



SURE Chapter report 2018/2019 – Chapter South-East Europe

1) 10th Anniversary Workshop of Society for Urban Ecology – The Challenging Urban Nature and Nature’S Role in URban ChallEnges in Bucharest, 5-8 September, 2019

The workshop aimed to cover topics related to the use of nature in facing urban challenges, including the application of nature-based solutions, planning for eco, smart, resilient and sustainable cities and environmental conflicts involving green and protected areas. 28 researcher and students participated from 8 countries (Romania, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Turkey, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Russia, Poland). The workshop started with the presentation of the most important results of Society for Urban Ecology, related with organised events (SURE Congress, symposium, workshops, summer schools), supporting projects, interships, common papers. The president of Society for Urban Ecology, Prof. Jürgen Breuste presented the new SURE book.

The workshop was part of the ECOSMART 2019 – International Conference – Environment at a Crossroads: SMART approaches for a sustainable future and was organized by the Centre for Environmental Research and Impact Studies, Faculty of Geography – University of Bucharest and the Society for Urban Ecology – South East Europe Chapter

10th SURE Anniversary Workshop in Bucharest

(picture provided by Cristian Ioja)





- 2) National Symposium of Geography Students – University of Bucharest, March 30-31, 2019:**
80 bachelor and master students in Geography participated at this event. The Society for Urban Ecology special award was given to Paraschiv Monica from the University of Bucharest with a paper on the ecology of an urban district from Oltenita city.

**Winner of the Society for Urban Ecology special award –
Paraschiv Monica**
(picture provided by Cristian Ioja)



3) Research and teaching exchange support for SURE members:

- SURE member Prof. Andrzej Mizgajski (University Poznan, Poland), visited University of Bucharest, Faculty of Geography, invited by SURE treasurer Prof. Cristian Ioja.
- SURE president Prof. Jürgen Breuste (University Salzburg, Austria), visited the Centre for Environmental Research and Impact Studies, University Bucharest, Romania, invited by SURE treasurer Prof. Cristian Ioja.
- SURE member Dr. Martina Artmann (IOER Dresden, Germany) visited University of Bucharest, Faculty of Geography, invited by SURE treasurer Prof. Cristian Ioja.
- SURE member Luis Inostroza (University of Bochum) visited University of Bucharest, Faculty of Geography, invited by SURE treasurer Prof. Cristian Ioja at the Centre for Environmental Research and Impact Studies, University Bucharest, Romania.

All the above visits were used mainly for research exchange, field trips in and around Bucharest and teaching exchange contributing to the master study modules on “Multicriteria Environmental Assessment” and “Environmental Policies for Sustainable Development”.



4) Common paper with SURE members

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