

FOREWORD

Description

An international biannual, *Review of Historical Geography and Toponomastics* publishes articles on all aspects of historical geography and toponomastics. As well as publishing original research papers of interest to a wide international and interdisciplinary readership, the review encourages debates over new challenges facing researchers in the field and discussion of conceptual and methodological issues. Each issue includes a book review section.

It encourages high quality scholarship on a broad range of historical geography and toponomastics topics.

Themes covered in the Review include:

- The geographies of places in the past
- The dynamics of place, space and landscape
- The geographies of place-names
- Methodological problems in historical geography
- Landscape, history and environment

The journal publishes high quality papers that make a new contribution to the understanding of historical geographical systems. The editors invite submissions dealing with theory, methods and models of spatial analysis. The journal has a multi-disciplinary outlook and includes contributions from geography, history, economics, environment and onomastics.

The ninth and tenth numbers (9-10/2010) of the review include *a special issue on “Studies made by Romanian young historical geographers and toponimists on the Carpathian Basin”*. There are several already known young guest editors as: *Lazăr Anton*, County Education Inspectorate Caraş-Severin, a young doctor specialized in the Historical Geography of Religions and *Vasile Neagu*, from the Banat River Basin Administration – Reşiţa, a very active hydrologist who has made a historical-geographical study (together with Cosmin Crăciunescu) about the Nera Gorges-Beuşniţa National Park (situated in the Banat Mountains).

For 2010 RHGT launched a proposal for young researchers: new doctors in historical geography, PhD and masteral students specialized in historical geography and place-names, selecting nine interesting articles based on the toponomastics and the historical geographies of the Carpathian Basin in Romania, in order to promote new Romanian toponimists and historical geographers.

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As far as the old historical documents about the Central and Western Romania's Carpathian Basin are concerned, two Phd students – Raluca Covaci deal in her paper with historical-geographical problems from the Banat Plain. Other two PhD students have real interesting articles: Claudia Muțulescu – a PhD student at the University of Oradea and Andreea Mihaela Arba – a Phd student at the Institute of Geography from Bucharest; the first one is focussing on industry as a traditional activity and an engine of urban development for the city of Timișoara (the main city in the south-west part of Romania) and the latter has made an interesting view on the history of floods which appeared on the Banat territory.

Other three young geographers, Emilia Pașca – a masteral student at the West University of Timișoara, followed by Mădălina Păunescu and Marian Butușină - masteral students and high-school teachers of geography in Drobeta Turnu Severin area - have researched different historical evolutions of Roșia Montană mining area and about the town Dr. Turnu Severin.

The 2010 RHGT volume deals at the end with an article based on toponomastics: Roxana Putan shows (together with professor Remus Crețan) several aspects concerning the evolution of the toponyms in the Șureanu Mountains viewed on the cartographic sources, illustrating toponymic differences from the Habsburg Empire domination till now.

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