

The Biodiversity Picnic took place in Sibiu, a Romanian old city located in Transylvania on 18 May 2008 and it was organized by the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of the University “Lucian Blaga” from Sibiu, Romania in collaboration with the Regional Environmental Agency Sibiu and with the support of the international NGO: CeeWEB. Due to a heavy rainy it wasn't possible to picnic in the Sub Arini Park which is the largest and most beautiful city park built between 1856 and 1865 which covers 21.65 ha. In the Sub Arini Pack it could be found around 68 tree species including 30 exotic species from all over the world (e.g. China, Japan, Middle East, North America, etc.) and a lot other species (e.g. over 95 birds species, insects and small mammals). The dominant species is alder and the oldest trees (e.g. alders, black poplar, lime trees, oak trees) are over 150 years old. For these reasons at national level this Park is declared a monument for forestry species.

Due to the weather conditions this event was organized in the amphitheater of the Faculty and it was attended by over 80 students belonging to our Faculty but also from the Faculty of Engineering and Nature Protection, professors and local mass-media. They learnt about the International Year of Biodiversity and the International Day of Biodiversity – the messages from the SCBD and the UN Assembly, Wild Nature in Romania – Center Region and *Aquila pomarina*. All people enjoyed there local water and traditional snakes and during discussions they learned about the essential rules they should apply for eco-tourism. An exercise regarding the *Aquila pomarina* protection needs and actions to be taken for a proper protection taking into account social constrains for poverty alleviation was also in place. The picnic was concluded in couples of hours with the message that at will be reiterated for celebrating the International Day for Danube River in relationship with biodiversity (each 12 June).

