

**THE VITH NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF
THE ROMANIAN SOCIETY OF PALAEONTOLOGISTS**

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The VIth National Symposium of the Romanian Society of Palaeontologists took place in Iași, hosted by the Department of Geology-Palaeontology from the Faculty of Geograpy and Geology, University “Al.I. Cuza”, and organized by the Romanian Society of Palaeontologists (RSP), as proof of appreciation for the palaeontological scientific activity proceeded by the Iași researchers, as part of the oldest specific department from the country.

The Symposium had an organizational committee of 31 members, mainly from universities with geological activity, such as București, Iași, Cluj-Napoca, the National Institute of Marine Geology and Geocology, and, also, the Romanian Academy. The major organizational obligations belonged to the members of the committee from “Al.I. Cuza” University, the Department of Geology-Palaeontology: PhD, Prof. L. Olaru (executive president), PhD, Prof. M. Brânzilă (vicepresident), PhD, Lecturer P. Țibuleac (general secretary), PhD, Lecturer D. Țabără, PhD, Lecturer V. Ionesi (secretaries).

94 researchers joined for the Symposium from the country, coming from different prestigious universities, research institutes, museums and commercial societies, as well from abroad, such as the Palaeobiology Institute of the Scientific Academy of Warsaw, the Earth Sciences Department of London University, the Geology and Palaeontology Department of Comenius University from Bratislava, the Zoology Institute of the Scientific Academy from Sankt Petersburg, the Tiraspol University from Kishinev etc.

The scientific objective of the Symposium was reviewing the scientific activity of the RSP members, during 2005-2007, as well as outlining it on specific research directions.

The Symposium proceedings included two major stages:

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- the scientific communications (September, 21st – 23rd);
- the practical field application (September, 23rd – 25th).

The scientific communications started with a plenum session, followed by four communication sections and one section for the posters:

- the Palynology and Palaeobotany section;
- the Micropalaeontology section;
- the Invertebrate Palaeontology section;
- the Vertebrate Palaeontology section.

The field practical application took place after the symposium and aimed at the different outcrops from the Carpathian Foreland area, followed by the Moldavides and Dacides areas.

The next symposium of the Romanian Society of Palaeontologists (the VIIth) was decided to take place at Babeş-Bolyai University from Cluj-Napoca.