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Sun. 21.06.	Semenic-Cheile Caraşului National Park (southern Banat)	UNESCO Word Heritage Nomination „Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians“  <b>1<sup>st</sup> overnight stay at Băile Herculane</b>	„Izvoarele Nerei Scientific Reserve“ including one of the largest remnant virgin forests in Europe (ca. 5.000 ha)
Mon. 22.06.	Iron Gates Nature Park (southern Banat)	Drive from Băile Herculane to the Danube section between Eşelnița and Donji Milanovac and in the southern foothills of the Almăj Mts. Limits of climatic aridity of central European tree species, dieback and mortality in Scotch pine plantations.  Survey of degraded oak forests, Şibliac- vegetation and rupicolous calcareous grasslands with high species diversity, rare and specific flora (local and regional endemics; Submediterranean, Illyric and Balkan floristic elements).  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> overnight stay at Băile Herculane</b>	Warm and dry, sub-Mediterranean mixed forests of Turkey oak ( <i>Carpino- Quercetum cerris</i> Oberdorfer 1948; Habitat type 91M0), ecological niches of mesophilous central European deciduous forests (oak-hornbeam- and beech).  Şibliac-vegetation ( <i>Syringo-Carpinetum orientalis</i> Jackucs 1959; habitat type 40A0*) and rupicolous grasslands with high species diversity, rare and specific flora (local and regional endemics).
Tue. 23.06.	Domogled-Valea Cernei National park (southern Banat)  Drive from Băile Herculane to Arad in the afternoon (213 km)	Isolated, native relict forests of drought tolerant black pine ( <i>Pinus nigra</i> subsp. <i>banatica</i> ) of the Banat region on southerly exposed steep slopes above hard limestone.  <b>overnight stay at Arad</b>	Xerophilous Banat and Pallas' pine forests ( <i>Genisto radiatae-Pinetum nigrae</i> Resmerita 1972; habitat type *9530).
Wed. 24.06.	Southern foothills of the Zarand Mts. (Munții Zarandului), mountain range of the Mureş Mts.  Drive from Milova to Sibiu in the afternoon (226 km)	Drive from Arad to Milova (45 km)  Study of colline Pannonian-Balkan turkey oak-sessile oak forests, which would be the dominant vegetation on a landscape largely dependent upon the climate (“potentially natural vegetation”).  <b>1<sup>st</sup> overnight stay at Sibiu</b>	Submediterranean-subcontinental Pannonian-Balkan turkey oak-sessile oak forests ( <i>Quercetum frainetto-cerris</i> [Georgescu 1945] Rudski 1949; habitat type 91 M0); ecological niches of mesophilous central European deciduous forests (oak-hornbeam- and beech).
Thu. 25.06.	Sibiu	City sightseeing Sibiu, leisure time  Thursday evenings: association's annual meeting  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> overnight stay at Sibiu</b>	European Capital of Culture (2007). <a href="http://www.sibiu2007.ro/index_en.php">http://www.sibiu2007.ro/index_en.php</a>



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Fri. 26.06.	Transylvania (Dealurile Mediaşului)  Visit of Biertan fortified church in the afternoon  return to Sibiu in the evening	Drive from Sibiu to Biertan  Study of the forests of the Transylvanian plateau, particularly in relation to spatial patch patterns of submontane beech forests and oak- hornbeam forests.  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> overnight stay at Sibiu</b>	Mesophilous limestone beech forest ( <i>Carpino-Fagetum</i> Paucă 1941; habitat type 9130) and hygro-mesophilous oak- hornbeam forest ( <i>Melampyro biharienses-Carpinetum</i> (Borza 1941) Soó 1964 em. Coldea 1975; habitat type 91 Y0)
Sat. 27.06.	Departure from Sibiu	Drive to Sibiu airport	Homeward journey