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DE GEOGRAFIE
LA UNIVERSITATEA DIN ORADEA
(1964 - 2014)
COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF EARTH SCIENCES
(NOWADAYS DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES) OF
MODENA AND REGGIO EMILIA UNIVERSITY (ITALY) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
GEOGRAPHY, TOURISM AND TERRITORIAL PLANNING OF ORADEA UNIVERSITY

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As the collaboration between the Department of Earth Sciences (nowadays Department of Chemical and Geological Sciences) of Modena and Reggio Emilia University (Unimore) and the Department of Geography of Oradea University (Uoradea) has a path longer than one decades which has been developed in the didactic field as well as in the research field, the following notes cannot be more than a synthetic description of it.

Figura 1. Profesorul Doriano Castaldini, în momentul decernării titlului de Doctor Honoris Causa al Universităţii din Oradea în 27.11.2009

The effective collaboration started after the 3rd Romanian – Italian workshop organized by Professor Nicolae Josan and his collaborators, which was held at Oradea-Baile Felix on July 1998. In particular, the Romanian - Italian workshops have been a great opportunity to establish officially and to strengthen the relationships between Romanian and Italian geomorphologists. From the 8th workshop held in Camerino and Modena (Italy) in 2003, the participation was extended to geomorphologists of French and Belgium and since 2008 to geomorphologists of Greece. The more recent joint meeting (the 17th), has been held in Liege (Belgium) in June-July 2014 between the Geomorphological Associations of Romania, Italy, Belgium France and Greece. It can be stated that Prof. Nicolae Josan largely contributed to put the seeds for the growing of cooperation between the geomorphologists of these nations.

Going back to the collaboration between Unimore and Uoradea, the first step has been the signature in 2000 of an agreement within the framework of the Erasmus Programme (at that time named “Socrates Erasmus”, later “Long Learning Programme Erasmus” and nowadays “Erasmus Plus”) for the exchanging of students and researchers of the two Universities. Several students and researchers of both Universities applied to the Erasmus Programme, which included field trips (Fig. 1).

In the 2000 was also established an agreement of cultural and scientific cooperation between the two Universities.

In following years, the incoming of students to Unimore from Uoradea occurred also within the framework of a Leonardo Da Vinci Programme; the study area of the Romanian master students was the Modena Apennines (Fig. 2).
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The hereby also published the results of his studies in Uoradea journals such as Analele Universitatii din Oradea, Seria Geografie-Geomorfologie and GeoJournal of Tourism and Geosites of which is (see references from 17 to 23); in these journal he is member of the Scientific Committee and Associate Editor respectively.

Moreover the hereby did get the great honor of the conferment of Title of Doctor Honoris Causa in Geography and Geomorphology from Uoradea in 2009 (fig.1).

I wish and I hope that the fruitful collaboration between Unimore and Uoradea can continue in the future in all the fields of the University activities.
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