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**Emerald biogeographical Seminar
for all habitats and species (except birds)
for the Continental Region (Belarus, the Republic of
Moldova, the Russian Federation and Ukraine) and
the Pannonian and Alpine Carpathians (Ukraine)**

11-13 May 2016

Europa Hotel
Str. Vasile Lupu, 16
Chisinau 2008
Republic of Moldova

INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO GET TO THE MEETING PLACE

1. OPENING

The Emerald biogeographical Seminar for Belarus, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation and Ukraine will take place in Chisinau and will concern all habitats and species (except birds) in these countries, specifically the Continental Region (Belarus, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation and Ukraine) and the Pannonian and Alpine Carpathians (Ukraine). The meeting will take place from Wednesday, 11 May to Friday, 13 May 2016.

The meeting will start at 09:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 11 May and registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. at the venue.

2. VENUE

The meeting will be held at:

Europa Hotel

16 Vasile Lupu Str.

Chisinau, MD-2008,

Republic of Moldova

Tel: (+37322) 804040 / (+37322) 804041

e-mail: info@europahotel.md

www.europahotel.md

3. WORKING LANGUAGE OF THE MEETING

The meeting will be held in English.

4. GENERAL INFORMATION ON ACCESS TO CHISINAU, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

On arrival to Chisinau International Airport (<http://www.airport.md/homepage-en/>), please approach the AEROPORT TAXI service.

“AEROPORT TAXI”

Office: Arrival Hall of the Chisinau Airport

Phone: (+373) 78200333

Working hours: twenty-four-hour

Distance from the Chisinau International Airport, to center of Chisinau is about 13 km. The fee for taxi services for the airport transfer to the Europa hotel is about 120MDL (app.= 6.0 EUR). In the airport there is an exchange office that works 24 hours.

5. VISA INFORMATION

The citizens of Ukraine, Belarus and the Russian Federation, holders of all types of passports, do not need a visa to entry on the territory of the Republic of Moldova for a period of stay until 90 days, during six months from the moment of the first entry. Also, holders of the UN Laissez-Passer passports issued by the UN and its specialized agencies do not need visas for the entry on and exit from the territory of the Republic of Moldova.

The citizens of the European Union Member States do not require a visa.

More information can be found here: <http://www.mfa.gov.md/entry-visas-moldova/>

6. HOTEL INFORMATION

Participants are kindly reminded that **they have to make their own hotel reservations as soon as possible.**

Europa Hotel offers a special rate for the participants of the meeting. The negotiated price for a room is 40 EUR/night with breakfast. To benefit from this special rate, the booking has to be made by email at the following address: info@europahotel.md. The participant has to mention that he/she will take part in the “Emerald Seminar”.

7. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

The official language in the Republic of Moldova is the Romanian language. The communication language between representatives of different ethnicities is the Russian language.

8. WEATHER AND TIME ZONE INFORMATION



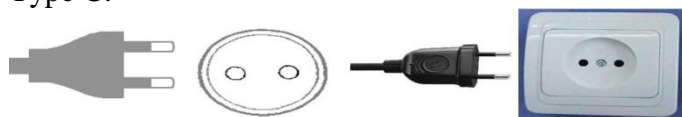
Spring is usually an instable season in the Republic of Moldova while sunny days are increasing along with the average temperature. In May the average temperature is about 15 °C. Before starting your travel, please check this website: <https://www.gismeteo.md/city/daily/4980/>.

The current time zone is Eastern European Summer Time – plus 1 hour of daily saving time.

9. ELECTRICITY

The electrical currents in the Republic of Moldova are 220 V. The usually used plugs and sockets are the C or F type, as shown below:

Type C.



Type F.



10. CURRENCY



The currency in the Republic of Moldova is the Moldovan Leu (MDL). The current exchange rate is EUR 1 = 22.2798 (05.04.2016)

The current exchange rate could be found at: <http://www.xe.com/>.