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## BIOGEOGRAPHY OF THE CARPATHIANS:

### Ecological and evolutionary facets of biodiversity

The Second Interdisciplinary Symposium

Cluj-Napoca, Romania

28th -30th September 2017

### The first circular

The Carpathians are arguably one of the most important cradles of evolution in Europe, a hotspot of diversity found at the crossroads of several important biogeographic regions and one of the last harbours of well-preserved natural habitats. In this context, after the first successful Symposium in Kraków, Poland (2013), we are pleased to announce the Second Interdisciplinary Symposium devoted to the *Biogeography of the Carpathians*, which will take place from the 28th to the 30th of September 2017 in Cluj-Napoca (Romania), co-hosted by the Babeş-Bolyai University and the Institute of Biological Research. This cycle of international conferences, organised within the framework of a long-term international collaboration, aims to meet the scientific community's interest in the biological heritage of the Carpathians. The focus will be on all aspects of biodiversity, biogeography and evolution in the Carpathian Region, from species to ecosystems, from plants to animals and other biological groups. The conference will provide excellent opportunities for scientists who study the biodiversity and evolution of the Carpathian biota to share their most recent research and to interact with others having similar interests.

A preliminary list of themes includes:

- **Topic 1:** *Historical biogeography and drivers of evolution*
- **Topic 2:** *Ecological biogeography and drivers of assemblages*
- **Topic 3:** *The Carpathians in a larger biogeographical context*
- **Topic 4:** *Diversity patterns in genes and species*
- **Topic 5:** *Conservation of biodiversity in the Carpathians: consequences of global environmental changes on regional biodiversity*

The symposium will include two days (the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of September) of oral and poster sessions and a one-day (the 30<sup>th</sup> of September) field trip to the Carpathians.

More information on the symposium, deadlines, fees and registration details and other guidelines, will be available soon at the conference website: <http://carpathians-biogeography2017.conference.ubbcluj.ro>.