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The 24th ARA Congress took place in Liège (Belgium, Europe) from July 21 to July 24, 1999. The Congress centered on the general topic "Quality of Life." Some 250 scholars came from 12 different countries to take part in this event. Among the participants were 150 scholars from Romania.

The Congress festively opened in the *Amphithéâtre de l'Europe* at the University of Liège. It was organized and presided by Dr. **Liviu Masalar**, Chair of the Department of Metrology and co-sponsored by Dr. **Henry Lecocq**, Chair of the Department of Robotics, who assisted him. Other sponsors of the Congress include The American Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Romanian Embassy in Belgium, the SRAC, The Polytechnic University of Bucharest, and the Romanian society Supraconstruct.

ARA President, Dr. **Ion Paraschivoiu** (Ecole Polytechnique de Montreal, Québec, Canada), and ARA Secretary General, Dr. **Monica Grecu** (University of Nevada at Reno, USA) arrived early to implement and fine-tune the last minute improvements. The parallel sessions, discussions, and the round tables were of excellent quality. Though many of the sessions of the 24th ARA Congress were in the hard sciences, the humanistic studies presented a collection of papers that stirred ample discussions. The sessions presented a balanced variety of interdisciplinary subjects, discussions, and a fruitful exchange of opinions to an alert audience. Proceedings of the 24th ARA Congress will be published in several volumes. They should be available in time for the 25th ARA Congress in the year 2000.

The presence of several distinguished personalities gave the Congress special luster. They included **Monsignor Octavian Barlea**, the founding father of ARA; Dr. **Constantin Corduneanu**, Prof. Emeritus at the University of Texas at Arlington, and the immediate past President of ARA; **V. N. Constantinescu**, the Romanian Ambassador to Belgium; **E. Simion**, the President of the Romanian Academy; **J. Bozet**, the Dean of the Faculty of Applied Sciences of the Université de Liège; the Belgian Deputy, **Philippe Henry**; as well as presidents, vice-presidents, deans and administrative directors from various universities from abroad and State Departments from Belgium. ARA President, Prof. Ion Paraschivoiu read to the audience a message from the President of Romania, Mr. Emil Constantinescu, and another one addressed to the Convention by several leaders of Romanian Churches and Romanian Associations in the State of Ohio proposing to sponsor the next ARA Annual Congress.

The Provincial Government of Liège extended its welcome to the Congress participants during a reception in their honor. A visit of the "palais provincial" (provincial palace) followed. It provided an occasion to see and admire the rare beauty of the palace's Medieval architecture.

ARA Congresses always include cultural activities along with the academic. Thus Professor Emeritus, **Lorry Walfish**, gave a masterful piano performance. The recital was followed by a reception offered by the Romanian Embassy in Belgium in the Lobby of the Amphitheater Bldg. of the University of Liège. An improvisation followed, including epigrams, poetry, reflections. Performers included **C. Berbente**, **C. Matasa**, **G. Coanda**, **A. Dragan** and **L. Masalar**. The audience found these spontaneous performances to be a welcomed lighter note.

The ARA General Assembly took place on Saturday, July 24th, 1999. The membership expressed their satisfaction with the success of the Congress. Dr. **Liviu Masalar**, the organizer of the event summarized it by saying that the most positive aspect of the event, besides its scientific and professional international exchange value, remains the opportunity to network, and to propose interesting projects for the near future.

The many participants who came from so many parts of the world had an opportunity to be tourists for a short while on a trip to **Louvain** and **Bruxelles**. They experienced directly some of the lifestyle of this small, yet wonderfully friendly country of Belgium.

The Congress concluded with a banquet providing a festive occasion for all those who were recipients of ARA 1999 Awards. They shared their joy and the honor bestowed on them with the rest of the membership.

From the President: ARA Awards 1999

In recognition of their distinguished contribution to the advancement of **Scholarship** in the **Sciences** and **Humanities** in the spirit of the exchange of values and ideas, the ARA had the honor to confer the **American Romanian Academy Awards** to the following personalities:

Prof. Raymonde **Bulger**, USA

Mrs. Gabriela **Carp**, Germany

Prof. Constantin **Corduneanu**, ARA Emeritus President, USA

Prof. Aleksandra **Gruzinska**, USA

Prof. Liviu **Masalar**, Belgium

From the President: ARA Honorary Members 1999:

In recognition of professional standing, leadership and successful professional practice, the Executive Committee of the The American Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences declared at its 1999 Congress in Liège (Belgium) that the following personalities have been admitted to the rank of **Honorary Members**:

