

**Summer Field School [Online] on  
 MOUNTAIN ECOSYSTEMS AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
 Ivano-Frankivsk Region, Ukraine: 19-28 September, 2021**

**DELEGATE PARTICIPANT'S PROFILE**

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<p><b>Highest Education</b></p>	<p>Engineer (Zootechny), Ph.D. (Agronomy), Habil. (Zootechny)</p>
<p><b>Personal Statement</b></p>	<p>Dear colleagues, I want to present myself as the delegate participant for the forthcoming Summer School on "Mountain Ecosystems and Resource Management".</p> <p>I am Associate Professor in the Department of Agricultural Sciences and Food Engineering, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Food Industry and Environmental Protection, "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu. In 1991 I graduated Faculty of Animal Husbandry within the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine in Bucharest. In 1999, I obtained the title of Doctor in Agronomy (management specialization), for the paper entitled "Optimizing the size of the peasant household in the agrotourism context of Sibiu county". In 2018, I obtained the habilitation in the field of Animal Husbandry.</p> <p>Full teacher of the disciplines of General Animal Husbandry and Agrotourism, with an experience of over 25 years.          Full teacher of the disciplines of General Animal Husbandry and Agrotourism, with an experience of over 25 years.          I coordinated rural development and non-formal education projects, implemented in localities in the mountain area.  <a href="http://zonamontana.wordpress.com">zonamontana.wordpress.com</a>  <a href="https://resurselemontane.wordpress.com/">https://resurselemontane.wordpress.com/</a></p>

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	<p>I am passionate about poultry farming and I raise chickens extensively.</p> <p>I advocate for the implementation of the concept of pedagogical farm / school farm / farm open to visits for non-formal educational activities addressed to children and young people. I organized three editions of a Summer School entitled "Sport-tourism-culture-ecology in rural areas", in 2010, 2013 and 2014, with the participation of students from "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu and University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine in Bucharest, Romania.</p> <p>In 2021 I organize a summer school for young people from high schools in agriculture, food industry and environmental protection. I participated as a trainer in numerous courses addressed to farmers from different counties of Romania.</p> <p>Having over 100 academician published works, including books and papers in peer reviewed journals.</p>
<b>Paper/Presentation Title (Unpublished Research or Review or Field Work)</b>	<i>Pastures' Poultry: A regenerative agricultural measure</i>
<b>Keywords</b>	Regenerative agriculture; Pastured poultry; Rural development; Circular economy; Short chain
<b>Abstract (100-300 words)</b>	<p>Regenerative agriculture has recently received significant attention from producers, retailers, researchers and consumers. There were many definitions and descriptions of regenerative agriculture in usage. Generally individual users of the term "regenerative agriculture" define the concept comprehensively for their own purpose and context. Rearing poultry outdoors on pasture for meat production is unusual in Romania. In this context there are no studies on the experience of farmers on raising broilers on pasture. This paper presents the basic principles of regenerative agriculture and results obtained from raising chickens on pasture in the climatic conditions of 2021. Raising broilers on pasture, in mobile shelters represent an alternative agricultural practices. Such alternative systems can have its contribution to sustainable food production and circular economy.</p>

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	<p>We consider that pastured poultry production it is a highly innovative and emergent practice developed in many countries, but which it is missing in Romania. Joel Salatin and John Suscovich in the USA and Richard Perkins in the U.E. they have made a major contribution to promoting the system of rearing broilers on pasture in mobile shelters. The main benefits of pastured poultry is soil fertility, followed by marketing appeal.</p> <p>In the future the use of pasture-based systems for poultry production is growing due to consumer demand for specialty 'natural' and 'welfare-friendly' meat and eggs. We also present the environmental, economical and social benefits promoted by the pasture-based poultry production systems.</p>
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