10 YEARS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AT BABES-BOLYAI UNIVERSITY, CLUJ-NAPOCA

Fall 2006: The Public Administration Department, Faculty of Political Sciences, Public Administration, and Communication celebrates 10 years of existence. The department will organize an international conference called "The contribution of higher education in the field of public administration to the reform of public administration". Thus, from October 6th to October 11th the foreign partners who have contributed over the years to the development of the department will attend the conference.

Professors from various universities in the US are expected to attend this conference: Michigan State University, State University of New York, University of Delaware, Florida International University, San Diego University, Eastern Michigan University, Smithsonian Institute, National Academy for Public Administration (Washington, DC), and NASPAA (National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, Washington, DC).

The interest showed by the Public Administration Department with regard to common research programs and collaboration generate an important presence from the European Universities as well: Leiden University, Birghmingam University, National Academy for Public Administration Viena, Budapest University, Bruxelles University, Genoa University, National Academy for Public Administration Kiev, Leuven University, NISPAcee (Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe), EGPA (European Group for Public Administration), EPAN (European Public Administration Network), ASIAP (Association of Schools and Institutes in Public Administration in Romania). For the first time professors from Sydney, Australia, will attend the conference hosted by the Public Administration Department.

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The Contribution of Public Administration Higher Education to the Reform of Public Administration

International Conference 6-10 October 2006 Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Panels:

- 1. Public administration reform
 - a. Public administration reforms
 - b. The changing landscape of public administration education, research and practice
- 2. Public administration education and the society
 - c. The relationship between education institutions and different levels of society
 - d. Ways and means towards a greater involvement

Schedule:

Thursday, October 5: Arrival of participants

Friday, October 6: 20.00 Welcome cocktail party, Marco Polo Restaurant, City Plaza Hotel Saturday, October 7:

9.00 Official opening (Faculty of Political, Administrative, and Communication Sciences)

11.00 Departure to Baia-Mare

14.00 Lunch in Baia-Mare

16.00 Departure to Suior (Maramures, northern part of Transylvania)

17-20.00 Proceedings (Core presentations: 1. Reform of the Romanian Public Administration;

2. Reform of universities under the Bologna process)

Sunday, October 8:

9-12.00 Panel 1 Public administration reform (Moderators: Roger Hamlin and Laszlo Varadi)

12-14.00 Lunch

14-18.00 Panel 2 *Public administration education and the society* (Moderators: Arno Loessner and Carole Neves)

18.00 Maramureş traditional dinner

Monday, October, 9: Conclusions; Trips to various tourist attractions in the area: Happy Cemetery, Barsana Monastery

Tuesday, October 10: 10.00 Departure to Cluj

20.00 pm dinner offered by the Mayor of Cluj-Napoca

Wednesday, October 11: Departure of participants

- * Participants may present a paper or just participate at discussions
- * Every panel will have a presentation paper that will be the base for the discussions
- * All the papers presented at the conference or received after the conference will be published in a special issue of the Transylvanian Review of Public Administration (www.rtsa.ro)
- * The address of the hotel accommodation in Cluj is: Nicolae Cristea Street (former Borzesti), no. 28, Cluj-Napoca.

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