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Organised in cooperation with the National Institute of Statistics of Romania (INSSE)  
(Bucharest, 10-12 October 2007)

INFORMATION NOTICE No. 2

I. ACCOMMODATION IN BUCHAREST

1. Participants in the meeting are requested to make their own hotel reservations using the hotel reservation form available as Annex 3 to this note. Information on suggested hotels is provided below. The suggested hotels are located in the same area of the meeting venue (National Statistical Institute of Romania, 16 Libertatii Avenue, sector 5, see map in Annex 1) and special rates have been negotiated for participants in the meeting.

2. **CASA BUCUR HOTEL, 3 STARS**

Address: No. 2, Poenaru Bordea Street

Phone: +40 21 336 15 22; +40 21 336 15 92

Fax: +40 21 337 28 38

Website: [www.yourhotels.ro](http://www.yourhotels.ro)

Email address for information only – not for reservations : [reservations@yourhotels.ro](mailto:reservations@yourhotels.ro)



**Features of the CASA BUCUR HOTEL:**

- the hotel is situated in the historical center of Bucharest--A few steps from the Peoples PALACE, Bucharest Historic Center , National Museum,
- rooms have air conditioning, Satellite television, direct dial phone, Mini bar, hairdryer, Trousers press.

**Transfers:**

**Airport – Hotel:** Express Bus no.783 until Unirii Square.

**Hotel – Meeting room:** maximum 5 minutes walk on Libertatii Boulevard.

**Rates for the CASA BUCUR HOTEL:**

Single (single occupancy) €72 EURO

Double (2 people sharing) €88 EURO

3. **IBIS HOTEL, 3 STARS**

Address: No. 82-84, Izvor Street

Phone: +4021-401 10 00

Fax: +4021- 402 28 98

Email address for information only – not for reservations : [reservations@ibisaccor.ro](mailto:reservations@ibisaccor.ro)

Website: [www.ibishotel.com](http://www.ibishotel.com)

**Features of the IBIS HOTEL:**

- the hotel is located nearby the Parliament Palace.
- rooms have individually controlled heating and air conditioning; Magnetic lock system; Safe box; Color TV with remote control, satellite and cable programs; Working desk; Data port (direct internet access); 3 telephones (incl. Bathrooms); Hairdryer;

**Transfers:**

**Airport – Hotel:** Express Bus no.783 until Unirii Square. From here take trolley bus 1 station.

**Hotel – Meeting room:** maximum 5 minutes walk descending in Izvor Street.

**Rates for the IBIS HOTEL:**

Single Standard (single occupancy) €90 EURO

Double standard (2 people sharing) €100 EURO

4. **ARMONIA HOTEL, 4 STARS**

Address: No. 112, Calea Mosilor Street

Phone: +40 21- 312.04.77

Fax: +40 21 312.04.06

**Email address for information only – not for reservations :**

office@hotelarmonia.ro

Homepage: [www.hotelarmonia.ro](http://www.hotelarmonia.ro)



**Features of the ARMONIA HOTEL:**

- situated at 400 meters of Universitatii Square, the hotel dispose of 31 rooms;
- the rooms have individual air conditioning system and are equipped with modern furniture , internet, cable TV, mini-bar, safe deposit, international phone;
- the hotel dispose of restaurant and bar.

**Transfers:**

**Airport – Hotel:** Express Bus no.783 until Universitatii Square, then walk until Rosetti Square; turn right and then turn left.

**Hotel – Meeting room:** Take tram no. 16 until Unirii Square, then take metro 1 station until Izvor.

**Rates for the ARMONIA HOTEL:**

Single (single occupancy) €85 EURO

Double (2 people sharing) €105 EURO

5. **RAMADA MAJESTIC HOTEL, 4 STARS**

Address: No. 38-40, VICTORIEI Street

Phone: +40 21 310 27 15

Fax: +40 21 310 27 99

**Email address for information only – not for reservations :** [reservations@ramadamajestic.ro](mailto:reservations@ramadamajestic.ro)

Website: [www.ramadamajestic.ro](http://www.ramadamajestic.ro)

**Features of the RAMADA MAJESTIC HOTEL:**

- the hotel is located downtown Bucharest, building finalized in 2003.
- room facilities : air conditioning, mini bar, in room safe-boxes, international direct telephone, TV-sets connected to satellite receiver, PAY-TV system, high speed Internet access, smoke alarm, bathroom amenities, hair dryer, coffee/tea maker and trousers press in some rooms.

