

69TH YEARS OF FOREST RESEARCH IN TIMISOARA

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ABSTRACT

"Statiunea de Experimentatie Silvica Casa Verde", the first forest research station of the Forest Research and Experiments Institute Bucharest was established in 1935 in Timisoara, under Prof. Eng. Sergiu Pascovschi's guidance and the research activity was directed to the forest typology and forest phyto-geography. The Timisoara research station administrated from its beginning, a nursery, experimental fields, the Bazos Arboretum and a small dendrologic collection.

The administrative evolution of the Forest Research Station Timisoara has been very sinuous. Between 1951-1961, the Research Station Timisoara, became experimental forest district (the activity was directed to forest phenology and forest species cultivation-technical aspects). Since 1955, the research activity (directed to natural Banat mixed-forest regeneration, forest trees phenology and introduction of exotic species) was coordinated from Simeria. In June 1961, the wildlife research was incorporated and the Timisoara Wildlife Research Station was established. In 1 September 1961 the research station was renamed Experimental Station Timisoara of the Forestry Research and Experiment National Institute. Since 1969 the forest research and forest management planning activity joined in the Timisoara branch of the Development, Planning, Research Institute for Silviculture, renamed as Forest Research and Management Institute (present-day name of the Institute). The most important development of the Research Station Timisoara, was between 1976-1989, when

a high-qualified research and management planning staff performed activities in the various forestry domains: forest genetics, wildlife, ecology, rapid-growth forest tree species, silviculture, biometry, forest protection, forest information system and management planning of the Western Romanian Forests. The period between 1990-2002, was a period with important decrease of the research activity in Timisoara. Also, the management planning activity was progressively diminished and closed today.

Starting 2002, the Section Timisoara of the Research and Management Institute was re-established with activities in the domains: informatics with applications in forestry, forest information system, biodiversity conservation, forest genetics, forest policy, forest economy, forest protection and monitoring.

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