



EUROPEAN COUNCIL FOR RURAL LAW
COMITÉ EUROPÉEN DE DROIT RURAL



**XXVI European Congress and Colloquium
of Rural Law
Bucharest – 21st – 24th September 2011**



WELCOME – BUCHAREST, European capital of Rural Law 2011!

Donald Rennie
CEDR President

I welcome you to the 26th Congress of CEDR in Bucharest. This is the first occasion on which our Association has held its Congress in Eastern Europe and we are delighted that our colleagues in the East, so long separated from us by political division, are now full and active members not only of our Association but of a wider, more diverse and more open Europe. For many years we have had individual Romanian members who have made valuable contributions to our deliberations and now we are glad to welcome the *Asociatia Romana de Drept Ruralas* full members of our Association. We thank them and the Ecological University of Bucharest for acting as the hosts of this Congress.

This Congress will deal with matters of great practical importance to farmers across Europe. We will analyse what exactly is meant by sustainable agriculture in a world with a growing population and the spectre of food shortage. We will consider how agricultural land is to be preserved from urban development. Finally we will consider the development of agricultural law against this background of changing demands and priorities.

I hope that as a result of our Congress and the contributions of our very experienced and talented participants we may improve the circumstances of farmers from the Atlantic Ocean to the Urals and from the White Sea to the Mediterranean.

A very hearty welcome to Romania!

University Professor PhD Mircea Duțu
President of the Ecological University of Bucharest

Romania, through the Ecological University of Bucharest, is going to be the host, between 21st and 24th September 2011, of the XXVI Congress and Colloquium of the European Committee on Rural Law (CEDR), being the first Central European country to join the tradition of organizing these pancontinental scientific events.

The topic of the debates in the three committees of the meeting (agriculture and the requirements of sustainable rural development; allocation and protection of the rural land, development of the agricultural law in the European countries) expresses preoccupations and priorities of the European rural land, in the age of ecological imperative and of the increase, by geometrical progression, of the food needs.

With 45% of the population living in the countryside, a peasant household civilization defining its history, with an agricultural area of 14.7 million ha, Romania is one of the “agricultural powers” of the continent, with resources still insufficiently exploited to their full potential and for which agriculture in general and ecological agriculture in particular represents one of the main chances of its future development and self-assertion within the European Union.

The hosting of the biennial Congress and Colloquium of the CEDR will give a vigorous impulse to the development of rural law in Romania; after participation by individuals, on this occasion we salute the setting up of The Romanian Association of Rural Law and its affiliation to the European structure, as well as the organization of the first university courses in these subjects in The Ecological University of Bucharest.

The capital of Romania is the place best fitted for discussions on the harmonization of the distinctive features of the West and those of agricultural economies of the Eastern parts of Europe, from the perspective both of sustainable development and European integration.

Coming to Romania on this occasion, you have the opportunity not only to debate upon important problems of European agricultural land, but also to get to know and admire some of the unique richness of our natural and culture, such as the Danube Delta, the Carpathian Mountains and the Orthodox Christian monasteries in the North of Moldavia.

Hoping that the present edition of the CEDR Congress and Colloquium will be a success and even more than that, I wish to welcome you to Bucharest, the European capital the rural law – 2011!

CEDR

The European Council for Agricultural Law was founded in 1957. It is a European Association having the status of an international non governmental organisation. It is a consultative member of the Council of Europe and of the Food and Agricultural Organisation. Its aims are the examination, comparison and development of agricultural law and related disciplines. The C.E.D.R. is an association open to any person or body which complies with the statutes of the C.E.D.R.

According to its statutes, the objects of the C.E.D.R. are as follows:-

- 1) to undertake research into and to study all questions of rural law and other related studies within the European context, particularly within that of the European Union (E.U.) and to promote the dissemination of information and the exchange of views between its members, particularly to organise congresses, colloquia, symposia, seminars and other scientific meetings at European and regional level to achieve these objects;
- 2) to take positions to bring to the attention of governments and international organisations, particularly to the European Institutions (European Parliament, European Commission and Council) and formulate propositions with solutions according to practice;
- 3) to collect, publish and disseminate opinions, propositions, research and studies results, and concepts of its members concerning rural law and its related sciences;
- 4) to collaborate with universities and specialized colleges;
- 5) to promote the action of association members.

