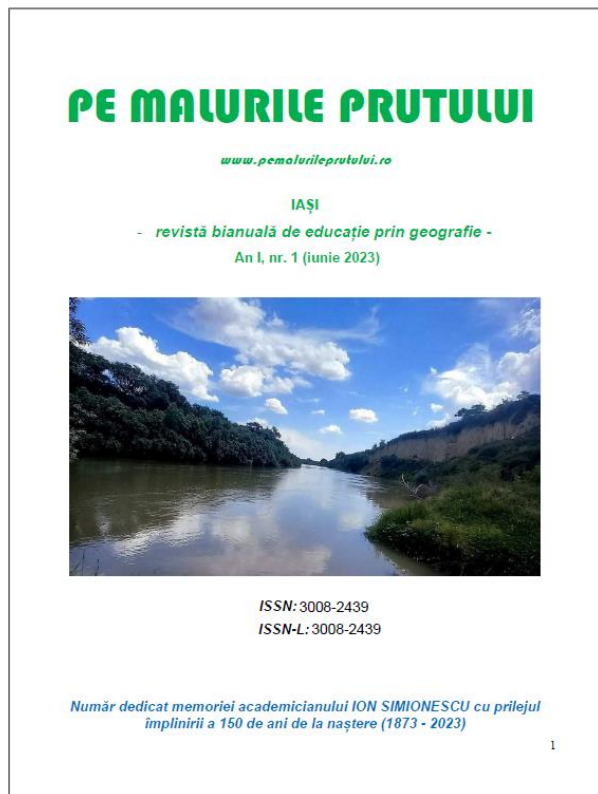


Journal Review

"ON THE BANKS OF THE PRUT". Biannual Magazine of Education through Geography, I (1). The "Gheorghe I. Năstase" Geographical Society



The magazine was founded in December 2022 by Viorel Paraschiv and Gheorghe Niculița. The publisher of the magazine is the "Gheorghe I. Năstase" Geographical Society, based in Iași, Romania. The editorial team is located in Iași, Chișinău, and Chernivtsi. It has correspondents, researchers, and Romanian teachers working in other countries (the United Kingdom, Canada, Poland, Italy).

The scientific committee includes professors, associate professors, and university lecturers in the field of geography from universities in Romania (West University of Timișoara, "Babeș – Bolyai" University of Cluj Napoca, "Ștefan cel Mare" University of Suceava, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iași), from the Republic of Moldova ("Ion Creangă" State Pedagogical University of Chișinău, Moldova State University of Chișinău), and from Ukraine ("Yuriy Fedkovych" National University of Chernivtsi), researchers (Institute of Ecology and Geography of Moldova State University, Chișinău, Institute of Geography of

the Romanian Academy in Bucharest), geography teachers from pre-university education with doctorates in geography, and a geographer, sustainable development expert from S.C. "GeoArtis" SRL Iași.

The journal includes five categories of papers: "Tributes. Anniversaries", "Geographical Research", "Geography Teaching. Pedagogical Research. Educational Projects", "Geographical Scientific Events", and "Reviews. Notes". This approach allows the magazine to pay respect and appreciation to Romanian geographers who have contributed to the development of geography as a science. It presents current research in geography and geography teaching, educational projects, scientific geographical events, and geographical works published in Romania.

Reading the works published in the "I. Tributes. Anniversaries" section allows the reader to take a journey into the past by revealing moments from the lives of notable personalities, their work, and the mentoring role they played in the careers of geographers who have gained national and worldwide recognition for their contributions. The narrative texts included in this section are relevant to the oral history of the development of geography over time. It is commendable that the magazine's editorial team highlights the achievements and contributions of geography teachers from pre-university education in the understanding of geographical spaces and in shaping students' knowledge of geography as future citizens.

The second part of the magazine, "Geographical Research", includes studies on various topics. The published works demonstrate the diversity of Romanian professors' interests in conducting research in geographical sciences. There is a marked interest in the tourism potential of

certain places, in different types of landscapes, in traditions and customs, in environmental protection, and in local history and geography.

The third part of the magazine, "Geography Teaching. Pedagogical Research", includes observational studies, for example, about the characteristics of education in specific regions of Romania. Most studies are applied, empirical, and descriptive, offering valuable examples of experiences that highlight good practices, such as the interdisciplinary approach to learning subjects. There is noticeable attention given by teachers to illustrating methods of developing competencies and sharing experiences from Erasmus projects.

The fourth part of the magazine, "Geographical Scientific Events", is dedicated to events held in Romania and the Republic of Moldova, in universities and other institutions, covering geographical topics and bringing together geographers from various countries. National and international scientific conferences, symposia, and seminars are presented. The fifth part of the magazine, "Reviews. Notes", is dedicated to presenting books published in Romanian by various publishers from Romania and the Republic of Moldova.

In conclusion, we appreciate the magazine for its role in uniting geographical communities, mainly from three countries (Romania, the Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine), presenting the interests and achievements of geographers, both from current and previous generations. The magazine offers an overview of the geographical community and geography as a science, reflecting its past, present, and allowing a glimpse into the future.

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