REPORT ON THE 10TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE ROMANIAN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

On May 8-9, 2015 the 10th International Conference of the Romanian Regional Science Association – “Regional development and «Europe 2020»” - took place at Suceava, in the North-East Region of Romania. It was organized in collaboration with the “Stefan cel Mare” University of Suceava – Faculty of Economics and Public Administration, which celebrated on this occasion the 25th anniversary. More than 120 papers were included in the programme, the authors representing many important universities, research institutes and other organisations from various regions of Romania and also from abroad (Germany, the Netherlands, Austria, UK, Spain, Sweden, Denmark, Hungary, Moldova, Ukraine).

At the Opening Ceremony, speeches were delivered by the representatives of the local organisers – Gabriela Prelipcean, Vice-Rector of “Stefan cel Mare” University and Carmen Nastase, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Public Administration, by Daniela L. Constantin, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, President of the Romanian Regional Science Association as well as by Jouke van Dijk, University of Groningen, the Netherlands, President of the European Regional Science Association.

Messages from Corina Cretu, the European Commissioner for Regional Policy (written), Andrés Rodriguez-Pose, the President of Regional Science Association International (video) and Luiza Radu, the Director of the Managing Authority of Regional Operational Programme in the Romanian Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration (written) were also presented. The messages are to be posted on www.rrsa.ro.

In the Plenary Session four excellent papers were presented by Manfred Fischer – Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria, Jouke van Dijk – University of Groningen, the Netherlands, Gyula Horvath – University of Pecs, Hungary, and Gheorghe Zaman – the Romanian Academy - Institute of National Economy.

A book presentation event was also included: Marin Dinu, Economicitate – peisaj epistemic, Editura Economica, Bucuresti, 2015, discussed by Dorel Ailenei, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Vice-President of the Romanian RSA.

Then, the parallel sessions stimulated very challenging debates on issues of a great interest regarding: Emerging challenges for regional policy; Public finances, governance and local development; Migration effects on regional policy; Climate change and spatial environmental sustainability; Innovation, knowledge economy and regional labour market networks; Clusters, entrepreneurship and regional competitiveness; Tourism, cultural industries and territorial development; Partnership for cross-border
cooperation; Agriculture and regional development, etc. A very successful young scientists session took place as well.

The papers will be published – after the reviewing process completion- in special issues of the “Stefan cel Mare” University journals in related fields, all indexed in international data bases.

On the second day the participants enjoyed a wonderful excursion in Bucovina area, with visits to three monasteries (Arbore, Sucevita and Voronet) included in the UNESCO cultural patrimony as well as to the pottery centre in Marginea.

Pictures from all conference events are posted on www.rrsa.ro.

The efforts of all members of the organising and scientific committee are gratefully acknowledged, with special thanks to the local organizers, who invested a lot of time and energy for the conference success.

The venue of the next international conference of the Romanian RSA (2017) has been established, namely “Constantin Brancoveanu” University of Pitesti, located in the South region.