

## EDITOR'S NOTE

### THE DAYS OF THE ACADEMY OF TECHNICAL SCIENCES OF ROMANIA, SIBIU, NOVEMBER 6TH-7TH, 2014

The Academy of Technical Sciences of Romania - ASTR will organise, in cooperation with the "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, on November 6th-7th, at Sibiu, the 9th edition of the Conference "The Days of the Academy of Technical Sciences of Romania", on the topic: "Sustainable development favourable to inclusion".

The Conference "The Days of the Academy of Technical Sciences of Romania" is organised yearly, for the promotion and development of research, technical creation and engineering education, objectives that define the purpose of existence of ASTR itself.

In the organisation of the conference there will be involved, as partners, the General Association of Engineers of Romania (AGIR) and Verein Deutscher Ingenieure (VDI, Germany), the strongest professional associations of engineers from the two countries.

The Conference is open to scientific papers from all domains of technical sciences, addressing especially the generous topic of sustainable development and inclusion. Papers will be divided on following sections:

- Technologies for sustainable development;
- Energy efficiency;
- Sustainable mobility;
- Inclusion strategies in education and training.

The conference will surely have a large attendance, already more than 50 members of ASTR, numerous members of AGIR, academic staff from universities, scientific researchers, doctoral students and master's students.

The conference wishes to be a forum that would facilitate the exchange of ideas and the cooperation between specialists from the industry and researchers and academic staff from research institutes and universities. The selection of Sibiu as conference venue this year is justified by the fact that in this city there is a strong cooperation between the "Lucian Blaga" University as provider of specialists and the industrial companies from the

area as partners in research and development projects and as main employers of the graduates.

Surely, of great interest will be the plenary speech of Mr. Mihai Mihăiță, president of ASTR, titled "Hermann Oberth, scientist of international reputation, son of Sibiu", which will emphasise once more the attachment of the great scientist to his birthplace and to the country in which he was born and spent a large part of his life.

The Conference will be honoured also by the presence of Mr. Jacques Lukasik, general secretary of the European Council of the Academies of Applied Sciences, Technologies and Engineering (Euro-CASE), who will present, also within a plenary speech, aspects of the activity of Euro-CASE.

It is expected that the activities within the Conference's four sections will incite also a large interest, the participants announcing the presentation of a large number of scientific papers, which will generate an active and alert exchange of opinions, a transfer of good practices and scientific research strategies and will facilitate the conclusion of partnerships, either for realising new researches or for valorising results that had been already obtained.

Beneath the presentation of scientific papers in the plenary session and on sections, the conference will include also presentations of the activity, products and projects of representative industrial companies from the area of Sibiu and from Romania. Also, within the rooms of the conference, there will be organised display areas for companies, where the participants at the conference and the guests can get the newest information about the activities of those companies.

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