The principal members of the CEDR are the European national associations, at present the following are affiliated :

- Agricultural Law Association, London, United Kingdom
- Association Belge de Droit Rural, Belgische Vereniging voor Agrarisch Recht, BVAR, Brussels, Belgium
- Asociación Española de Derecho Agrario, Madrid, Spain
- Asociación Catalana de Droit Rural, Barcelona, Spain
- Association Française de Droit Rural, Paris, France
- Associazione Italiana dei Cultori di Diritto Agrario, Firenze (Florence), Italy
- Associata Romana de Drept Rural, Bucharest, Romania
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Agrarrecht e.V. , Bonn, Germany
- Maaseutuokeuden Seura r.y., Helsinki, Finland
- Magyar Agrarjogi Egyesület, Miskolc, Hungary
- National Association for Agricultural Law, National Resources and Environmental Law, Moscow (Moskva), Russia
- Norsk Forening for Landbruksrett, Oslo, Norway

- Österreichische Gesellschaft für Agrar- und Umweltrecht, Wien, Austria
- Polskie Stowarzyszenie Prawników Agrarystów, Varsovie (Warszawa), Poland
- Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Agrarrecht – Société Suisse de Droit Agricole, Switzerland
- Vereniging voor Agrarisch Recht, Wageningen, Netherlands
- Association Bulgare de Droit Rural – Sofia, Bulgaria

The C.E.D.R. has a very elevated moral authority, possessing special consultative status with the FAO, consultative status with the Council of Europe and very close relationships with the European Union.

The most important event organised by the CEDR is the European Congress and academic colloquium every two years. Therefore, since 1961, Congresses have taken place in Strasbourg, Brussels, Luxembourg, Bad Godesburg, Cagliari, Paris, The Hague, Valencia, Berlin, Edinburgh, Ferrara, Puerto de la Cruz, Salzburg, Ghent, Interlaken, Oxford, Bonn, Amsterdam, Helsinki, El Ejido (Almerimar), Røros, Caserta and Cambridge.

Lawyers from each country of Europe and beyond attend these congresses.

Today, we are honoured and grateful to our Romanian Colleagues who allow experts from Europe and beyond to meet once more at the invitation of the CEDR and host them in this magnificent city.

UNIVERSITATEA ECOLOGICA DIN BUCURESTI

The Ecological University of Bucharest is not only the first private university in Romania, founded on 4th April 1990, following a tradition since 1865, but also the only private university in the country that aims to ensure a complementary ecological training within the framework of traditional professions. This means that students receive information on environmental protection, respect for nature and its conservation, from the perspective of his/her future career, contributing to full and rapid connection to western culture.

The Christian vocation, the Latin origin of the language and the love for nature converted into modern ecology, represent the pillars of the indisputable affiliation of Romanians to Europe. In this way the Ecological University has become a wide open door towards the western world. The results so far obtained are eloquent: over 17.000 graduates in various fields. The group of professors at European and international level is ready to meet the new and high challenges of today.

From this perspective, after Romania's accession to the European Union, the activity of the Ecological University of Bucharest complied with the new requirement regarding the quality of European higher education, in accordance with the Bologna Charter.

The Ecological University of Bucharest takes pride in its own modern campus, resources and facilities, comprising three new buildings, located in Bucharest, Bd. Vasile Milea n°1G, sector 6, and state-of-the-art infrastructure and logistics for education, research and development activities as well as an updated library, including a large number of electronic resources. The lecture and seminar rooms are equipped to meet modern teaching and learning requirements. There are also laboratories equipped with modern technologies.

Since its accreditation and within a new common higher education environment in Europe, the Ecological University of Bucharest has focused on expanding its national and international collaboration network. Therefore, the University adopted a short and medium term strategy to extend partnerships with higher education and scientific research institutions.

