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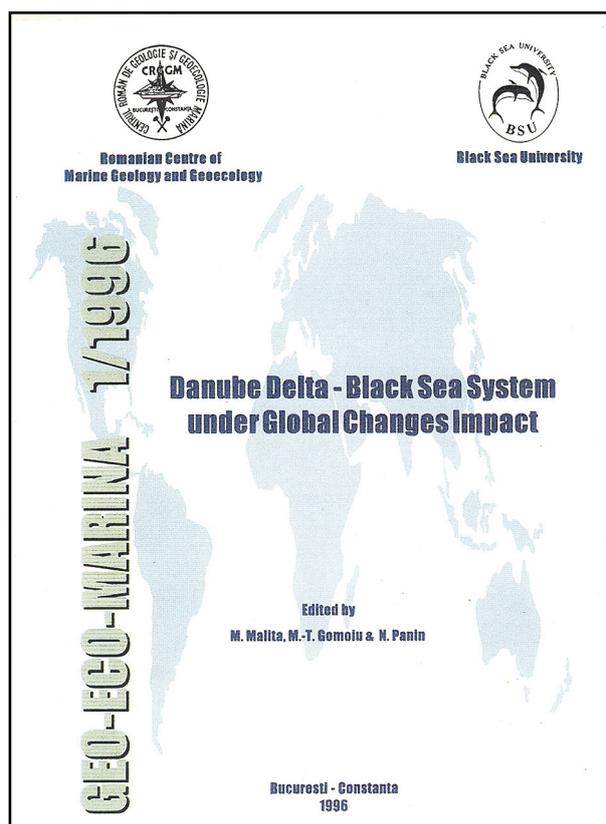
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The year 1993 represents for us a milestone. In 1993, a new Research – Development – Innovation unit, dedicated to Marine Sciences – the Romanian Centre of Marine Geology and Geo-ecology was founded. After three years only, the Centre became an institute of national importance, the National Institute of R & D for Marine Geology and Geo-ecology – GeoEcoMar. The institute GeoEcoMar had a rapid development, and gained large acceptance from the international scientific community and established numerous connections with institutes and universities all around the World.

The research activity in the Marine, Earth and Environment Sciences started in Romania in the sixties of the XXth century. The Danube Delta and the Black Sea have been investigated accordingly to the level of research infrastructure and of the expertise existing at that time. When the Centre and, then, the institute GeoEcoMar were formed, a large data base related to the Danube River – Danube Delta – Black Sea existed already. This triggered the decision to create, in 1996, only few years after the institute GeoEcoMar came into existence, a scientific journal specialised in Marine Sciences – Geo-Eco-Marina.

The first issue of the journal had to overcome large difficulties. Since the beginning, the journal was intended to be an international one with papers written in languages of broad international circulation – English, French, German, etc. The Romanian authors had, at that time, a very small practice of writing in foreign languages and the translation of strictly specialised texts were also very difficult. Then, the articles had to be peer-reviewed by external reviewers and



the process of finding them was also very difficult. Additionally, limited financial and technical possibilities, as well as pioneering in the editorial activity have been serious obstacles to these starting steps in publishing the Geo-Eco-Marina specialised journal.

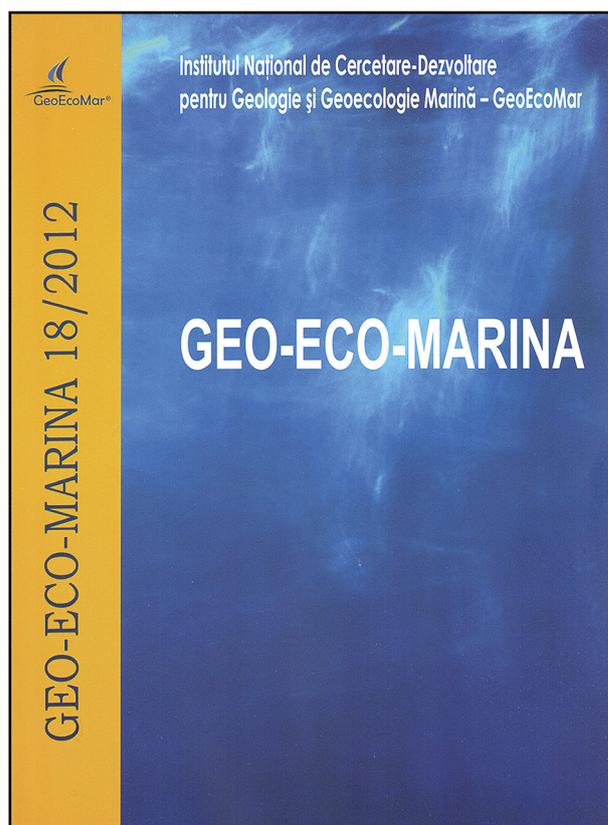
In a short time, the institute GeoEcoMar had a positive development with important investments in modern and complex research infrastructures and this allowed the research activities to be intensified and diversified with corresponding increased flux of new scientific information and data and, consequently, higher number of papers submitted to the Geo-Eco-Marina journal.

The quality of the journal reached, in few years, the highest international standards, the journal being recognised and accepted by the world scientific community. Nowadays, Geo-Eco-Marina covers all the domains of Earth and Environmental Sciences and the papers refer not only to Danube – Danube Delta – Black Sea region, but also to large areas in Europe and elsewhere.

Geo-Eco-Marina has a regular yearly volume and additional special issues, extensive studies focused on different Earth and Environmental objectives, theoretical and applicative, as well, symposia and congress proceedings, etc.

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In conclusion, I would like to wish to Geo-Eco-Marina journal a long and prosperous activity for helping the Marine Sciences in Romania and Europe to develop and to reach the highest scientific quality for being known and appreciated by the international community.



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