Acad. Andrei **Andries**, President of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova

Mgr. Octavian **Barlea**, ARA Founder, Germany

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Acad. Eugen **Simion**, President of Romanian Academy

From ARA President and Secretary General

In order to make the American Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences a more efficiently run organization, President Ion Paraschivoiu proposed to share responsibility with the membership. Some very active members were appointed as representatives of ARA for different geographical areas. Questions concerning ARA activities, including the eligibility requirements, applications for ARA candidates, and the required abstract proposal for the Annual ARA Congress should be addressed to your ARA Branch Responsible person as follows:

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The 25th ARA Congress 2000: A Silver Anniversary for ARA

It will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A. between July 12-16, 2000. The Chairman is Dr. Petru Cocârteu, and Prof. Dr. Nicolae Pavel and Prof. Dr. H.E. Chodosh are the Co-chairmen. More information on this congress will be provided in the "Call for Papers." It will be sent at the beginning of the year 2000. Contact your ARA Branch Responsible Person.

The ARA Executive Committee Members and ARA Branch Responsible Persons should contact the ARA President and/or Secretary General for organizing special activities during the ARA Congress 2000, meaning Round Tables, Exhibits, *ARA Journal*, etc ...

On a Personal Note:

The 1999 ARA Awards were given to five ARA members for their valuable contribution to the sciences and humanities. The members so distinguished came from Belgium, Germany and the USA.

Professional commitments have prevented Dr. **Aleksandra Gruzinska** from taking part in the 24th ARA Congress. She would like to take this opportunity to express her gratitude to the members of the American Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences and President Ion Paraschivoiu for the distinction bestowed upon her at the 24th ARA Congress:

"I feel very honored. The Academy has provided a forum for many valuable experiences including the opportunity to share interest in E.M. Cioran with other Romanians and non-Romanians long before Cioran had become a celebrity. Publishing the *ARA Newsletter* has resulted in a close collaboration with other ARA members. Editing a volume on the *Essays on E.M. Cioran* has made it possible for me to make a significant contribution to the already existing list of scholarly works on Romania published by other ARA members. These experiences have resulted in a better insight into Romania, her history, her people and her culture. I value the deeply felt friendship I share with many ARA members. There is also a feeling of achievement in seeing ARA grow stronger, more active and vigorous thanks to her renewed collaboration with intellectuals in Romania."

Dr. Constantin Corduneanu, Professor Emeritus (University of Texas at Arlington), has visited Japan from October 8-16, 1999. He gave several Colloquium lectures at the University of Electro-Communications in Chofu in Tokyo, and at Gunma University in Kiryu, Gunma Prefecture. He spoke on "Neutral Functional Equations with Causal Operators." He also met with several specialists from Japan in the field of Functional Equations. Most of the specialists were former students of the late Professor Taro Yoshizawa.

Prof. **Ion Paraschivoiu**, J. A. Bombardier Aeronautical Chair Professor, received the Award "Prix du Ministère" for his textbook on *Aérodynamique subsonique* (1998; 575 pages), published by Presses Internationales Polytechnique.

On December 11, 1999, Katholieke Universiteit Brussel will host the International Congress of PADGE, (Center for Pure and Applied Differential Geometry of K.U. Leuven-Brussel) with an academic session in honor of the famous teacher and researcher in the field of Applied Differential Geometry, **Prof. Radu Rosca**. He is of Romanian origin and is presently living in France. Colleagues from France, Germany, Romania and Belgium will give talks on his life and work. Congratulations from various officials will follow.

During the 24th ARA Congress held in Liège in July 1999, Professor Radu Rosca has been admitted to the rank of Honorary Member of the American Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences. Because of his absence the Diploma could not be handed over to him at that time. It will be given to him during the PADGE Congress by the West-European ARA Branch Responsible Person, Prof. Dr. Eng. Liviu Masalar together with the congratulations sent by the ARA President, Prof. Dr. Eng. Ion Paraschivoiu.

New Publications by ARA Members

The *ARA Newsletter* will announce **new** books. Publisher's announcements will be included only if the publisher provides 250 copies of the announcement. Please bring these new titles to the attention of your local public or university librarian by sending him/her an announcement and a recommendation to acquire the volume.