**Transfers:**

**Airport – Hotel:** Express Bus no.783 until Universitatii Square. Then walk until Victoriei Street.

**Hotel – Meeting room:** 15 minutes walking

**Rates for the RAMADA MAJESTIC HOTEL:**

Single (single occupancy) €155 EURO

Double (2 people sharing) €191 EURO

6. **CAPSA HOTEL, 5 STARS**

Address: No. 36, Victoriei Street

Phone: +40 21-313 40 38

Fax: +40 21-315 59 86

**Email address for information only – not for reservations :** office@capsa.ro

Website: [www.capsa.ro](http://www.capsa.ro)

**Features of the CAPSA HOTEL:**

- the hotel is located in the historical centre of the city
- the rooms facilities are: bathtub or shower, Cable TV, Phone, Radio, Mini bar, Internet, Air Conditioning
- Capsa expresses the specific architectonical style of what Bucharest was once.

**Transfers:**

**Airport – Hotel:** Express Bus no.783 until Universitatii Square. Then walk until Victoriei Street.

**Hotel – Meeting room:** 15 minutes walking

**CAPSA HOTEL, 5 STARS**

Single Standard

Single de lux (single occupancy) € 135 EURO

Double de lux (2 people sharing) € 160 EURO

**II. TRANSFER FROM THE AIRPORT AND TRANSPORT WITHIN BUCHAREST**

7. The 783 Express bus line connects Bucharest Henri Coanda International Airport in Otopeni with the city center (about 60 minutes). Express Bus No.783 is available between 6.00 am – 11.30 pm (note: during weekdays until 8:00 pm the frequency is 15 minutes; after 8:00 pm and during weekends is 30 minutes). The price of a ticket is 2 RON ( aprox. 1 EURO). Until 9.00 pm you can buy it from the Airport ticket-office in front of the Domestic Flights Terminal and after 9.00 pm you are supposed to buy it directly from the bus – driver. You can consult a map from the website of the Romanian company [www.ratb.ro](http://www.ratb.ro)

Route of the 783 Express bus line:

- Bucharest Henri Coanda International Airport
  - Domestic Flights Terminal
  - International Departures Terminal
- Otopeni
- "Aurel Vlaicu" Baneasa Airport
- Piata Presei Libere
- Arcul de Triumf
- Piata Victoriei
- Piata Romana
- Piata Universitatii (Armonia Hotel, Ramada Majestic Hotel, Capsa Hotel)
- Piata Unirii (Casa Bucur Hotel; Ibis Hotel)

8. The transfer from the airport to the hotel can also be arranged by New Welcome Contours travel agency (see para. 14). In this case, you will be awaited by a New Welcome Contours official at your arrival in the airport arriving Hall, with a plate with the name of the meeting. Please note that it is likely that you will share the transfer with other participants arriving at a similar time. Depending on the case, it is possible that you will be asked to wait some time in the airport until other participants' flights will be landing and the other people are met. The price of the transfer per person is 15 EURO. This service can be requested in the hotel registration form (annex 3).

## Taxis

9. Taxis in Bucharest can be called by telephone or hailed on the street. Authorized taxis can be recognized by the TAXI sign on the roof. All taxis should be equipped with meters. Calling a taxi company is always a good idea. Drivers approaching you at the airport or at the train station in Bucharest are likely to inflate their rates; please avoid them.

