Summary

The idea of organizing *The International Conference on Onomastics: Name and Naming. "Multiethnic Connections in Anthroponymy"* occurred back in 2008, when the undersigned author of this short presentation submitted a funding application for an exploratory research project, in the CNCSIS competition (program PN II, IDEI). The objectives of the winning grant – *Multiethnic Connections in the Anthroponymy of Maramureş, a Central European Area* (code 251, contract number 838/2009) – included the organization of an international scientific event that would explore the issues of *name* and *naming* in anthroponymy, toponymy, and in fields related to onomastics.

We believe that the conference which took place in September 19–21, 2011, in Baia Mare, proved itself a remarkable endeavour in the field of Romanian onomastics, in particular, and in that of international onomastics, in general. The names gathered within this volume are eloquent enough to support our statement.

Most of the participants represented highly esteemed universities or research institutes of the Romanian Academy: Marius Alexianu – Iași, Anita Andreica – Baia Mare, Lazăr Avram – Ploiești, Minodora Barbul – Baia Mare, Rodica Biriș – Arad, Răzvan Bran – Bucharest, Alina Bugheșiu – Baia Mare (+ Timișoara), Daniela Butnaru – Iași, Gheorghe Calcan – Ploiești, Adrian Chircu – Cluj-Napoca, Gheorghe Chivu – Bucharest, Nicoleta Cîmpian – Baia Mare, Dana Covaci – Cluj-Napoca, Mihai Crudu – Bucharest (+ Suceava), Carmen Dărăbuș – Baia Mare (+ Novi Sad, Serbia), Andreea Dumitrescu – Baia Mare, Daiana Felecan – Baia Mare, Nicolae Felecan – Baia Mare, Oliviu Felecan – Baia Mare, Doina Filimon Doroftei – Bucharest, Gheorghe Glodeanu – Baia Mare, Octavian Gordon – Bucharest, Mihaela Grigorean – Negrești-Oaș, Sigrid Haldenwang – Sibiu, Monica Adriana Ionescu – Bucharest, Izabella Krizsanovszki – Baia Mare, Margareta Manu Magda – Bucharest, Iulia Mărgărit – Bucharest, Adelina Mihali – Baia Mare (+ Timișoara), Mihaela Munteanu Siserman – Baia Mare, Maria-Cătălina Muraru – Bucharest, Teodor Oancă – Craiova, Adrian Oțoiu – Baia Mare, Marcela Oțoiu – Baia Mare, Claudia Gabriela Pisoschi – Craiova, Silvia Pitiriciu – Craiova, Raluca Pop-Chendea – Cluj-Napoca, Ana-Maria Prisăcaru – Iași, Ileana-Maria Ratcu – Bucharest, Georgeta Rus – Baia Mare, Mădălina Strechie – Craiova, Dana-Luminița Teleoacă – Bucharest, Aida Todi – Constanța, Dragoș Vlad Topală – Craiova, Rodica-Cristina Țurcanu – Baia Mare, Theodor Ulieriu-Rostas – Bucharest (+ Paris, France), Ioana Vintilă-Rădulescu – Bucharest, Camelia Zăbavă – Craiova.

There were also specialists from ten other countries, adding up to over a third of the final number of participants: Davide Astori – Italy, Emili Casanova – Spain, Jérémie Delorme – Belgium, Inga Druță – the Republic of Modova, Anatol Eremia – the Republic of Moldova, Anna Fornalczyk, Aleksandra Biela-Wołońciej – Poland, Luca Gatti – Italy, Alfonso Germani – Italy, Ivana Janjić – Serbia, Erika Kegyes – Hungary, Antonio Mallozzi

– Italy, Bertie Neethling – South Africa, Thierry Ponchon – France, Virginia Popović – Serbia, Michel Rateau – France, Viorica Răileanu – the Republic of Moldova, Igor Skouratov, Kevin Bacquet – Russia, Laura Spăriosu – Serbia, Bernd Spillner – Germany, Boris Stojkovski – Serbia, Elena Ungureanu – the Republic of Moldova, Rodika Ursulesku-Miličić – Serbia, Willy Van Langendonck – Belgium, Vladimir Zagaevschi – the Republic of Moldova.

The papers delivered on the occasion of the conference were divided into three large sections (*anthroponomastics, toponomastics* and *names in society*), so that the all the fields of interests explored by the researchers could be covered. Throughout this volume, we have kept, to the extent to which it was possible, the same distribution of the materials, with the note that the studies were organized in subchapters, according to the content they conveyed: forenames, historical anthroponymy, surnames, unconventional anthroponyms (nicknames, bynames, appellatives, hypocoristics, user names), literary onomastics, toponyms, hydronyms, oikonyms, hodonyms, the theory of names, trade names, other names (zoonyms etc.). Within each chapter, the studies (34 in Romanian, 17 in French, 8 in English, 7 in German, and 4 in Italian) were arranged alphabetically, according to the authors' surnames.

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