Essays on E. M. Cioran (Rasinari 1911 – Paris 1995). **Aleksandra Gruzinska**, Editor. Contributions by **Leonid Arcade**, **Florin Berindeanu**, **Andrei Co drescu**, **Peter G. Christensen**, **Aleksandra Gruzinska**, **Ovid Hurd**, **Ingeborg M. Kohn**, **Sanda Stolojan**. Costa Mesa, CA: ARA Publications, American Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences, 1999. 225 pages. ISBN: 9975-910-82-3, \$30.00. Includes shipping.

Pecquet, Antoine. *Diverse Thoughts on Man*. Translated from the French *Pensées diverses sur l'homme* (1738) by **Murray D. Sirkis** and **Aleksandra Gruzinska**. The Age of Revolution and Romanticism: Interdisciplinary Studies Vol. 27. New York: Peter Lang, 1999; 135 pages. ISBN 0-8204-44259, \$41.95.

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Curriculum Vitae

ARA Members and Corresponding Members, who have not as yet sent their **CV**, please send it now to the President for ARA Archives.

New ARA candidates

A **ballot** with the names of new candidates who have applied to become ARA members or Corresponding ARA Members will soon be sent to the membership at large for voting.

ARA Journal

Dr. Monica Grecu, the Secretary General, is now working on creating an Editorial Board. She plans to include members from different fields of study. This will be a special issue of the *ARA Journal-2000*, Vol. 25.

ARA membership dues

Membership dues are set at \$70 for 1999, and 2000. They should be sent to Mr. Miron Bonca, ARA Treasurer, 3153 Country Club Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, U. S. A.

ARA Corresponding Members (Romania and Moldova) should sent the membership dues for 1999 (and also for 2000) (equivalent to \$10.00 each) to their ARA Branch Responsible Person.

The RSSA at the 1999 MLA Convention in Chicago

A) A Special session has been arranged by the "Discussion Group on Romanian Studies":

Chair: **Calin-Andrei Mihailescu**, University of Western Ontario, Canada.

The papers in this session investigate the shifting moods, prophetic stances, *Weltschmerz*, or irony associated with a secular yet superstitious uneasiness with the end of the century/millennium in 20th-century literature – in Romanian, or the language of their choice, by Romanian or foreign writers.

1. "Entre Orient et crépuscule: Dreaming of the End in Mateiu I. Caragiale's *Craii de Curtea Veche*," **Ramona Uritescu**, Harvard University.
2. "It's the End of the World," **Anca Mitroi**, Brigham Young University.
3. "Andrei Codrescu's Millennial Novel Messiah," **Kirby Olson**, Tampere Polytechnic University, Finland.
4. "The End is Beautiful: Aesthetic Fate *à la roumaine*," **Rodica Ieta**, University of Western Ontario.
5. Respondent: **Peter G. Christensen**, Cardinal Strich University.

B) Session organized by the Romanian Studies Association of America.

Cultural, feminist, and comparative explorations of heroines and female characters in 20th-century Romanian and Balcan prose.

Chair: **Domnica Radulescu**, Washington and Lee University

1. "Torn between the Balcans: Slavenka Drakulic and Her Quest for Identity," **Noemi Marin**, University of Maryland, College Park.
2. "The Romanian Literary Canon and Violence against Women," **Lucia Cheri**, Indiana University of Pennsylvania.
3. "Portrayal of the Romanian Woman/Peasant Character in Agârbiceanu's *Fefelega*," **Ileana Orlich**, Arizona State University.
4. "The Soul, the Body, and Immortality in Milan Kundera's Novels," **Oana Panaite**, Johns Hopkins University.

C) Session organized by the Romanian Studies Association of America.

Memoir, Romance, and Translation of Identity in Mircea Eliade's and Maitreyi Devi's Fictions.

Chairs: **Christian Moraru**, University of North Carolina, Greenboro and **Yumma Siddiqi**, University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

1. "Illustration to *Some Oriental Tale*: Romantic Transgressions in the Forbidden Zone," Nandi Bhatia, University of Western Ontario.
2. "*Bengali Nights* and *It Does not Die*: the Books behind the Book," **Peter G. Christensen**, Cardinal Strich University.
3. "The Class Ideology of Representation in Mircea Eliade's *Bengali Nights* and Maitreyi Devi's *Na Hanyate*," Ayan Kumar Gangopadhyay, Javadpur University, Calcutta, India.

