

# INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

## Tracing linear archaeological sites

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30<sup>th</sup> June -2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017, Pitești, Romania



Romania has on its territory the lengthiest collection of former Roman border segments, stretched both on water and on land for more than 2000 km. In the same time, Romania faces, in 2017, the lowest budget for research amongst the European Union members. Despite all odds, archaeologists and national authorities have to go further with the data collecting process, necessary to include the Roman frontier in Romania on the UNESCO Tentative List. This is the critical moment to establish the best documentation strategies, workflows, methods and standards, in order to accomplish such a high-end task.

The planned international symposium aims to support this endeavour by providing the occasion to assess the international state of art in the field of exploring and documenting linear fortifications, including frontiers, roads or any other kind of alignments with strategic purposes, as chains of watch-towers, settlements, forts or even chance discoveries. We especially seek for critical presentations concerned with investigation technologies and research workflows, either study-cases or methodological approaches.

Even if the Roman frontier is our main focus, talks on linear fortifications belonging to other cultural and chronological backgrounds are also welcomed.

### Recommended topics:

- aerial reconnaissance
- UAV and photogrammetry
- LiDAR technologies
- field-walking
- geophysics
- cartography and toponymy
- landscape archaeology
- predictive archaeology
- perception studies (visibility, audibility)
- updates for *Limes Dacicus*

All oral contributions should fit into 20 minutes. English language is recommended. Posters (in author's desired format), for people not able to attend the meeting, are accepted also.

**Registration and abstract:** As the budget will be limited, the number of participants for symposium will be below 30 (probably 25). The list will be filled up in order of the requests. A short abstract (less than one page), including complete name and affiliation for authors and reference to selected topic (from the above list) is expected on email by organizers until the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2017 in order to confirm participation. In addition, authors willing to prepare a short paper (3-5 pages<sup>1</sup>, 3-5 illustrations) for publication in a Symposium Booklet, should send it to organizers by email till June 10<sup>th</sup>, the latest. This booklet could be developed in a Symposium Proceedings, if at least 15 authors will be interested to develop their lecture in a full scientific paper.

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**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017

**Place:** County Museum Argeş, Piteşti City, Romania

**Organizing Partners:**

- Limes Transalutanus Project  
[www.limes-transalutanus.ro](http://www.limes-transalutanus.ro)
- County Museum Argeş  
<http://www.muzeul-judetean-arges.ro/>

**Fees:** The organizers will cover all expenses within the symposium (accommodation, meals, excursion), but not the travel to or from Bucharest.

**Deadline for short abstract submission:** 10 April 2017

**Deadline for short paper submission:** 10 June 2017

**Preliminary Program**

The symposium will take one full day (at least), followed by one-day long excursions along *Limes Transalutanus*, with two choices:

**Itinerary A**, northward (crossing twice Carpathians Mountains): Jidova, Voineşti, Rucăr, Drumul Carului, Râşnov, Sinaia, Bucureşti.

**Itinerary B**, southward, heading Danube: Albota, Săpata, Urlueni, Gresia, Valea Urlui, Băneasa, Turnu Măgurele, Bucureşti.

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<sup>1</sup> One page equals about 700 words.