Here are some names of taxi companies and their phone numbers:

- COBALCESCU  
Phone 0723-009.451; 0723-399.451; 0745-600.945; 9451
- CRISTAXI  
Phone: 0723-389.466; 0744-449.466; 9461; 9421
- MERIDIAN  
Phone: 0723-344.433; 0745-055.095; 9444; 9888
- RODELL  
Phone: 0744-669.415; 0723-399.415; 9415

## Buses and trams

10. There is a flat fare of about 0.33 Euro on **trolley buses** ( *troleibuz* ), **trams** ( *tramvai* ), and most **buses** ( *autobuz* ), all of which run from 5am until 11.30pm. You need to buy tickets in advance from street kiosks (Mon-Sat 5.30am-9pm, Sun 6am-2pm), and punch them once aboard. Day passes cost 0.60 Euro representing excellent value. It costs about double the standard fare to travel on the city's **express buses** , using magnetic tickets, also bought in advance (day and weekly passes not valid). In addition private **minibuses** ( *maxitaxis* ) operate along the major arteries; these too charge about double the standard bus fare, the current rate being posted in the window.

## Subway (metro)

11. The metro runs from 5am until 11.30pm, with magnetic tickets costing from about 0.60 Euro for two rides to 3 Euro for ten; there's also a day ticket. The first line, M1 (shown in red on maps), was built to serve the new working-class suburbs, and runs in a loop; the second, M2 (blue), runs north-south through the centre; and the third, M3 (yellow), branches off the M1 line at Eroilor and continues west to Industriilor; the recently opened M4 line (green) links Gara de Nord with 1 Mai in the northwest (and is planned to continue on to Laromet at some stage in the future), although you'll have little reason to use this line. You can consult a map from the website of our Romanian company [www.metrorex.ro](http://www.metrorex.ro).

## III. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

12. The National Institute of Statistics of Romania (INSSE) will kindly offer to the participants in the meeting a city tour including the visit of the Village Museum and the dinner at the Casa Alba Restaurant. The city tour will take place on 10 October with departure from the National Institute of Statistics at 5:00 PM (immediately after the end of the afternoon session). The return is expected around 10:00 PM, and the bus will leave the participants at the respective hotels.

