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Geomorphosites constitute a recent topic of research for scientists, more exactly since 1993. In 2001, a research group on this field, part of the International Association of Geomorphologists was formed. It constantly had among its preoccupations to define the theoretical and methodological framework for the study of geomorphosites. Therefore several books and articles within international reviews were published and seminars were organized on this topic.

The publication to which we would like to draw your attention is the first synthesis on this theme. It appeared in 2009 and represents a collective, updated work of a great both theoretical and practical importance for the study of geomorphosites. Thus each chapter is signed by reference authors for this field who establish guiding lines for their study and for their valuing through geotourism.

The first part of the book contains the definition of geomorphosites, the evolution of the studies dedicated to them and of their integration in landscape and in the cultural geomorphology as well as the place of this domain within the system of geomorphologic sciences.

The second part is the most generous being divided in several subchapters dedicated to: the evaluation of geomorphosites, the methods for studying them and their mapping. It impresses by the great number of bibliographic references and through numerous examples of geomorphosites mapping.

The third part refers to the protection and the promotion of geomorphosites. It is exemplified thus the way in which geomorphosites are included in geoparks and the fact that many of them were inscribed on the UNESCO heritage list.

The last chapter of the book presents examples of specific types of geomorphosites (within areas sensitive to natural hazards, volcanic, karst or submergent phenomena etc.). At the same time the way in which geomorphosites subscribe the analysis of territorial paleoevolution is emphasized.

This work, of a real value, is one of the first introducing this topic in the geomorphology literature. It addresses the specialists on the field and outstands through suggestive maps and photos that accompany the text.

The book "Geomorphosites" proposed itself and managed to reach two important objectives, namely to synthesize the researches on the field (including to select definitions and to emphasize the methodology for geomorphosites study) and at the same time to be a starting point for further researches.

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