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Abstract. The paper presents the 16th edition of Urban Concept National Conference, a milestone for urban planners from the Romanian public administration, focusing on the presentations delivered during the event.

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The National Conference "Urban Concept" - modern urban development in Romania - theme: „City. Territory. Landscape. Legislative news”, held from 17 to 19 March 2016, at Hotel Horizon in Predeal, brought together over a hundred architects, planners and specialists in the field: chief architects of cities, municipalities and county councils, committee chairmen of planning, construction and urban development, representatives of companies engaged in the development of modern urban in the country.

First session of the conference, opened and chaired by dr. dr. habil. Alexandru-Ionuț PETRIȘOR, included presentations with a wide range of concerns such as:

- Presentation of Architect Liliana Elza PETRIȘOR "Urban Planners Register of Romania in the second decade of activity" - brings to the fore a study that tracks architects activity in urban and spatial planning during 2011-2015, based on registered works at Urban Planners/Urbanists Register. The study has particular relevance for both: the

administration and for presenting the reality of professional practice in the territory, based on concrete analysis. In 2015 Register of Urban Planners - Romania celebrated a decade of existence. The main achievements are: attesting to 2015 inclusively 1994 professionals from the country and abroad; 1520 architects, 233 urban planning graduates, 78 conductor-architects and 163 specialists in related fields. Although the total number of professionals authorized approaches 2000, there are counties where they do not exceed 10 (Bistrita-Nasaud, Botosani, Calarasi, Covasna, Giurgiu, Gorj, Ialomita, Ilfov, Mehedinti, Olt, Vaslui and Vrancea). In 2015, 46 specialists, who have requested either certification or examination, or the extension of the right to sign obtained the right of signature, in the 4 attestation or examination sessions.

- "Tools e-media for effective communication between public authorities and citizens" - presented by dr. Vera MARIN, architect, President of the Association for Urban Transition, debate the issue

of communication between public authorities and citizens, of the importance of open data and how they support their dialogue between urban actors in urban planning and design.

- "IT&C infrastructure projects in urbanism" - presented by George FLOREA, Business Development Manager, Focality Professional Services. The unprecedented development of IT&C led to the unequivocal involvement of these technologies in all urban projects, from classic applications of access control and physical security to innovative applications of "smart home". „Focality” S.R.L., with over 20 years experience in the field, performed consulting services, design and implementation of IT&C (ICT) infrastructure in complex urban projects.
- "Investigation, configuration, legislation" - a presentation of Architect Călin HOINĂRESCU, Vice President of National Union of Building Conservationists, an attempt to decipher the concept of territory in a study about the future and the past, a rediscovery of traditional architecture. Romanian surface includes largely adjacent areas of villages and urban settlements, fully configured, and directly attached to specific rural settlements from Romania. The layout of settlements in rural areas, villages and settlements urban configuration that preserves the matrix village, with the households appearance, dwellings and buildings with different functions (churches, inns, shops, craft workshops, etc.) make up today, at large, a varied and in many cases homogeneous cultural landscape. The cultural landscape is the main obstacle that stands in front of the "depersonalization of the habitat"

phenomenon in our country, under the pressure of globalization homogenization. It can be said that along with other forms of intangible heritage (songs, dances, traditions), habitat is an important part of our collective memory, spirituality and identity. Developing a detailed analysis of heritage village and town, which is still present in our country, is the main source of the foundation for landscaping plans of settlements, the counties and the national territory. Unfortunately, what is currently included in Law 5 PATN - protected areas, is not based on any scientific or history foundation, and is a shallow form of what should actually be highlighted. The presentation is set up as a signal that should lead to a sound justification of historical, sociological, urban planning and architectural criteria to be used in PUG, PATJ and PATN preparation, and urban planning regulations aimed at maintaining the specific protection and perpetuation of ancient, fundamental part of the collective memory of our spirituality.

- "Underground platforms selective collection of household waste" - presented by Adrian PEIA, Euritech representant. Underground waste collection platforms are an alternative to traditional platforms, represented pens/folds inside which containers/bins are placed. Underground platforms are designed for selective waste collection and similar municipal (household), in a maximum of 4 fractions. A platform is provided with an insertion of four baskets that can be designed according to local rules of sanitation, with a waste fractions set. This technical solution is developed to comply with applicable legislation on waste, including health.



– The theme "*A radiography of Romanian research in urban and spatial planning*" - presented by dr. dr. habil. Alexandru-Ionuț PETRIȘOR. International contemporary challenges of research set their fingerprint more obviously over all areas of science. The trend is to shift from extensive research in a particular area to inter- and cross-disciplinary research and multi-scale approaches. Meanwhile, outside the scientific value of the research, results pose an increasingly more significant question of the practical value either in the form of results that can sell on the market, or have a societal benefit. Also, there is an increasingly acute pressure oriented to the dissemination of research results. In the context of Romanian integration in the European and international research, the Romanian research authorities have addressed since 2015 the issue of evaluating the international visibility of Romanian research, and then, after analyzing the results, on increasing it to a level comparable to the other European countries. This pressure was felt mostly by spatial planning, where articles are not the main output of scientific research. The presentation aimed to explore the effect of this pressure through the results and future

prospects based on the example of the main engines of research in spatial planning - the National Institute for Research and Development in Construction, Urban Planning and Sustainable Territorial Development URBAN-INCERC and the recently founded Doctoral School of Urbanism at the "Ion Mincu" University of Architecture and Urbanism.

– "*Urban fire - risk and responsibility*" presented by Architect Florin ENACHE, PhD Candidate, discussed a very serious issue, reminding the following event "Collective", namely fire. Besides the physical impact that they have on the city, fires are an important factor of social and structural transformation. By changing technologies of building and fire, and security systems, fire became a less obvious threat in everyday life. However, there are exceptions, namely the remaining fires and serious events with large losses, in terms of both human lives and material losses.

Dr. Mircea GRIGOROVSKI, Architect, Dean of the Faculty of Architecture "G.M. Cantacuzino" - Iași and representative of Iasi Territorial Office of Development Region Northeast, opened

and chaired the second debate session including the following presentations:

- "*City mobilization through negotiation. Urban dialogue as a catalyst tool*" - presented by Architect Eugen PĂNESCU - OAR / ACE / UAR / RUR, about the social and professional part of the professional act, the negotiation dialogue between those interests, a theme illustrated by the example „Somes Cluj” - regaining contact with water through urban dialogue.
- "*Modern technologies for sustainable urban development and cadastre: The integrated solution Hirrus UAS (unmanned aerial system) and GIS (Geospatial Information System)*" - presented by George FĂCĂERU, Business Development Manager, Teamnet.
- "*Bucharest - contemplative city*" - presented by Architect Sorin GABREA, Western Outdoor and Architect Nicolae ȚARĂLUNGĂ, PhD, Director of IHS Romania, about changes in Bucharest after '90 and beginning a

process attempting to re-connect to the European values, and also another system of values, national values and Bucharest today.

- "*Urban Space and emotions*" - presented by Dr. Mircea GRIGOROVSKI, Architect, Northeast Territorial Representative Office of the Register of Urban Planners from Romania.

In the second session a panel moderated by Architects Anca GINAVAR, Mircea GRIGOROVSKI and Vera MARIN generated important discussions. Architect Anca GINAVAR, Head of Planning and Urban Planning - Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration presented the "*Strategic Plan: Priorities MDRAP the year 2016*", the priorities set by the Government for 2016, professionally relevant and some results of the MDRAP projects, financed by European funds in support of the planning reform.



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