuza University of Iaşi, geographer at SC Pro - Activ Consulting SRL, Iaşi – SGR Iaşi Branch; Dr. *Ion Andronache* - University of Bucharest / teacher at "Constantin Brâncoveanu" Technological High School Brăila; Dr. *Nicolae Damian* – director and teacher at Pufeşti High School, Vrancea county; Dr. *Mihaela Lesenciuc* – Iaşi County School Inspectorate, professor at the National School "Emil Racoviţă" Iaşi; Dr. *Viorel Paraschiv* – teacher at The Economic Technological High School of Tourism, Iasi; Dr. *Ionel-Daniel Răduianu* – teacher at Vasile Lupu Pedagogical High School, Iaşi; Dr. *Lucian Şerban* – Bacău County School Inspectorate, teacher at Gh. Vranceanu National College, Bacău.

Since 2015, the National Library has been asked to modify the ISSN so that the volume can also be available in electronic format, thus having the following serials *ISSN 2393 - 1271* and *ISSN – L 1583 - 5286*.

Volume 10 (issue 2) / 2015 was dedicated to the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Romanian Geographical Society (R.G.S.) foundation followed by its branches opened in Iaşi and Craiova. Volume 11 (issue 1) / 2016 was dedicated to the 80<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Prof. dr. Ion Bojoi.

Starting with volume 12 (issue 2) / 2017, the volume had three permanent correspondents: *Marcel Balaban* – teacher in London (UK), member of RGS – Iaşi Branch; *Viorica-Mihaela Livingston* – South Carolina (USA) teacher, member of RGS – Iaşi Branch; *Constantin Păuleţ* – The Romanian Consulate in Bologna, Italy. Starting with the current issue the volume was only published as open-access on the Romanian Geographical Society, Iaşi Branch website and on Revista „Repere Geografice” / “Geographical Landmarks” Facebook social media group discussion dedicated to it.

Volume 13 (issue 1) / 2018 was dedicated to Prof. dr. Gheorghe I. Năstase (1896-1985) – the unionist geographer on the occasion of Romania's Great Union Centenar. Published in December 2018 and comprising 146 pages, issue 13 (2) was dedicated to the memory of the geography teachers who participated at the foundation of Greater Romania in 1918, many of them becoming victims of the Communist political regime after 1945. Published in June 2019, volume 14 (issue 1) had a content of 202 pages. Volume 14 (issue 2) of December 2019 will be published together with volume 15 (issue 1) in June 2020, celebrating 145 years since the foundation of The Romanian Geographical Society and the National Conference of R.G.S. to be held in Iaşi, 3-5 September 2020. In November 2019, the coordinating editor proposed academician (m.c.A.) Alexandru Ungureanu as honorary chairman to the Editorial Board, the proposal being passed unanimously. Between 2014 and 2019, the honorary president position of the editorial board was provided by Hon. Prof. Dr. Ioan Donisă.

Today, thanks to the efforts of editing the first issues (2-6) undertaken by Professor Viorel Paraschiv, the volume can be read on Revista „Repere Geografice” / Geographical Landmarks Facebook social media group discussion (2014) as well as on <http://sgr-iasi.ro> website. Volume 1 was scanned by Prof. Dr. Daniel-Ionel Răduianu, member of the editorial board. In Table 1, we present the articles in *Repere geografice / Geographical Landmarks* grouped by topic.

**Table 1.** Presentation of articles in *Repere geografice / Geographical Landmarks* by topics

Number Index	year	pages	NUMBER OF ARTICLES				
			Didactics of geography	Psycho-pedagogical research	Scientific	Other	Total
1	2003	35	6	1	3	14	24
2	2005	38	4	-	5	8	17
3	2007	35	3	-	4	5	12
4	2008	64	5	-	10	5	20
5	2009	59	6	-	6	12	24
6	2010	73	8	-	8	8	24
7	2012	75	4	-	7	6	16
8	2013	212	15	1	12	25	53
9 (1)	2014	266	12	-	18	27	57
9 (2)		190	8	1	12	17	38
10 (1)	2015	275	7	-	18	10	35
10 (2)		209	9	-	8	20	37
11 (1)	2016	184	5	-	8	19	32
11 (2)		124	5	-	6	9	20
12 (1)	2017	215	7	-	9	19	35
12 (2)		202	6	-	7	18	33
13 (1)	2018	125	7	-	7	9	2. 3
13 (2)		146	4	-	7	13	24
14 (1)	2019	201	4	-	8	14	26

Over these 15 years since the first issue had been published in 2003, the volume has been improved both quantitatively and qualitatively, valorising and popularizing the geographical studies and teaching research of the Romanian teachers living inside and outside the current borders, thus becoming an important landmark and an extremely active and appreciated presence in the local, regional, national and international geographic environment.

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