

Social Programs

During the 3rd CASEE Conference, which were held at University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Cluj-Napoca in May 3-5, 2012, the participants were invited to take part to an informative and interesting Social Program..

The busy scientific program was combined, in the first day, with a visit to **AGRARIA**-International Trade Fair for Agriculture, Food Industry and Animal Husbandry, one of the most important meeting plac for farmers, professionals and decision-makers of the Romanian agri-business, and well known for the interactive discussions and unique opportunities to exhibit companies' products, to meet clients and buyers, specialized visitors, students and journalists. A special surprise was offered by the event "SLOW FOOD ON THE CAMPUS" , as an interface between the company which disseminate knowledge and educate people for traditional and helthy food and the university students who participated to cook, in front of visitors, different recipes... There were enjoyable moments offered also to CASEE participants.

The other days, there were offered to participants two excursions, the first one to a old **Saline in Turda**, an impressive reserve of salt exploitation underground, the visit being combined with a concert offered by Capella Transylvanica, a well known choir, founded in 1955 by professor Dorin Pop, and conducted now by Prof. Dr. IoanChezan, who offered an exceptional performance.

The visit to **Jidvei Castle and vineyard** (2100 ha) on Tirnave valley, was an interesting return to the history of Transylvania since medieval times. Jidvei was firstly mentioned in 1309, the castle was owened by Saxons, Hungarians since 1570 and then Romanians from Blaj, and now by the Winery department.

The Jidvei wines are well known all over the world, having high-quality , white wines varieties such as Feteasca Regala, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Muscat Ottonel, Feteasca Alba, Traminer, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, as well a Sparkling wine obtained by traditional "Champagne type" method. During the visit at Jidvei Castle, our CASEE participants had the opportunity to taste different wines and enjoy Transylvanian music and dances offered by the university dancing group "Traditions", founded since 2006.

Transylvania Tour was one full day tour offered to some participants keen to see the landscape of Transylvania and especially the saxon region and some medieval cities like Sibiu (Hermannstadt) and Sighișoara (Sessburg). Sibiu was Cultural European city in 2003 and impress by its old, restaured houses since 13th century while Sighișoara is a medieval citadelle-city on the top of a hill, with defence tours and buildings of high historical value. Beside these two cities others like Medias, Brasov, Biertam are well known by tourists of SiebenBurgen (Transylvania), excellent opportunities to see the Saxon civilization in Romania.