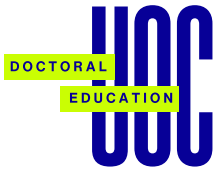


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## NEWSLETTER

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### 2026 EUA-CDE Thematic Workshop Doctoral education for the future of European R&I

**UOC Institute of Doctoral Studies attends EUA-CDE Thematic Workshop Doctoral education for the future of European R&I**

Prof. Elena Condrea, vice-rector, and Prof. Monica Vlad, director of CSUD, participated at the *EUA-CDE Thematic Workshop Doctoral education for the future of European R&I*, held between 14-18 January 2026 in Liège, Belgium.

Over two days, the EUA-CDE Workshop offered participants the opportunity to learn about proposals for future European Union funding programs, to exchange experiences and to discuss ways to strengthen a common voice in support of doctoral education. Through plenary presentations, panels and interactive sessions, institutional strategies and good practices of EUA-CDE member universities on the use of European funding instruments and policies were presented.

It also looked into aspects that improved in future funding programmes, in order to support new generations of researchers in Europe. A key moment of the workshop was the launch of the second report on the results of the EUA-CDE European survey in 2025, which highlighted the major relevance of funding instruments and European policy themes for the EUA-CDE community.



### Games of Science Returns to UOC 19 – 20 MARCH 2026

A new edition of **Games of Science** will take place at **Ovidius University of Constanța**, from March 19 to 20, 2026. PhD students from IOSUD-UOC are invited to discover a new training opportunity, focused on developing scientific communication skills.

**Games of Science**, the largest science communication competition in Romania, is aimed at young researchers interested in learning how to clearly and convincingly present their research results. The format combines a day of intensive training with a presentation competition in front of an audience.

PhD students have the chance to practice presenting their research in short formats (15–120 seconds), with impact, and to learn through collaboration and peer feedback. Moreover, they have the opportunity to test their skills in a competitive, “tournament”-type setting. They can thus benefit from a unique experience, which brings them closer to the community of young researchers from all fields of science and to the general public.

Registration is done by filling out the form available on [www.gamesofscience.ro](http://www.gamesofscience.ro) or [www.tinyurl.com/GoS2026](http://www.tinyurl.com/GoS2026). Additional information can be found on the official website [www.gamesofscience.ro](http://www.gamesofscience.ro), on the program’s social media pages and on our platform, [www.doctoraliaovidiana.com](http://www.doctoraliaovidiana.com).



We need scientists who do science, who are able and want to talk about their work. **Games of Science** trains them to explain complex ideas and processes in terms accessible to the public, under realistic conditions and with feedback, to increase trust in science and the quality of science-based public conversations.

Ada Roșeti,

The initiator of the Games of Science format



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**UOC**

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UNIVERSITATEA „OVIDIUS” DIN CONSTANȚA

Proiect: Înființarea și dezvoltarea CENTRULUI REGIONAL SUD-EST PENTRU ORIENTAREA ÎN CARIERA DE CERCETĂTOR – AD.AUGUSTA - cod 2/16.11.2022

Finanțat prin Planul Național de Redresare și Reziliență

Apel nr. PNRR-III-C9-2022-110



### The Continuation of Academic Mentorship and Coaching Activities

Within the project "Înființarea și dezvoltarea Centrului Regional Sud-Est pentru Orientarea în Cariera de Cercetător – AD AUGUSTA", funded by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR), academic mentoring and coaching activities are continuing for doctoral students members of the target group enrolled in the **AD AUGUSTA** project.

The activities aim at managing the academic career, through monitoring professional evolution, personalized assistance and counseling, with the objective of supporting the development of the academic and research path of doctoral students.

Eligible doctoral students are invited to actively participate in the mentoring and coaching sessions, in order to strengthen research skills, plan their academic career and increase scientific visibility.

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### CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

PhD student **Denisa-Gabriela Ion-Andrei**, from the **Doctoral School of Medicine**, participated in the 15th edition of the **Conference of Pneumology Resident Physicians**, held between December 19–20, in physical format, in Sibiu.

