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**ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE FACULTY OF GEOGRAPHY,
GEOGRAPHICAL PERSPECTIVES ON GLOBAL CHANGES,
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On November 18-19, 2022, the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology of the Faculty of Geography of the University of Bucharest held the international conference "Geographical Perspectives on Global Changes".

The conference was opened with speeches made by Prof. Dr. Marian Preda, rector of the University of Bucharest, Prof. Dr. Alexandru Nedelea, dean of the Faculty of Geography, and As. Prof. Dr. Adrian Tişcovschi, director of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology. The opening was followed by a ceremony during which the title of Professor Honoris Causa of the University of Bucharest was awarded to Prof. Dr. William S. Keeton, Rubenstein School of Environment & Natural Resources, Vermont University, USA.

The event brought together national and international professors and researchers, and covered a wide range of topics mainly focused on human society, which is already experiencing climate change, a change that is much faster than those recorded in the Earth's geological history, before the Anthropocene. In this setting, professors and scientific researchers, together with master and doctoral students, presented their ideas and geographical studies on the impact climate has on natural and human systems, while highlighting the importance of generating and transferring scientific knowledge, as rapidly and efficiently as possible, so that society can plan ahead and ensure a sustainable socio-economic development, given the new status quo.

Moreover, for first-year students of the "Simion Mehedinți" Doctoral School, a special communications session was held – "My thesis in three minutes". The enthusiasm and commitment shown by the BSc, MSc and PhD students who attended this scientific event confirms the interest young people have in geography, in their training, and in the way earth sciences are perceived by the geographical community.

The 81 communications tackled various topics such as climate change, landscape transformations, geomorphic, demographic and social processes, as well as trends in teaching geography. Interventions were made by specialists from both Romanian (Bucharest, Iasi, Cluj Napoca, Brașov, Ploiești, Constanța, Târgoviște, Suceava) and international (Vermont, Vienna, Krakow, Oslo, M'sila) university centers. All presentations impressed with their variety, quality, originality, and the modern methods used (GIS, remote sensing, statistics, modeling, etc.).

Conference sessions were grouped around the following main themes:

- Monitoring the weather and climate to reduce their impacts and effects
- Water – Society – Environment
- Applied geomorphology
- GIS, remote sensing and geotechnology
- Challenges of Environment and Human Dimension
- Recent Dynamics and Challenges of Territorial, Economic and Social Processes
- Teaching Geography between tradition and modernity
- Research challenges in a changing world – PhD Students Scientific Session.



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