

# WORLD CULTURAL HERITAGE IN ROMANIA

by Francesco Sala



flash Bonelli ITP Events

The 53rd FIJET World Congress took place in the beautiful land of Romania from 17th to 25th September 2011. The programme, very varied and rich with events, included visits to the most important tourist sites and different places of cul-

ture and religions of this wonderful Country.

It started with the arrival of the delegates in the capital Bucharest which has now become, by all effects, a western capital and the memory of the past regime is only visible by the architecture

of some grey buildings.

The opening ceremony was held in the impressive Parliament Palace, which with a surface of 265000m2 is the largest civic administrative building in the whole world.

The warm and friendly welcome message, given by Gabriela Udrea Ministry of Regional Development and Tourism of Romania, opened the congress which was held in the Chamber of Parliament of the Republic.

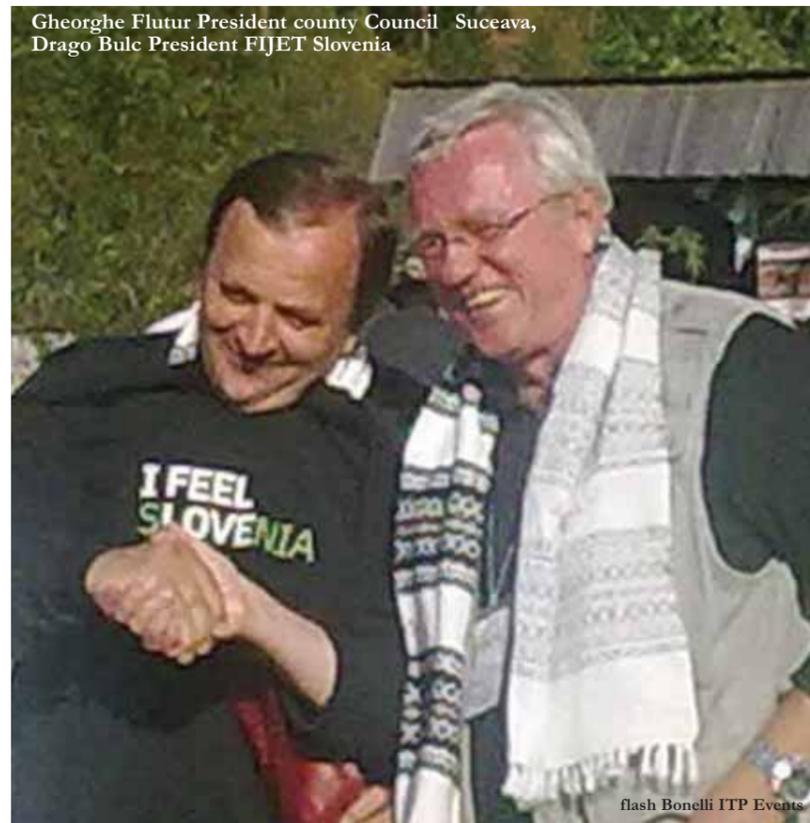
At the beginning of the congress the participants paid respect to the late Ozcan Sandikcioglu recently deceased, remembering his human nature and pleasant ways which made him dear to those who knew him.

## BUCHAREST AN EUROPEAN CAPITAL

The writer of this article had visited Bucharest during the dark years of Ceausescu and I can assure you that the changes in this city and country are very noticeable.

The historic center of the capital is very much like other cities, with its coffee bars and restaurants full with the younger generation. Unfortunately the visiting time in this city was limited because of our itinerary of having to cover 1200 kms in only six days.

Gheorghe Flutur President county Council Suceava, Drago Bulc President FIJET Slovenia



flash Bonelli ITP Events



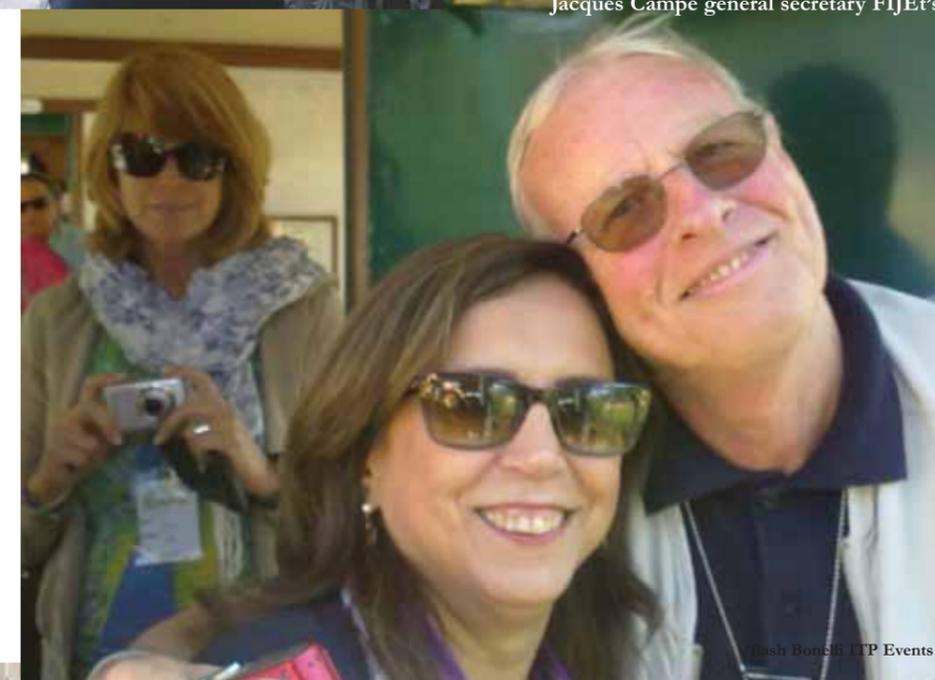
George Younes President Fijet Lebanon Antonio Bonelli President CIST-FIJET Italia

flash Bonelli ITP Events

## THE MONASTERIES OF NORTHERN MOLDAVIA

Heading north in comfortable coaches and well organised stops we reached the splendid region of Bucovina, green and luxuriant for that period, and admired the extraordinary fortified monasteries dating from the 15th to the 17th centuries and decorated with exterior murals demonstrating the patrimonial and human values of these people.

In particular the monastery of Sucevita, Moldavia's strongest walled monastery compound, erected in 1488 under the reign of Prince Stephen the Great built in less than four months to celebrate his victories over



flash Bonelli ITP Events

Delegates Cist FIJET Italia



flash Bonelli ITP Events



the Turks who had invaded the region.

The magnificence of the external mural paintings has won these monasteries a worldwide reputation and remain impressed in the mind and heart of each visitor.

For one and a half century (1775 - 1918) the province of Austrian-Hungarian empire Bucovina became a land of multi-ethnic cohabitation. The architecture of the cities in this region is evidence of how the Empire influenced for such a long time.

Many buildings have been wisely restored and this is an attractive reason to visit them.

Maja Oven Fijet Slovenia, Amale Gorra FIJET Lebanon, Jacques Campé general secretary FIJET's

## A LAND TO VISIT

The impression given is of a Country highly positive with a strong will to better evolve into a modern society. Praise and thanks go to all of those who collaborated in making this week full of commitments which required an expertise standard of organisation, highly appreciated by the delegates.

There will be other occasions, in the near future, to visit this Country recommended as a quality and competitive tourist destination.