

Scientific events: Scientific session “Biodiversity and anthropic impact in the Black Sea and in the littoral ecosystems of the Black Sea”, Agigea, October 21-22, 2006

The scientific session dedicated to the review of the 30 years of achievements since the establishment of the Marine Biological Station “Prof. Dr. Ioan Borcea” (MBS) Agigea, “Biodiversity and anthropic impact in the Black Sea and in the littoral ecosystems of the Black Sea”, took place in Agigea (Constantza) between October 20-21, 2006.

It started with Prof. Gheorghe Mustata from the University “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” of Iassy / Faculty of Biology, Director of MBS, who remembered the outstanding personality of the founder I. Borcea, the most relevant developmental stages of MBS with time, and unveiled the memorial plaque <Statiunea Biologica Marina “Prof. dr. Ioan Borcea”, 80 de ani de la infiintare, 20-21 octombrie 2006> and the bust of Prof. Constantin Motas (1891-1980).

In the presence of Prof. Ionel D. Andriescu (Director MBS 1966-1970), Prof. Adrian Bavaru (Rector University “Ovidius” Constantza (UOC) 1996-2004), Dr. Alexandru S. Bologa (Scientific Director NIMRD “Grigore Antipa” 1990 – present), Dr. Ioan Porumb and Mr Ion Ionita (Mayor Agigea), Prof. G. Mustata started the conference by some cordial opening remarks. His opening was followed by interventions of Prof. I. Andriescu, Prof. A. Bavaru, Dr. S. Negrea, Dr. A.S. Bologa, Dr. N.C. Papadopol, Dr. O. Serbanescu and Dr. C. Chimisliu (Craiova). This introductory part was also followed by the handing over of Honorary Diplomas to various employees and coworkers of MBS during the last decades.

As to recent publications, Prof. G. Mustata presented the remarkable volum *Prof. dr. Ioan Borcea, Opere, vol.1, Ihtiofauna Marii Negre*, Ed. Borcea, Bacau, 2006, 182 pp (by G. Mustata) and the brochure *Rezervatia de plante de dune marine de la Agigea*, St. Biol. Mar. “Prof. Dr. Ioan Borcea”, Agigea, 2006, 26 pp (by G. Mustata), and Dr. A.S. Bologa presented the monograph *Parcuri și rezervatii naturale din Romania*, Ed. VictorBVictor, Bucuresti, 2006, 151 pp + 56 colour plates (by G. Mohan and A. Ardelean).

An inset portrait was dedicated to Lecturer Dr. Maria S. Celan (1898-1989), remarkable pioneer of Romanian marine algology who spent over 50 years at Agigea, by Lecturer Dr. Daciana Sava (UOC).

The conference, attended by about 80 people, then continued and split up into three sections, I. Aquatic biology, II. Terrestrial biology, III. Ecology

and anthropic impact, by oral and poster presentations; technical facilities were provided in each section.

The entire event was certainly not only excellently organized but also enthusiastically inspired by Prof. G. Mustata's own dynamic personality and his constant efforts to successfully continue what he justly considers the “spirit of Agigea”.

Dr. Alexandru S. Bologa