During the conference, the PhD student presented the paper *Poluarea – noul fumat?*, carried out under the coordination of Prof. Elena Dantes, PhD, a paper that falls within the thematic area of her doctoral thesis on clinical, imaging and immunohistochemical correlations with the survival of patients with bronchopulmonary cancer.



#### Erasmus+Mobility UOC in Greece



PhD student **Andreea-Dalila Nedelcu**, a third-year student at the **Doctoral School of Medicine**, under the coordination of Professor **Mădălina-Gabriela Iliescu**, PhD, participated, within the Erasmus+ program, in a mobility carried out at the **University of Ioannina, Greece**, between November 24 and December 5, 2025.

During the mobility, the PhD student had the opportunity to take part in academic and practical activities, carried out within the specialized departments of the University of Ioannina.

*The 7th Conference on Spinal Pain and Rehabilitation: Intervention versus Surgery, organized under the aegis of the Hellenic Spine Society*, also took place here. The event benefited from the presence of an international guest from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA, providing a valuable framework for the exchange of experience.

The experience gained during the Erasmus+ mobility was important from a professional and academic point of view, offering the opportunity to participate in scientific discussions, strengthen international collaboration and develop research skills.

At the same time, the mobility allowed the acquisition of an interdisciplinary perspective in the field of medical recovery, representing a valuable support for the personal doctoral path.

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### ERASMUS PLUS INTERNSHIP MOBILITY COMPETITION UNDER THE 2024–2025 CALL

The Erasmus Plus Office of UOC announces the launch of the competition for Erasmus Plus mobility opportunities aimed at PhD candidates interested in undertaking international internships.

Applications must be submitted in **physical format to the Erasmus Plus Office** (Str. Ion Vodă no. 58, room PC11, Constanța) between **9–20 February 2026**, from Monday to Friday, **09:00–12:30**.

**Complete information** regarding eligibility criteria and the required application documents is available on the institutional website at:

<https://dri.univ-ovidius.ro/home/serviciul-erasmus-plus/mobilitati-erasmus-plus/mobilitati-in-tarile-programului>, section Outgoing – Students – Documents,

and also at [doctoraliaovidiana.com](http://doctoraliaovidiana.com).



Member States of the European Union  
and third countries associated with  
the program

- **Duration: 5–30 days**
- **Number of places: 10**

Third countries not associated with  
the program

- **Duration: 20–30 days**
- **Number of places: 10**



## Doctoral Students' Voices

FIELD  
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PHILOLOGY

### Adaptations of reptile communities to global changes

#### PhD student Alexandra Telea

under the coordination of Prof.univ.dr.habil. Dan Cogălniceanu

Climate change is a major cause of long-term changes in the health of habitats and species, intensifying stress and competition for resources and even decreasing reproductive success. Reptiles, ectothermic ("cold-blooded") species, are particularly sensitive to climatic variations. Data on the physiological and population responses of reptiles to climate change are lacking.

My doctoral project "Adaptations of reptile communities to global changes", coordinated by Prof. Cogălniceanu Dan, PhD, aims to characterize the changes in population parameters of reptile species from Dobrogea in the context of climate change. The research targets four species of snakes (*Natrix natrix*, *N. tessellata*, *Dolichophis caspius*, *Elaphe sauromates*) from the semi-natural area of Cetatea Histria and a species of lizard (*Podarcis muralis*) from southern Dobrogea.

The methodology is complex and combines the analysis of time trends of morpho-physiological and climatic data, as well as habitat quality indices, to characterize the main responsible factors. In the case of lizards, data on age and growth parameters estimated by skeletochronology are also analyzed. This is a technique for analyzing age by histological processing of reptile bones and analyzing growth and dormancy periods, similar to age estimation in trees.

The study will contribute to understanding how ectothermic species adapt to current global challenges.

### Tell me what you eat, so I can tell you who you are... in Caragiale

#### PhD student Cristina Fătu (now Alexe)

under the coordination of Prof. Dr. Marina Cap-Bun

Have you ever wondered why we like Caragiale's sketches so much? Have you ever wondered why beer, "mititei" or Goe's jam are almost "characters" in the Caragalian universe?

Well, my research seeks precisely this answer and for this reason it invites you to a literary table where the menu does not only serve to satisfy hunger, but also functions as a true identity card. Food is the common thread that, when followed, reveals who we really are.

