

## The Symposium



The 14<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Molinology will take place at the ASTRA Museum of Folk Civilisation (Open-Air Museum), part of the ASTRA Museum National Complex in Sibiu.

The conference room in the ASTRA Centre for Conservation and Restoration (photo) is the base for the presentation of formal and informal papers. This building is located on the grounds of the open-air museum and just 2-3 minutes walking away from the mills in the museum. The ASTRA museum has the largest mill collection found in any museum worldwide.

The Symposium starts on Saturday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of June with registration in the afternoon, and ends after breakfast on Sunday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of June. On this Sunday, participants are expected to travel back home, or start on the Post-Symposium Tour. Of course, one can stay an additional couple of days as well.

## How to get to Sibiu?

The city of Sibiu is situated in the central part of Romania and in Southern area of Transylvania. You can arrive to Sibiu by plane, car, bus or train.

### By plane to Sibiu

Sibiu International Airport (SBZ) offers direct flights to/from Germany (Stuttgart with Blue Air, and Munich with Lufthansa), Austria (Vienna with Austrian Airlines) and England (Luton with Wizz Air).

From the airport to the museum or hotel, you can take a taxi (7-8 km, cost 20-25 lei/4-5 euro). Make sure you agree on the price before you get in the taxi!

### By plane to Bucharest

From certain countries flying to the "Henri Coanda" International Airport (OTP) in Bucharest might be cheaper.

From Bucharest to Sibiu there are buses, but be aware that a bus needs 5-6 hours. The buses leave from the Military Bus Terminal and cost about 10-15 euro (direction to Sibiu, Cluj, Baia Mare). The last bus is leaving 4 p.m.

By train, from "Gara de Nord", is also possible, but this is rather slow, and there is only one direct connection in the morning. Another alternative might be to rent a car and drive yourself.

### By car

Coming by car to Sibiu is possible, as Sibiu is along the most important national road (DN 1).

From the Western border follow Nadlac - Arad - Deva - Sebes - Sibiu (340 km) from Deva to Sibiu take the A1.

From Bucharest follow Pitesti (A1 - 117 km) - Ramnicu Valcea - Sibiu (290 km).

### By train

If you choose to travel by train, an international train from Wien - Budapest - Timisoara - Deva - Vintu de Jos or Medias (from here there is a local train to Sibiu - 55-60 km). Travelling by train means you need to have a lot of patience as the average speed is low.

### By bus

Last, but not least, buses are available from most European countries: Spain, Italy, Germany, Greece and so on.

## Formal Registration

Formal registration for the Symposium will take place on Saturday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of June, 2015 according to your hotel choice. We shall all meet for a welcome reception and buffet at 8 p.m. at the Han Tulghes restaurant, inside the museum.

## Symposium fee

The fee starts at **395 euro** at Vila Diana and goes up to **900 euro** (single room) at Hotel Hilton. The following table shows the complete range of locations and the resp. Symposium fees:

Location	Vila Diana Double	Han Vestem Double	Han Vestem Single	Hilton Double	Hilton Single
Price	395	Sold Out	Sold Out	690	900

The fee covers all Symposium activities, Symposium booklet and transactions, accommodation, excursions, transport by coach, entrance fees and 3 meals a day.

In general beverages, whether alcoholic or not, are not included (alcoholic drinks are not very expensive).

## Accommodation

We offer 3 different kinds of accommodation, each with its own specific level of comfort:

- **Vila Diana** (on the museum grounds, 1-2 minutes walking from the Conference Center) is a cost-efficient solution at **395 euro**. In Vila Dana most rooms are double rooms. The rooms do not have a bath or shower. There are shower cabins and toilets available on each level, which can be used by all guests.  
See also <http://www.muzeulastra.ro/servicii/servicii-cazare-hostel-diana-1-si-2.html>
- **Han Vestem** (on the museum grounds, 3-4 minutes walking from the Conference Center) is a relatively comfortable hotel. All rooms do have a bath or shower.  
See also <http://www.hanvestem.ro>
- **The Hilton** (just 2 km or about 25-30 minutes walking from the conference room) for those who want the luxury of a 5 star hotel at a very good Symposium price.  
See also <http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/romania/hilton-sibiu-SBZHII/index.html>

Other forms of accommodation are allowed, such as camping or campers. However, no support can be given by the Organisation Committee.

