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FOREWORD

Dear conference participants

Dear conference guests

Dear friends and colleagues

It is our great pleasure and honor to warmly welcome all of you to the 4th ROMANIAN-BULGARIAN-HUNGARIAN-SERBIAN CONFERENCE. We are delighted to have you here in Vidin, Bulgaria, to share your scientific achievements and expertise. Thank you very much for your participation!

We would like to remember the success of the previous conferences held in 2010, 2012 and 2014 where we have experienced a growing number of participants. Following this success we organize the 4th conference as a multidisciplinary and intercultural scientific event which presents the results from research work in all fields of geography and related disciplines with the accent on cross-border cooperation within the lower basin of the Danube. Our aim is to draw the attention of the researchers and the society to the environmental and socio-economic processes which have specific regional importance.

One of the main tasks of the science in the modern society is to improve the interaction between researchers, government institutions, NGOs and business. We have no doubt that previous studies of geographical sciences have achieved high public recognition and they have contributed significantly to the constructive participation of the academic community in the development of an effective policy for solving the problems related to the interaction in the system "human – environment"

The 4th Romanian-Bulgarian-Hungarian-Serbian Conference offers the participants the chance to meet old and new friends, to strengthen the relationships and to start collaborations. We sincerely hope that this conference will lead to deepening and improvement of the cooperation between research institutions and the society on different territorial levels and will bring to further development of geographical sciences.

We wish all the participants attending the conference the fruitful discussions and new academic contacts for expansion of international collaboration. We hope that all participants will have a memorable experience and a wonderful time in Vidin, Bulgaria, and will carry pleasant memories of the Bulgarian hospitality.

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This interdisciplinary and cross-cultural meeting welcomes presentations on geographic research and cross border cooperation within the Danube basin. The event targets a broad spectrum of participants, recognizing the multidisciplinary research in geography and other related disciplines. The conference aims to:

Present the status of scientific approaches within the Danube lower basin

Discuss the role of geographical research in cross-border issues

Bring together scientists, academics, practitioners with a view to strengthening and promoting the cross-border cooperation

Define the priorities concerning various aspects of geographical research

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River Danube represents one of the main axis for spatial development and functional networking of settlements in Europe, both at the national and international level. However, despite the central position of Serbia in Danube area in Europe and potentials for integration of the territory in this area, these advantages are not yet valorised appropriately in spatial development of the territory. This paper examines the emergence and development of urban and rural areas within the Lower Danube area in contemporary network of settlements in Serbia. This re-

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