Concerning this, there are some key issues to be emphasized:

- The annually increasing participation in national scientific communication sessions organised by other universities;

- The participation in organising developing summer courses for students, together with Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies and Polytechnic University in Bucharest;
- The participation in debates and elaborating studies organised by the Romanian Academy on matters of national and global importance such as: climate change and global warming; sustainable development in Romania; *Rosia Montana* Project and its significance concerning the challenges of new millennium, with the participation of the British Council in Bucharest and U.S. Aid;
- Launching environmental protection campaigns endorsed by local authorities in education;
- Collaboration with other institutions on organising and running radiobroadcast shows, such as the awards competition “Europe my love”.

The Ecological University of Bucharest is an active member of several academic networks, namely:

- The Central and Eastern Europe Ecological Universities network, having its headquarters located in Arma, Italy, since 2005;
- The Environmental Law Centres Network of the the Academic Franophony Agency, since 2005;
- It is represented on the Management Council of the International Environmental Comparative Law Centre (Limoges, France) since 2005;
- It is a member of the European University Charter (Brussels) and a partner in mobility exchanges of students and teachers through the *Erasmus* Programme.

At present, there are on-going partnerships with similar institutions and associations in France, Spain, Italy, Canada and as well as other countries.

The Ecological University of Bucharest is one of the main organisers of the European Conference “E-COMM-LINE”, supported by the European Commission through the *Leonardo da Vinci* Programme and the European e-Business Support Network. Likewise, together with the Romanian Academy, Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies and Polytechnic University in Bucharest and other prestigious national and European institutions of scientific research, the Ecological University of Bucharest is among the founders of the European Conference “H2-FUEL-CELS-MILLENIUM-CONVERGENCE”. The intensification of international cooperation through participation in European scientific research programmes and joint educational actions represent key objectives to be met.

ORGANISATION

Prof. Dr. Mircea **DUȚU** – President of the Ecological University of Bucharest
 Ms. Leticia **BOURGES** – Secretary General CEDR

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SCIENTIFIC WORK

SCIENTIFIC DIRECTION : Prof. Dr. **Paul RICHLI**

General Delegate of C.E.D.R.,

Professor of Law, Rural Law and Constitutional Law – University of Luzern

Commission I

AGRICULTURE AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

L'AGRICULTURE ET LES EXIGENCES DU DEVELOPPEMENT DURABLE

DIE LANDWIRTSCHAFT UND DIE ANFORDERUNGEN AN DEREN NACHHALTIGE ENTWICKLUNG

President : Prof. Dr. Mircea **DUTU** (Ecological University of Bucharest - Romania)

Rapporteur General : Prof. Dr. Marilena **ULIESCU** (President of Romanian Association of Rural Law)

Commission II

ALLOCATION AND PROTECTION OF RURAL LAND

L'AFFECTATION ET LA PROTECTION DU TERRITOIRE

NUTZUNG UND SCHUTZ DES BODENS IM LANDWIRTSCHAFTLICHEN RAUM

President : Prof. Dr. Esther **MUÑIZ ESPADA** (University of Valladolid – Spain)

Rapporteur General : Prof. Dr. Dr. Erkki **HOLLO** (University of Helsinki - Finland)

Commission III

DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL LAW IN THE WTO, IN THE EU AND IN COUNTRIES

DÉVELOPPEMENT SCIENTIFIQUE ET PRATIQUE DU DROIT RURAL DANS L'OMC, L'UE, LES ÉTATS ET LES RÉGIONS

WISSENSCHAFTLICHE UND PRAKTISCHE ENTWICKLUNG DES RECHTS DES LÄNDLICHEN RAUMES IN DER WTO, IN THE EU UND IN DEN LÄNDERN

This topic is a permanent one in congresses and is intended to establish a continuing theme.

President : Prof. Dr. Norbert **OLSZAK** (University of Paris 1 – Panthéon-Sorbonne - France)

Rapporteur General : Prof. Dr. Alessandra **di LAURO** (University of Pisa - Italy)

Prof. Dr. Roland **NORER** (University of Luzern - Switzerland)

General Introduction to the Programme

The programme will comprise three Commissions that will feature three different themes (see above). Congress participants who do not present a report will be free to choose one or more Commissions and participate in the debate.