Translators of Romanian Literature Symposium

The Symposium took place on May 12-23, 1999 at the Romanian Cultural Center (RCC) in New York under the leadership of Carmen Firan, Director of the RCC. It brought together writers and translators from different parts of the United States and Romania for two days of intensive exchange of ideas. The Symposium included literary pieces, translations, and book launchings. A reception was offered by the Romanian Consulate in New York. It facilitated meetings with representatives of the Romanian press, editors, and gallery owners. Participants included familiar names: Prof. Alexandra Golopentia, Dr. Constantin Eretescu, Prof. Aureliu Ciufencu, Prof. Ileana Orlich, Prof. Adam Sorkin. Romanian writer, Mia Padurean, was introduced by Dr. Monica Grecu. She is in the process of translating, Padurean's book, **Bitterness and Hope**. Proceedings of the Symposium will be published in the near future.

Monica Grecu, Ph. D.

ARA Secretary General

IREX Promotes Career Development in Romania

WASHINGTON, DC--The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has just awarded the International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX) a grant to implement an innovative project to encourage Romanians studying in the United States to return to their home country and pursue rewarding careers. The goal of the Return to Romania Project (RTR) is to facilitate the return and reintegration of Romanian students into Romanian society by offering them a range of choices in finding career opportunities while providing them with a continuing source of American contact and support.

The idea of US Ambassador to Romania James C. Rosapepe, RTR seeks to empower Romanians with US degrees or university training to have a greater impact on Romanian society by providing increased access to employment opportunities. RTR provides the chance for all Romanians who have studied in the United States to participate in career enhancing activities such as Job Fairs/Career Forums, which introduce American and Romanian employers to potential Romanian employees. IREX will also develop a database of Romanian undergraduate and graduate students in the US and a database of potential employers. These and other activities will be launched from an Alumni Support Center in Bucharest. The center will serve as a job referral service and career development center and provide access to such limited resources as computer workstations, fax services, and e-mail to facilitate job searches. The center will be open during regular business hours and will serve as a central meeting place for returnees. Its resources will allow returnees to create, polish, and print their resumes, fax or e-mail them to potential employees, and perform web-based job searches. In addition, IREX will create a reference library of job search guides and career manuals. </P>

IREX is a Washington-based international nonprofit organization with more than 40 years experience managing exchange and professional training programs in Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia. For the past several years IREX has been active in establishing career development programs for alumni of US exchange programs throughout the former Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe. For more information, visit our website at <<http://www.irex.org>>.

2000-2001 Grant Opportunities for US Scholars

The International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX) administers academic exchange programs for US scholars traveling to Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, and Mongolia. With funding from the United States Department of State (Title VIII Program and the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs), The Carnegie Corporation of New York, the National Endowment for the Humanities, The Starr Foundation, The Henry Luce Foundation, Inc., and its own Scholar Support Fund, IREX supports the following programs:

Fulbright Senior Scholar Program

Beginning in fall 1999, IREX will be cooperating with the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) to provide in-country orientation and assistance for US Fulbright senior scholars in the countries of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, and Uzbekistan. For more information on the program and to obtain an application, visit the CIES website at <<http://www.ile.org/cies>>.

Mongolia Research Fellowship Program

Fellowships for US specialists, doctoral candidates, and senior scholars to conduct advanced social sciences and humanities research in Mongolia for periods of one to four months.

Deadline: December 15, 1999

Mongolian Language Training Program

Grants for US students with a developing interest in Mongolia to take part in a twelve-week intensive summer language training program in Ulaanbaatar.

Deadline: January 14, 2000

Russian-US Young Leadership Fellows For Public Service Program

One-year exchange fellowships for non-degree, graduate-level academic programs in the field of Russian area studies, including course work in conflict resolution, economics, government studies, history, international relations, and political science at universities throughout the Russian Federation. The program also includes a community service component and a professional internship.

Deadline: November 30, 1999

Short Term Travel Grants

Grants for scholarly projects focusing on Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia. Support is available for visits of up to two months for individuals who do not require administrative support from IREX. These projects should demonstrate academic merit and relevance and contribute to the body of knowledge on these regions through the dissemination of research results.

Deadlines: February 1 and June 1, 2000

Social Sciences and Humanities Network

The Social Sciences and Humanities Network supports the ongoing stabilization and development of higher education in Russia, Ukraine, and the Caucasus through individual targeted exchanges, institutional partnerships, and information dissemination projects. All three components of the program actively encourage partnership and participation from American scholars and institutions. Deadline: January 14, 2000

General Eligibility Requirements & Applications

Eligibility requirements vary by program. Please contact IREX for applications and further information on these and other programs. Application forms can also be downloaded directly from the IREX web site at <http://www.irex.org>.

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