

**ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIRST ISSUE
ACTA GEOGRAPHICA BOSNIAE ET HERZEGOVINAE**

Geographers within their legitimate Association of Geographers in Bosnia and Herzegovina – GEOinB&H, among other activities, initiated publishing of the scientific journal Acta Geographica Bosniae et Herzegovinae. This bulletin will present scientific papers, according to the international classification, from the domain of fundamental and applied geography, primarily relating to Bosnia and Herzegovina. In addition Acta Geographica is an open scientific journal for publishing research papers of international character which represents general interest of geographical science development.

Acta Geographica Bosniae et Herzegovinae concept will follow all relevant scientific geographical reality while the editorial board will give priority to works that contribute to the development of fundamental and constructive geography in the domain of tourism and environmental protection, regional spatial planning and methodical- didactic geographical problems. The magazine will provide high-quality works, whose authors are known and recognized domestic and foreign geographers, participating in academic national and international framework .

Geographers in Bosnia and Herzegovina, particularly from the Sarajevo Canton have extensive experience in non-governmental and non-partisan association of both organizations, scientific conferences, and publishing activities. As a reminder, the author of this manuscript organized two congress, one symposium and ten seminar geographic conferences with local and international participation. In addition, the editor in chief doesn't lack rich experience in publishing scientific papers, of which we mention Proceedings of scientific geographic conferences and publishing geographic journals, scientific books and other magazines.

Concept of the scientific journal Acta Geographica Bosniae et Herzegovinae starts from geography definition area from which geography study object is learned and its scientific, application and educational significance is essentially opted. Geography papers in this journal are based principally on the development of modern geography, which is based on the functional space organization, current processes and transformations of space, regional development planning, rational use of natural resources and protection of the geographic environment. New geographic paradigm is focused on new methodological system in order to search for answers to the fundamental question of geographical objects of study and its rational application.

Results of presented research papers will contribute, among other things, to constructive solutions and practical applications in planning geographic space, spatial planning of the region, the development of productive activities, the rational use of renewable and non-renewable natural resources, protection of the environment, informations about spatial features with the application of GIS, etc.

Starting from these geographical paradigmas and resolution expressed in the present scientific gatherings, Bosnian geography, especially in Sarajevo, diverges in the triad of geographic education and scientific orientation, taking into account geographical fundamental importance. Applicative geographical orientation focused scientific endeavors in the richness of themes, which will greatly enrich the thematic content of the newly formed scientific geographic magazine in Bosnia and Herzegovina. With this approach in geographic scientific conceptions, a new concept of presenting papers in the scientific

journal *Acta geographica Bosniae et Herzegovinae* is formed and will hopefully be recognizable to a broad scientific circles.

Acta geographica Bosniae et Herzegovinae, in addition to fundamental geographic thematic content, will include other geographical papers, which belong to the system of geographical science and its applications. Papers will be based on fundamental and applicative geographical studies, especially those who treat the problem of scientific field, subject disciplines and geographic applications, which constitute the basis of geography majors studies.

Acta geographica Bosniae et Herzegovinae by the topic of scientific content, belongs to the category of fundamental geographic scientific journals in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It publishes works that are subject to scientific verification / review, and are classified into categories:

- original scientific paper containing unpublished results of original research;
- preliminary communication which contains new research results that are not in detail inspected
- review article is an original and concise critical review of scientific field, the component of science or scientific areas in which the author himself participates. The paper emphasizes the role and importance of the author's original contribution to the scientific field, scientific subject, scientific or scholarly field of specialization as compared to previously published scientific papers and review these papers;
- exposure (paper) from a scientific conference paper, which was previously presented at the scientific conference in the form of paper, and if it is not published in proceedings of this conference.

Acta geographica Bosniae et Herzegovinae, in exceptional cases when editorial board decides may publish plenary papers from scientific meetings, as well as customized graduate, postgraduate and doctoral geographical papers. *Acta geographica Bosniae et Herzegovinae* will publish when the need arises, reviews of the most important geographical works, books, monographs, current scientific papers, journals and other relevant publications. Journal will denote important dates, which are directly linked to the geographical understanding of objective reality.

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