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# **IGU CONFERENCE ON HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: CHANGES, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD**

**13th-16th June, 2023, Bucharest, Romania**

**Organised by:**

**Faculty of Geography, University of Bucharest  
Institute of Geography, Romanian Academy**

**Under the auspices of:**

**The International Geographical Union (IGU)**

- **Health and the Environment Commission**
- **Land Use/Land Cover Change Commission**
- **Local and Regional Development Commission**

**& Romanian National Committee of Geography**

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# About

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We are pleased to announce and launch a warm invitation to attend the soon forthcoming IGU scientific event addressing critical issues related to health and healthcare, environmental changes and sustainable development after the covid-19 pandemic. Three IGU Commissions: **Health and Environment Commission, Land Use/Land Cover Change Commission and the Local and Regional Development Commission**, will organize this event held between **13 to 16 June 2023** in **Bucharest and Danube Delta, Romania**.

The conference aims to address a wide diversity of approaches and topics related to the geography of health and healthcare, theoretical and methodological perspectives on land use and environmental changes and impacts on local and regional development. It aims to explore the direct or indirect impacts of covid-19 on population health, healthcare and well-being, both negative or positive effects of the pandemic on the environment and land use, COVID-19 economic recovery measures and potential strategies for longer-term resilience and sustainable development.

The scientific event is intended for researchers, post-doctoral fellows, graduate students and practitioners in geography, public health, environment, territorial planning, and other related fields.

## **Main themes:**

- Environmental Changes and Human Health: Vulnerabilities, Impacts and Inequalities
- Health, Wellbeing and Sustainable Development in Urban and Rural Areas: facing the Challenges of Covid-19
- Public Health & Healthcare Systems after Pandemic: Changes, Challenges and Opportunities
- Health Systems Responsiveness to the Changing Social and Natural Environment
- Socio-economic Disparities, Local and Regional Development in the Post-Covid Era.
- Land Use/Cover Change and Land Degradation
- Land Use/Cover Change Driving Forces and Impacts
- Applications of Land Use/Cover Change and Impacts at Various Spatial Scales
- Cross-border Cooperation, Peripheral Areas and Neighbourhood Policies
- Territorial competitiveness, Cohesion and Sustainability

Submissions of abstracts for oral presentations and posters addressing these issues as well as other issues related to theoretical, empirical, methodological or epistemological aspects of health geographies, environmental and land use changes, local and regional development challenges are welcomed.

We invite as well submissions from both those working within and outside of geography as a discipline.

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# Abstract & Registration fee

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Abstract with approx. 250 words in English should be submitted before April 20<sup>th</sup> 2023 via conference website. **More details available at:** <https://igu2020.com>

Notification of acceptance will be sent out by **April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023**.

**Registration fee (to be paid by May 20<sup>th</sup> 2023):**

<b>OPTION 1</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>OPTION 2</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>1 day conference – Bucharest &amp; Bucharest guided tour</b>	<b>50 euro</b> (250 lei)	<b>1 day conference &amp; fieldtrip-Danube Delta &amp; Dobrogea Region</b>	<b>350 euro</b> (1700 lei)
<b>Fee includes:</b> - Conference materials, 2 coffee breaks, lunch, half day guided tour Bucharest		<b>Fee includes:</b> - Conference materials, 2 coffee breaks, lunch, conference dinner, half day guided tour in Bucharest;  - Fieldtrip (June <b>14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 2023</b> ) to the Danube Delta & Dobrogea Region (organized transfer from/to Bucharest, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, boat trip).	
Not included: - Conference dinner ( <b>optional</b> )	<b>30 euro</b> (150 lei)	Not included: - Accommodation in Tulcea-Hotel Delta (2 nights) – see accommodation options	

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## Publication opportunities:

Papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication in:

### Special issue MDPI –Land -TBA

- **Human Geographies, Journal of Studies & Researches in Human Geographies**  
[www.humangeographies.org.ro](http://www.humangeographies.org.ro)
- **Romanian Journal of Geography- Romanian Academy**  
[http://www.rjgeo.ro/editorial\\_board.html](http://www.rjgeo.ro/editorial_board.html)