## IV. TOURIST AND GENERAL INFORMATION

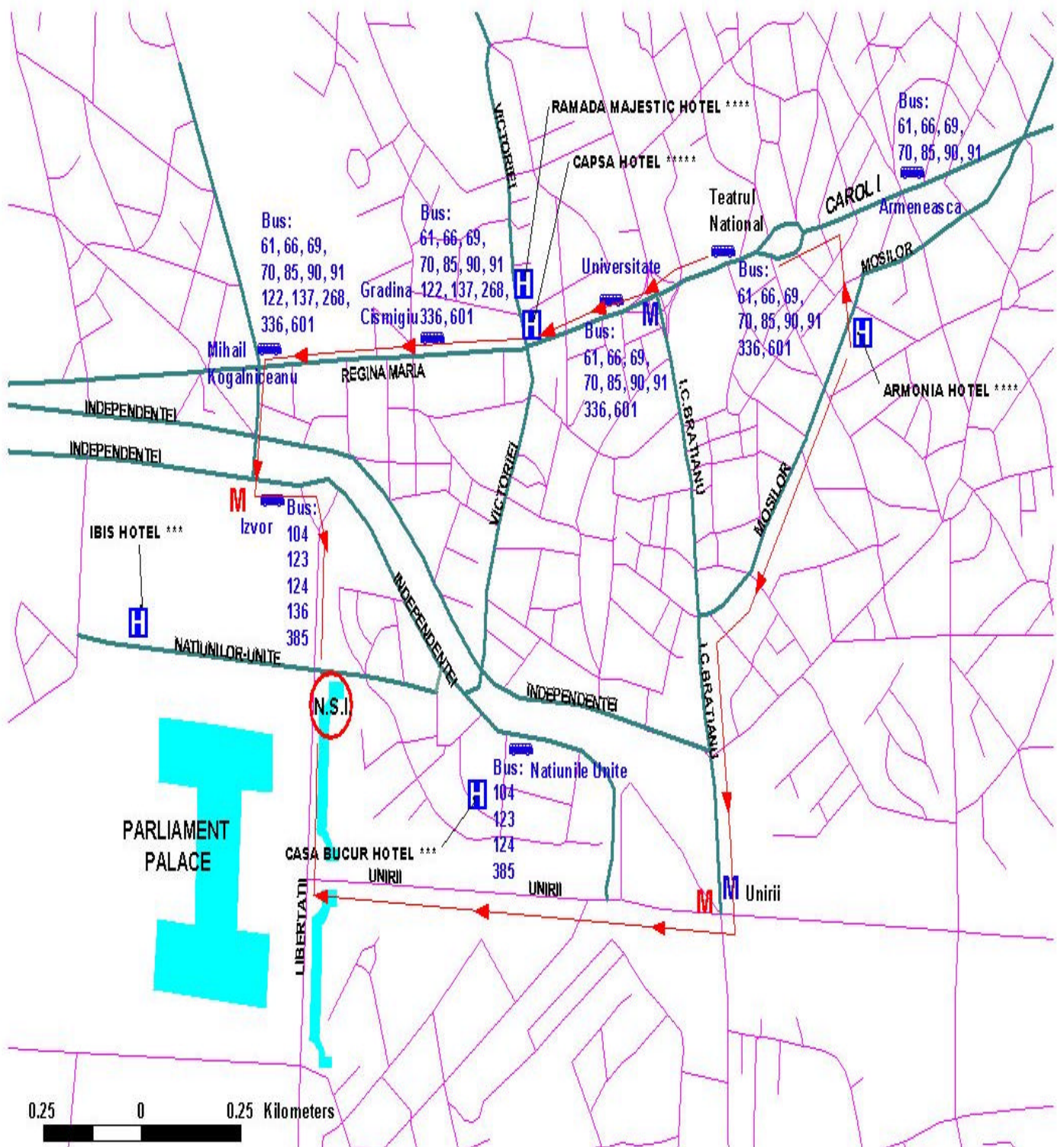
13. General information about Romania and Bucharest, tourist information as well as information on optional city tour and visits are presented in Annex 2.

**V. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDANCE**

14. All queries concerning hotel reservations and transfer to the hotels arranged by New Welcome Contours travel agency should be addressed to:

New Welcome Contours  
18 N. Balcescu Bv., Suite 11  
Sector 1, Bucharest, ROMANIA  
Tel: +40 021 312.26.40  
Tel/fax: + 40 021 312.40.75  
E-mail: [office@newwelcome.ro](mailto:office@newwelcome.ro)  
Web page: [www.newwelcome.ro](http://www.newwelcome.ro)

### Annex 1 Map of Bucharest city center



## Annex 2

### Tourist and general information

#### GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ROMANIA:

The name of the country was adopted in 1862, after the formation of the national state by the union of the two Romanian Principalities of Walachia and Moldavia in 1859.

#### Location:

State situated in SE Central Europe, north of the Balkan Peninsula, on the Lower Danube and bordering on the Black Sea. Romania lies between 43°37'07" and 48°15'06" Latitude North and 20°15'44" and 29°41'24" Longitude East. Parallel 45 (midway between the Equator and the North Pole) crosses Romania 70 km north of its capital and meridian 25 Longitude East (midway between the Atlantic coast and the Urals) runs 90 km west of Bucharest.

**Area:** 238391 sq km (92042.7651miles)

**Population:** 21.623.849 people



**Form of government:** Republic

**National flag** - three equal vertical stripes red, yellow, and blue (near to the staff).

**National day:** December 1 was adopted as National Day in 1990, being the day of celebration of the Great Assembly of Alba Iulia which voted for the union of Transylvania with Romania and which symbolize the union of all Romanians within a single state and the achievement of the unity of Romanian national state

**Time zone:** Romanian Standard time is GMT + 2 hours.

**Languages:** Romanian

**Religion:** Eastern (Romanian) Orthodox (87%), Roman Catholic (4.7%), Protestant (3.2%), other (5.1%)

**Climate:** Romania has a temperate-continental climate of transitional type, specific to Central Europe, with four clearly defined seasons. Local differences are caused by altitude and by slight oceanic (to the west), Mediterranean (to the south-west) and continental (to the east) influences.