All the meals (except during the trips, and the breakfast for those staying at the Hilton) will be served at the two restaurants in the museum.

On the Google Earth map on the last page, all above locations can be seen in detail.

## Trips during the Symposium

At this Symposium, we will have something new in our programme, namely a trip for an entire day. Two fortified churches, which are on the list of UNESCO World Heritage sites, will be visited (Valea Viilor and Biertan), as well as the medieval town of Sighisoara. On another day, we will have a walk through the old town of Sibiu.

## Call for Papers

We call on all TIMS members and others to present their molinological research as a formal paper and/or as an informal, short contribution. Papers on all molinological topics are welcome.

We will try to let the theme “Mill preservation in Museums” be the guiding theme throughout the Symposium. Therefore, we especially would appreciate papers on this topic.

Deadline for submission of papers is 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015. Please read and follow the “Formal Paper instructions”, which you find on the webpage [www.molinology.org](http://www.molinology.org).

Symposium participants will be able to download the papers in advance from our website, and are expected to have read the papers; therefore, authors will receive only 20 minutes for presenting a summary of their paper and 10 minutes for engaging in discussion with the audience.

For informal contributions, we should receive information about the subject and the time you require (maximum 20 minutes including discussion). All contributions must be in the English language. Facilities for Power Point, overhead and video presentation will be available. The Organising Committee will decide on the acceptance of submitted papers and informal contributions. The Organising Committee's decision is final.

**Note:** in case you intend to submit a paper or an informal contribution, then you should indicate this on the Registration Form.

## Partner's Program

We will offer visits to the city of Sibiu, as well as a guided visit inside the museum, a shopping session in Sibiu, and visits to the most important museums in Sibiu (4 museums of the Brukenthal Museum, the oldest museum in Romania). A tour to the city of Brasov will be organised at some additional cost.

## Pre-Symposium Tour 2 - 6 June - SW Romania



*Starts in Sibiu.* We offer a Pre-Symposium Tour for 47-48 participants to the area with most mills in Romania. Participants should arrive on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, and will be accommodated for the first night in Han Vestem, Sibiu (inside the museum).

We will be visiting mills in Caras-Severin and Mehedinti counties. Over 40 mills included, all of them water driven and 2 whirlpools, also. The landscape is beautiful with nice villages, rivers, mountains covered with forests and the Danube, at the border with Serbia. Accommodation is at Hotel Ferdinand in Baile Herculane, one of the best hotels in that region. You can find more details on [www.molinology.org](http://www.molinology.org).

The fee for the pre tour is **390 euro** including accommodation, transport by coach, 3 meals a day (except for lunch on 6<sup>th</sup> June). Additional beverages are not included.

## Post-Symposium Tour 14 - 20 June - NW Romania (and maybe NE Hungary)

*Starts in Sibiu.* The maximum number of participants is 40. The tour will focus on mills in the counties of Alba, Cluj, Salaj and Bihor. If time allows, the tour will lead us also to Hungary with visits to the mills in Tarpa and Túristvándi. During the tour, we will see a very fine selection of watermills, from very small to large, some of them still working. We will stay in hotels as well as in private houses. The fee for the Post-Tour is **650 euro** including accommodation, transport by coach, 3 meals a day. Additional beverages are not included. The Tour ends in Sibiu, where we will arrive in the late afternoon of the 20<sup>st</sup> of June. Travelling back home should be scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> after breakfast.

At the end of this document, a map is provided, showing the regions of the Pre- and Post-Symposium Tours



## Registration

The registration form should be returned before the 15<sup>th</sup> of February, 2015. However, we would like to point out that applications are dealt with in the order of reception, and that we expect more applications than the maximum number of participants possible.

