

IAS POSTGRADUATE GRANT SCHEME

Scientific Report by Volker Schuller

The Apuseni Mts. (western Romania) are in the focus of my study. My Ph.D. thesis started in spring 2001. Since this time I realized 3 field works campaigns. For the last year of my study I planed a last field campaign in summer or fall 2003. Due to an unexpected curtailment of my research foundation, the financing of this last field campaign was not possible. The budget from the IAS-Grant has been used for covering the expenses of a 4 week fieldwork in the Apuseni Mts./Romania.

This final work has been planed to complete my work and to fill gaps which appeared within the last year. During this field campaign sedimentological profiles have been recorded, fault planes measured and samples collected.

The field campaign started after the IAS Conference, where I was presenting preliminary results of my work. After 24 days of fieldwork, I spend one week at our partner University in Cluj-Napoca/Romania. I used this time for literature research at the library of the geological faculty and for several discussions with Romanian colleagues concerning issues of my research subject.

The results I obtained during this last field campaign are for crucial importance for the finalization of my Ph.D. thesis. At the moment I am at the last stages of my research project. Within the next month my thesis will be finalized and published. The IAS Grant helped me to finish the thesis in a qualitative and adequate form.

Lineup of expenses:

Travell costs Tübingen-Cluj Napoca/Cluj Napoca-Tübingen: 3359 km = 295 €

Travel costs within Romania: 655 km € = 52 €

Hosting costs during field work: 453 €

Hosting costs Cluj-Napoca: 120 €

Additional costs (toll fees): 30 €

Total costs: 950 €

My private car has been used for travelling. The costs are based on fuel consumption (8l/100 km) and fuel costs (1,1 Euro/l). The hosting during the field trips was exclusively at private houses (due to lack of hotels). The costs conclude hosting and food. Hosting at Cluj-Napcoa was on the other hand favourable because my accommodation was at a colleagues house.

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The budget has been used explicitly for own expenses.

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