



CONFERINȚĂ INTERNAȚIONALĂ/INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
**TENDINȚE ACTUALE ÎN PREDAREA ȘI ÎNVĂȚAREA GEOGRAFIEI**  
**CONTEMPORARY TRENDS IN TEACHING AND LEARNING GEOGRAPHY**

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**Important dates**

5<sup>th</sup> September 2015 Deadline for registration of participants by email.

Payment of the conference fee

24<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> October 2015 Conference

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**Aim of the conference:** The aim of this international conference is to promote best practice in teaching and learning Geography. This conference offers specialists and practitioners within the educational system both the possibility of sharing their best practice experience in teaching for an active learning, and that of analysing the features of teaching and learning focusing on the development of critical thinking abilities. The conference is open to practitioners and researchers from the pre-university and university systems of education, interested in realising quality interactive teaching activities.

**Conference languages:** Romanian and English.

### **Publication of the conference proceedings**

The proceedings will be published in a volume. Articles will be accepted and published according to the evaluation of at least two referees. The languages of the volume will be the languages of the conference.

### **Conference fee:**

250 Euros for participants outside Romania. **The fee covers the conference materials (including the conference volume, the Diploma of participation), accommodation, coffee breaks, lunches and social dinner, guided city tour or visit to Turda Salt Mine.**

N.B.! The name of the participant will be included in the conference program only if the payment of the fee is done until the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2015 in an account no. which we send the participants immediately after acceptance of paper registration.

Cancellation policy: cancellations received before October 1<sup>st</sup> are eligible for a 50% refund of the conference fee. No refunds can be made after that.

### **Submission guidelines:**

Abstracts (no more than 150 words) should be included in the registration form in the attached file. Please return completed form to [didacticageografie@yahoo.com](mailto:didacticageografie@yahoo.com). At this address you may receive more information on the elaboration and presentation of the papers, as well as answers to your questions regarding lodging and meals. We accept maximum 2 papers with the same main author or single author.

### **General information**

The conference will be held in the city of Cluj-Napoca, which can be reached by plane. Cluj-Napoca is a medieval town in the heart of Transylvania. Participants in the conference may enjoy visiting the old churches (the Gothic Church of St. Michael; the Matthias Corvinus House, which hosts an ethnographic museum, a 15<sup>th</sup>-century Reformed church, etc.). Visitors can also spend quality time at the theatres and operas in town, art and history museums, movie theatres, restaurants and pubs. The weather in October is generally warm for autumn, with temperatures above 0 degrees Celsius.

### **Topics of interest**

1. Making university education more efficient
2. Quality teaching of Geography in high schools
3. Efficient learning methods and techniques of Geography in secondary schools
4. Learning Geography in the primary grades
5. Learning about environment in the kindergarten
6. Using ICT (information and communication technology) for teaching and learning Geography
7. Education through Geography
8. Developing skills through learning Geography
9. Field work and Geography
10. Assessment of the learning process and of its results

### **Types of sessions**

- Paper presentation (30 minutes)
- Geographic research with students (30 minutes)
- Workshop (45 minutes)
- Roundtable discussions (45 minutes)
- Presentation of educational products (30 minutes)

### **Conference programme**

#### **Saturday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2015**

- 8.00 – 9.00 hrs: Registration
- 9.00 – 9.30 hrs: Welcome to the conference
- 9.30 – 11.00 hrs: Plenary presentations
- 11.00 – 11.30 hrs – Coffee break
- 11.30 – 12.00 hrs: Book presentation session
- 12.00 – 13.30 hrs: Paper presentations and workshops
- 13.30 – 15.00 hrs – Lunch
- 15.00 – 17.00 hrs: Paper presentations and workshops
- 17.00 – 17.30 hrs – Coffee break
- 17.30 – 19.30 hrs: Paper presentations and workshops
- 20.00 hrs – Dinner

#### **Sunday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2015**

- 9.00 – 15.00 hrs: Paper presentations and workshops (11.00 – 11.30 hrs - Coffee break)
- 15.00 hrs: Conference ends. Conclusions
- Turda Salt Mine (<http://salinaturda.eu/>) or Cluj-Napoca city tour