The study proposes a unique look at classical texts. Through the lens of a new type of analysis – called Food Studies – my research aims to show how gastronomy becomes a symbolic language. Feasts and culinary rituals are, in fact, tools through which characters construct their public image. Just as today we define ourselves through our consumption choices, so Caragiale's heroes negotiated their social status through what they put on the table. Like photographs of everyday life, these culinary moments reveal social relations, status differences and the way people relate to the modern city. Food thus becomes a code through which we decipher the ambitions and ironies of a society in formation. By understanding what the characters eat and drink, we better understand their secrets and dramas.

The next time you laugh at a sketch, remember this newsletter and look carefully behind the culinary jokes, there is a serious history of our identity hidden there!

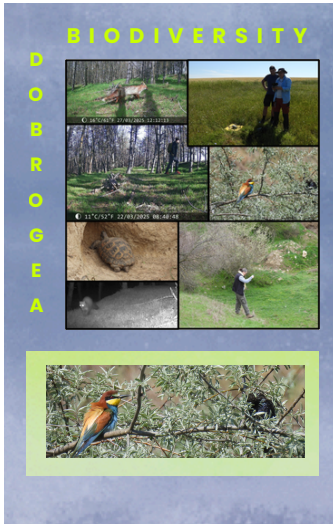
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RESEARCH  
PROJECT

### Digiversity 3.0: Digital Transformation in Biodiversity Research of Abandoned Quarries



In December 2025, the research project *Digiversity 3.0. Analiza (re)colonizării biodiversității în carierele abandonate prin metode digitale: concept, practici și provocări* came to an end. It was funded through the AOȘR-TEAMS-III Program (2024-2025 Edition) of the Academy of Romanian Scientists.

The project team, coordinated by Dr. Sebastian Topliceanu, included PhD students from the **Doctoral School of Applied Sciences – Biology** Alexandra Telea and Geanina Fănaru and Msc. Miruna Vizireanu.

The research aimed to integrate artificial intelligence and digital technologies in the assessment of ecological restoration processes in abandoned open-pit quarries in Dobrogea, with a focus on the Baba Rada (Tulcea County) and Urluia (Constanța County) sites.

The methodology included passive photo-video and acoustic monitoring assisted by AI, the use of data from citizen science platforms, vegetation analysis using the NDVI index based on satellite images, the use of the BirdNET Analyzer application to identify bird species, etc.

For more details, the young researchers involved in this project to assess ecological restoration in areas affected by human activity invite you to a short and interesting cinematic moment of **science popularization:**



Results of the research on the analysis of the NDVI Index are available in the article that can be accessed here: [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/392197697\\_ASSESSMENT\\_OF\\_RENATURATION\\_IN\\_ACTIVE\\_AND\\_INACTIVE\\_QUARRIES\\_USING\\_REMOTE\\_SENSING\\_DATA](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/392197697_ASSESSMENT_OF_RENATURATION_IN_ACTIVE_AND_INACTIVE_QUARRIES_USING_REMOTE_SENSING_DATA)

## THESES DEFENSES:

PhD Candidate Ghiță Gilbert-Marius-Daniel

Field: Mathematics

Thesis Title: *Modelarea matematică a fenomenului de propagare a fisurilor în materiale piezoelectrice sub acțiunea câmpurilor inițiale*

Supervisor: Prof.univ.dr. habil. Eduard Marius Crăciun

Defense date: 23.01.2026



PhD Candidate Moise (now Neacșu) Bianca Roxana

Field: Philology

Thesis Title: *Revisiting postwar America: 'On the road' to the beats' consumerist culture*

Supervisor: Professor Emeritus Adina Ciugureanu

Defense date: 30.01.2026

## HABILITATIONS:



Habilitation in the field of Medicine

Associate Professor Stela Halichidis PhD

Thesis Title: *Contribuții interdisciplinare în cercetarea bolilor infecțioase: de la factorii de mediu și mecanismele patogene la inovațiile biomedicale în diagnostic și prevenție*

Defense date: 30.01.2026

Dear PhD candidates and members of the doctoral community,

We invite you to visit our website for up-to-date information, useful resources, and opportunities dedicated to supporting your doctoral journey.

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