**Weather conditions in October:** Weather in Bucharest in October could be cool, with temperatures between 6° - 18°. The nights are quite chilly. It is always a good idea to travel with a raincoat and an umbrella.

**Currency:** The monetary unit in Romania is the leu.

**Exchange rate:** 1 EURO ~ 3,3 lei and 1 USD ~ 2,5 lei.

**Very important:** For exchange please use only exchange offices even though other offers may seem more advantageous.

**Credit Cards:** Major credit cards (Visa, Eurocard and MasterCard) are accepted.

**Banking and Business Hours:** Banks in Romania are open weekdays from 09:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m. Stores are generally open weekdays and Friday from 9 or 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Saturdays until 8 p.m.

**Telephones:** Direct calls from and within Romania can be made from all telephone boots, all post offices and private telephones.

**Post Office Hours:** Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m.

**Electricity:** The electrical power is 220 volt.

**Passport and visa:** Citizens of the European Union and other countries do not need visa to enter Romania. However, citizens from a number of countries (including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Democrat Republic of Congo - ex Zaire, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Iraq, Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia and Sri Lanka) do need visas to travel to Romania and in some cases an invitation letter and a visa (see also Information Note no. 1, para. 8). For further details, please visit the website of the Romanian Foreign Ministry at [www.mae.ro](http://www.mae.ro)

## TOURIST INFORMATION ABOUT BUCHAREST AND THE REGION

### Historical and architecture monuments :

- the Old Princely Court (16th cent.)
- Manuc's Inn (1808), today a specific Romanian-style hotel and restaurant
- Palace of the Parliament and the Savings Bank (19th cent.)
- the Romanian Athenaeum (19th cent.)
- the University (19th cent.)
- History Museum of Romania, housed in a building, architecture monument (19th cent.)
- History and Art Museum of Bucharest City, housed in Sutu Palace (19th cent.)
- Art Museum of Romania
- Art Collections Museum
- "Grigore Antipa" Natural History Museum
- Village and Folk Art Museum

### Churches:

- Mihai Voda Monastery founded in 1591 by the great voivode Michael the Brave
- Radu Voda Church (17th cent.)
- Stavropoleos Church (17th cent.)

### Contemporary buildings:

The **Parliament Palace** (former Palace of the People) in [Bucharest, Romania](#) is reputed to be the world's second largest building (after [The Pentagon](#)), measuring 270m by 240m, 86m high, and 92m under ground. It is 12 stories tall, and has four additional underground levels.



Built on the site of a hill variously known as Spirei Hill, Uranus Hill, or Arsenal Hill, which was razed for the project, the building anchors the west end of Unirii Boulevard and the [Centru Civic](#). Construction began in [1984](#). The building was originally known as the House of the Republic (Casa Republicii) and was intended to serve as a palace for [Nicolae Ceausescu](#). However, the project was just nearing completion at the time of his [1989](#) overthrow and execution.

Nowadays it has been officially renamed first as the House of the People (Casa Poporului) and later as the Palace of Parliament (Palatul Parlamentului). The building is constructed entirely of materials of Romanian origin; it is reported that during the latter years of construction, this building and the [Centru Civic](#) in general created such a massive demand for Romanian marble that tombstones throughout the country had to be made from other materials.

Since [1994](#), the building has housed Romania's parliament; it also contains a massive array of miscellaneous conference halls, salons, etc., used for a wide variety of other purposes.

- National Theatre
- Exhibition Pavilion.



**CITY TOUR on 10 October (Offered to meeting's participants by INS Romania)****Departure: 5 p.m.** from National Institute of Statistics – **Arrival: 10 p.m.** to Bucharest

National Institute of Statistics – Patriarchal Church (head of ortodox church) – Opera – Stirbei Voda Street – Romanian Athenaeum – Revolution Square – University Square – Victoriei Square - Kiseleff Street – Village Museum – Casa Alba Restaurant ( located in Baneasa forest-near Bucharest) – back to Bucharest.