Members may bring a partner or one guest. They will have to pay the full Symposium fee and may participate in all Symposium activities.

**Your registration is only valid, when the deposit or Symposium fee has been paid. As soon as the money has arrived in the bank, we will send you a confirmation of your registration.**

## Grants for young people or people from weak currency countries

A donation from the TIMS Support Foundation enables us to offer to participants a reduction of 50% of the Symposium fee. Those entitled to apply for this reduction are young people (under 30) or members from countries with weak currencies. Note that this discount does not apply to the Pre- and Post-Symposium Tours.

If participants want to apply for this special reduction, the Symposium committee should receive a written request stating their reasons. Acceptance of this reduction requires recipients to submit a paper or an informal presentation. The committee's decision on the selection of recipients is final.

## Financial Matters

**All participants are expected to arrange their own personal medical and travel insurance. No claims whatsoever can be made against the organisers.**

**Symposium fees do not include the extra cost of early arrival or late departure (hotels, meals etc.). Lunch on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June is not included in any fee, so participants should make their own arrangements.**

## Cancellation

**Registration is binding. In the case of cancellations received before the 1st of April, 2015 all payments will be refunded after the deduction of an administrative fee of EUR 30,-. In the case of cancellations after the 1st of April 2015, we have to subtract all costs for reservations and other costs already made. The sooner we receive your cancellation, the more chance of maximising your refund. After the 1st of May, 2015 no refund will be given.**

## Responsibilities

**The Organising Committee of the TIMS 2015 Symposium is keen to provide a well-organised Symposium and to avoid dangerous situations, but the Committee will neither take any responsibility, nor any (financial) liability for accidents, illness or other risks that may occur to participants during the Symposium, nor the consequences thereof. No claims can be made against the organisers.**

**It is strongly advised that participants take proper insurance measures (for example: travel, medical), including third party cover against injuring other persons or property.**

**Each participant certifies their compliance with the regulations above and their understanding of the information given when they sign the application form. In the case of electronic submission of the form, the mere act of submitting it by e-mail will be regarded as the equivalent of a signature.**



## Symposium's and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo



The logo for the 14<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Molinology was created by our colleague Silviu Ioan Popa, photographer and professional illustrator.

The concept started from a few words: TIMS, Symposium, 50 years, watermill, Romania, 2015. The whole image brings together some of the most important elements of milling in Romania: the floating mill (boat mill), the house of the mill, and the vertical water wheel.

## About Romania

Romania had in August 2014 exactly 19.464.689 inhabitants, almost half of them living in rural area. The national official language is Romanian but in some areas Hungarian is used (7% of the population is Hungarian).

In Bucharest (more than 2.000.000 inhabitants) is the biggest city of Romania. Sibiu had in 2011 147.245 inhabitants, and is one of the oldest cities of the country (1191). The climate in Sibiu is in the temperate zone. The winters are cold in January and February and the summers are cool, with the exception of July and the first part of August. At the beginning of June the weather is nice, but sometimes it is raining more than usual. So don't forget to take proper clothes and maybe an umbrella.

## Important - Currencies!

Romania does not use the euro! Please get sufficient Romanian currency! The best exchange rates you get at exchange houses or banks rather than in the airports or hotels. You can pay by credit card but mainly in the big stores. In most restaurants, paying by card is possible. In addition, you can take money from the ATM's (commission is different from bank to bank).

If you are a member of the EU, your Identity Card is all you need. For USA and non-EU countries, a passport is required to identify yourself. Please check this kind of information before you leave your country!