Each Commission will use the following working pattern: first, the President of the Commission will give an introduction to theme. The National Rapporteurs will then have the opportunity to present the essential points and conclusions of their reports (10–15 minutes). Led by the General Rapporteur - who will also present his general report - the Commission will discuss the main points of the national reports, and those of the general report. Subsequently, a Committee consisting of the President of the Commission, the General Rapporteur, and an Assistant Delegate General will draft conclusions of the proceedings for each commission respectively. These conclusions will be discussed and adopted by the Commissions and then presented to the General Assembly.

The Delegate General and the President of CEDR will produce the final document with the conclusions after the Congress and submit them to the competent authorities of EU, European Countries and of International Organisations for consideration.

The general reports, the summary of the national reports, the synthesis report, the questionnaires and the speeches of the Opening Session will be published in a book by L'Harmattan, Paris. The national reports will be published on the website of CEDR (www.cedr.org).

PROGRAMME

Place : Athénée Palace Hilton

1-3 Episcopiei St., District 1, Bucharest, Romania 010292

Work Languages: English – French – Romanian (simultaneous translation)



MERCREDI 21 DE SEPTEMBRE

- 14.00 – 18.00 Registration
- 19.30 Welcome Reception

JEUDI 22 DE SEPTEMBRE

- 08.00 –08.30 Registration
- 08.30 – 09.30 Opening Session
- Opening Speech
 Mr. Donald **RENNIE**
 President of C.E.D.R.
- Welcome Speech
 Prof. PhD Mircea **DUȚU**
 President of the Ecological University of Bucharest
- Academic Speech
- Scientific Programme Introduction
 Prof. PhD Paul **RICHLI**
 Delegate General of C.E.D.R.
- 09.30 – 13.30 Scientific Programme
 Commissions work
- 13.30 – 14.30 Lunch
- 14.30 – 17.30 Scientific Programme
 Commissions work
- 17.30 – 19.30 Guided tour to Bucharest (Museum of Peasant)



- 20.30 Dinner offered by the organisers

VENDREDI 23 SEPTEMBRE

- 08.30 – 11.30 Scientific Programme
Commissions work
- 10.45 Commission III – Special Conference
Ms. Helena VANGBY
Simplification Adviser
DG AGRI Directorate responsible for agricultural legislation
- 11.30 – 11.45 Coffee break
- 11.45 – 13.00 Elaboration of conclusions by the General Reporters and the Presidents of the Commissions with the assistance of Assistant General Delegates
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 – 15.00 Adoption of conclusions
Commissions work
- 15.00 – 15.15 Coffee Break
- 15.15 – 16.30 General Assembly
- 17.00 – 19.00 Closing Ceremony
- Conclusion presentation by the General Reporters
Presentation of Synthesised Report
by the Delegate General Prof. PhD Paul **RICHLI**
- Closing speech
The **PRESIDENT** of the CEDR
Prof. PhD Mircea **DUȚU**
President of Ecological University of Bucharest
Prof. PhD Marilena **ULIESCU**
President of Romanian Rural Law Association
- Award of CEDR Prize
Award of CEDR Medals
- 20.30 Gala Dinner

SAMEDI 24 DE SEPTEMBRE

- 09.00 Excursion provided by the organisers to the Valley of Prahova

Visit to the castle of Peleş



17.00 Lunch at restaurant Chalet des Skyeurs
Return to Bucarest

DIMANCHE 25 DE SEPTEMBRE

Departure of participants.

INSCRIPTION

Participant to Congress 200 EUR

Student 100 EUR

Accompanying person..... 100 EUR

The prices include the material of the Congress, lunches, coffee breaks, gala dinner, visit to the Castle Peleş and the guided tour of the city of Bucharest.

For the accompanying persons, it include the gala dinner, the visit the Castle Peleş and the guided tour to the city of Bucarest.

Registration is online : <http://www.cedr.org/congresses/bucarest/form.php>

Deadline for inscription : 5 september 2011.

After 15th July until 5th September (at midnight) the prices will be increased in 15%.

The registration is valid once the payment is confirmed.

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