

COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD CONGRESS OF SERBIAN GEOGRAPHERS HELD IN BANJA LUKA

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The Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics-University of Banja Luka, Geographical Society of Republika Srpska, Serbian Geographical Society and Faculty of Geography-University of Belgrade organized the third congress of Serbian geographers with international participation. The congress was held in Banja Luka (Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina) from 12th to 14th of October, 2011.

Theme of the congress included two scientific directions. The first is dedicated to the geopolitical, socio-economic and demographic development processes and problems, including fundamental and practical approach to the natural resources, environment, spatial planning and landscaping of the Southeastern Europe. The second scientific direction is devoted to the theoretical and methodological issues in the field of geographical science and geographical teaching skills.

During the congress, it was announced 11 plenary lectures, after which the program continued into 6 different sessions where the theme of the congress was presented. These were the plenary theme and sessions:

The first plenary session:

Globalization and geographic processes in Southeast Europe

Scientific sessions:

1. Natural resources and sustainable development of Southeast Europe
2. Demographic processes in Southeast Europe
3. Social geographic and economic development processes and problems of Southeast Europe

Second plenary session:

The theory and methodology of geographical sciences

Scientific sessions:

1. Status and prospects of geographical sciences in the world and Serbian countries
2. Geography in the spatial planning and sustainable development
3. Problems and perspectives of geography teaching at universities.

Proceedings of the congress are published in Serbian language but the conclusions and abstracts are written in English language as well. There were over 130 geographers from Serbia, Italy, Russia, Croatia, Hungary, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Romania and Republic of Srpska. It was announced over 70 papers from different geographical areas of science. In the proceeding collection are included about 90 papers.

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