# Conference Venue & Accommodation

BUCHAREST - Romanian Academy, 125 Calea Victoriei/Or  
Faculty of Geography/Blv. Nicolae Balcescu 1 (information on location)

Access to Bucharest from “Henri Coandă” International Airport

- by taxi – about 45’ (10-12 euro)
- by Airport Express (783) – about 45’- 1h (2 euro)

## Accommodation in Bucharest

### 1. Hotel Duke (4\*) official tariffs

- Address: Bulevardul Dacia no 33, Sector 1, Bucharest
- <https://hotelduke.ro/en/>
- Single/double – from 46 euro/night standard room (228 lei)

### 2. Golden Tulip Victoria Bucharest Hotel (4\*) official tariffs

- Address: Calea Victoriei no. 166, Bucharest 010096
- <https://www.goldentulip.com/fr-fr/nos-hotels/roumanie/>
- Single/double – from 61 euro/night standard room (305 lei)

### 3. Hotel Moxa (4\*) official tariffs

- Address: Calea Victoriei no. 129, Sector 1, Bucharest
- <https://hotelmoxa.com/standard-room/>
- Single/double – from 69 euro/night standard room (345 lei)

### 4. Hotel Capitol (4\*) official tariffs

- Address: Calea Victoriei no. 29, Sector 1, Bucharest
- <https://hotelcapitol.ro/single/>
- Single room –from 72-euro/ night standard room (360 lei)

### 4. Academica University hotel

- Address: Mihail Kogălniceanu Bvd. no. 36-46, sector 5, Bucharest
- <https://unibuc.ro/despre-ub/recreere-si-timp-liber/academica-hotel/?lang=en>
- Single room – 22 euro/night/person (110 lei) Double room – 17 euro/night/person (85 lei)
- Triple room – 13 euro/night/person (65 lei)
- **Single/double – free of charge for a number of participants/only by request (supported by the Faculty of Geography) – please contact the conference secretariat. No breakfast**

### 5. University Hotel Gaudeamus – 50% off

- Address: Șoseaua Panduri, no. 90, Sector 5, Bucharest
- <https://unibuc.ro/despre-ub/recreere-si-timp-liber/gaudeamus-hotel/?lang=en>
- Single room – 26 euro/night/room (130 lei); Double room – 35 euro/night/room (175 lei)
- **Single/double – 50% off per night, for teachers and students/ only by request – please contact the conference secretariat. No breakfast**

## Accommodation in Tulcea-14-16th June 2023

Hotel Delta (2 nights) -Special tariffs/according to preferences

Address: Tulcea, 2 Isacpei Street <https://www.hoteldelta.eu/hotel-delta-4>

Accommodation	Single room	Double room
Hotel Delta 3*	45 euro/night	65 euro/night
Hotel Delta 4*	55 euro /night	72 euro /night

## Conference preliminary programme:

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Day 1: 13th of June Bucharest		Day 2 : 14th of June Bucharest & Tulcea		Day 3 : 15th of June Tulcea & Danube Delta		Day 4 : 16th of June Tulcea & Constanta Bucharest	
Time		Time		Time		Time	
8.30-9.30:	Registration	9.00-13.30:	Guided Tour Bucharest	9.00-18.00	Day Fieldtrip Danube Delta (Boat trip)	8.30-	Back to Bucharest via Constanta/ Black Sea Coast
9.30-10.30	Welcome and introduction						
10.30-11.00	Coffee break						
11.00-12.45	Plenary sessions & discussions						
12.45 - 14.30	- Lunch	Lunch Bucharest					
14.30-15.30	Thematic sessions	14.30 - 17.00:	Departure to Tulcea Accommodation Hotel Delta				
15.30-16.00	Coffee break						
16.00-18.30	Thematic sessions						
19.00	Dinner	19.00:	Dinner Hotel Delta	19.30	Dinner Hotel Delta	18 .00	Arriving Bucharest

More details available at: <https://iguche2020.com>

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