## Still having questions?

In case you still have some questions, please address them to the Organisation Committee:

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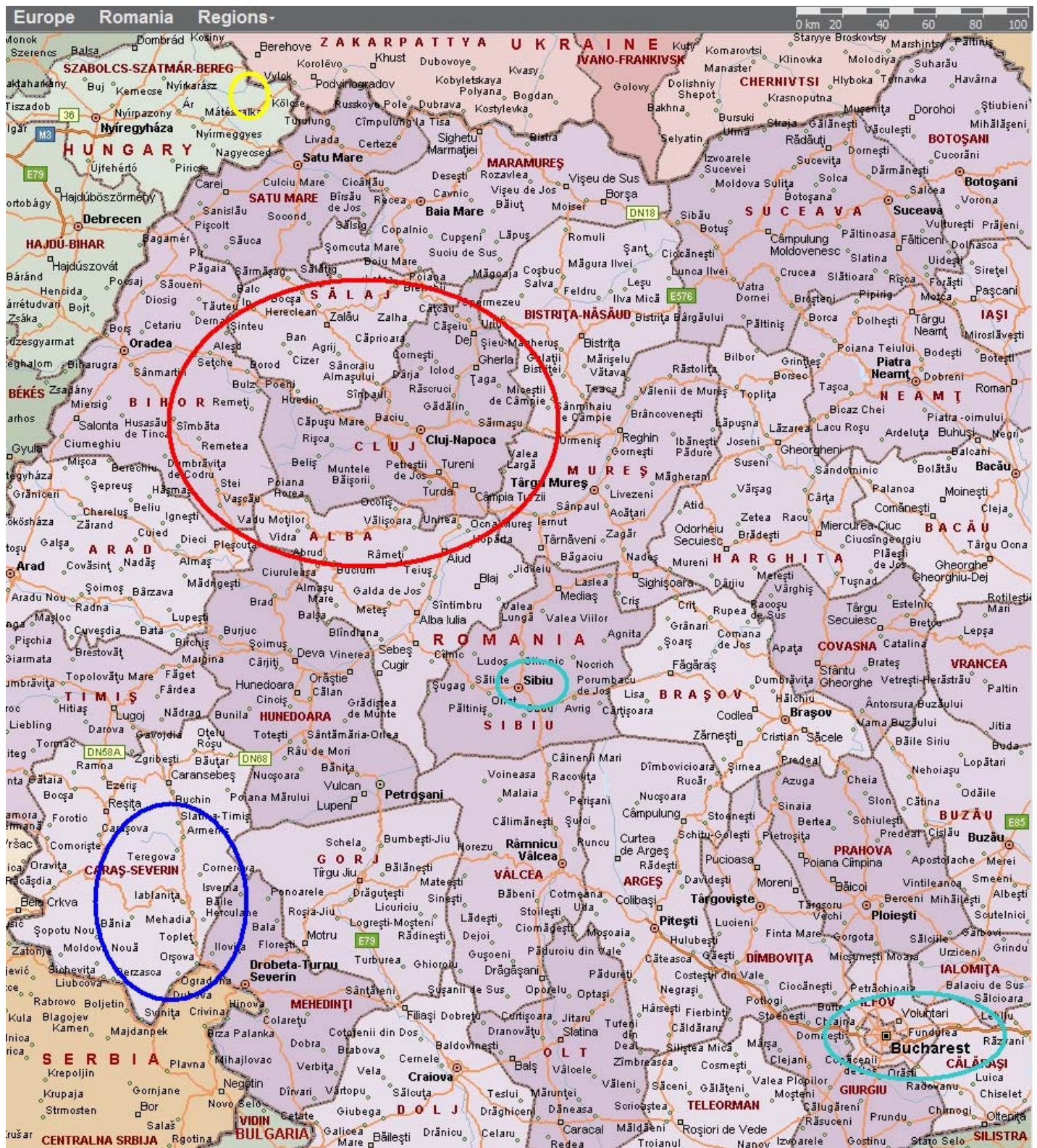
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Map showing the regions of the Pre- and Post-Symposium Tours



Blue circle - Pre Tour    Red circle - Post Tour    Yellow circle - Post Tour optional

### Google Earth map showing the Symposium locations