**Village Museum.**

Undoubtedly one of the most worthwhile sights in Bucharest is the **Village Museum**. Established in 1936, this fascinating collection of over three hundred houses and other structures from every region of Romania shows the extreme diversity of folk architecture. It is a wonderful ensemble of wooden churches, peasant dwellings and workshops and whilst most houses remain off limits it is possible to enter a good cross-section of these structures.

Perhaps the most interesting are the oaken houses from Maramures with their rope-motif carvings and shingled roofing, and their beamed gateways carved with animals and hunting scenes, Adam and Eve and the Tree of Life, and suns and moons. Other highlights are the heavily thatched dwellings from Salciua de Jos in Alba county; dug-out homes (with vegetables growing on the roof) from Draghicieni and Castranova in Oltenia; and windmills from Tulcea county in the Delta. Mud-brick dwellings from the fertile plains ironically appear poorer than the homes of peasants in the less fertile highlands where timber and stone abound; while the importance of livestock to the Székely people of Harghita county can be seen by their barns, which are taller than their houses.

## Annex III

## HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

(This form must be completed only by participants in the **Joint UNECE/ Eurostat Work Session on Demographic Projections** who intend to reserve their accommodation at one of the suggested Hotels)  
**Please send the reservation form by 20 September 2007 to New Welcome Contours, fax number: +40 21 312 40 75 (or email: [conference@newwelcome.ro](mailto:conference@newwelcome.ro)) and to National Institute of Statistics of Romania, fax no. +40 21 311 23 89 (or e-mail [tatiana.barsanescu@insse.ro](mailto:tatiana.barsanescu@insse.ro)).**

1. Surname (Family name):		Mr. ? Ms. ?	2. First name:		
3. Representing (country or organization):					
4. Mailing address:					
5. Tel. No.:			6. Fax No.:		
7. E-mail address:					
8. Method of payment (please mark your choice): Credit Card ?      Cash ? <b>You will pay at the secretariat conference on the first conference day.</b>					
Please indicate your <b>credit card data</b> . The participants that chose to pay cash should also fill the <b>credit card data</b> . We do <b>NOT charge your credit card</b> , only in case of <b>no-show</b> or <b>cancellation after the cancellation deadline</b> . Reservation could be cancelled until 30 September 2007. Later cancellations will be charged with one night price.					
Cardholder's name:		Card number:	Expiry date:	CVC:	Master card ? Visa ?
9. Arrival in Bucharest (date, time and no. of flight):			10. Departure from Bucharest (date, time, flight):		
11. Please state what accommodation you request (please mark your choice):					
	<b>Room type</b>	<b>Rate per night</b>	<b>Nights no.</b>		
<b>CASA BUCUR HOTEL</b> <b>3 STARS</b>	Single (single occupancy)	72 EURO			
	Double (2 people sharing)	88 EURO			
<b>IBIS HOTEL</b> <b>3 STARS</b>	Single Standard (single occupancy)	90 EURO			
	Double Standard (2 people sharing)	100 EURO			
<b>ARMONIA HOTEL</b> <b>4 STARS</b>	Single (single occupancy)	85 EURO			
	Double (2 people sharing)	105 EURO			
<b>RAMADA MAJESTIC HOTEL</b> <b>4 STARS</b>	Single (single occupancy)	155 EURO			
	Double (2 people sharing)	191 EURO			
<b>CAPSA HOTEL</b> <b>5 STARS</b>	Single de lux (single occupancy)	135 EURO			
	Double de lux (2 people sharing)	160 EURO			
<b>Note: Rates are including breakfast, VAT and city tax.</b> <b>Rooms are allocated on a "first come, first served" basis.</b>					
12. Special requirements:					
Transfer from the Airport to the hotel: Yes ? ( 15EURO/transfer/person)      No ?					
City tour (offered by INS Romania): Yes ?      No ?					

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_