

International Committee for the History of Technology ICOHTEC

RESOLUTION

**concerning the Site Rosia Montana – *Alburnus Maior* - Romania,
adopted by the ICOHTEC General Assembly – 01/08/ 2009 at the
XXIII International Congress of History of Science and Technology**

Taking into consideration:

- The great cultural, historical and scientific interest of the site Rosia Montana – *Alburnus Maior*, belonging to the European and World heritage which is put in danger by the project of mining exploitation of <<Rosia Montana Gold Corporation – RMGC>>,
- The recent intensification of the efforts by RMGC to obtain the necessary authorizations to start exploitation,
- The existence of an urbanism plan which blocks all activities except mining in the area affected by the RMGC project, and therefore all sustainable development alternative projects,
- The resolutions and positions of numerous scientific institutions and NGO for the protection of the site:
 - the letter signed by over one thousand scientists from several countries and international scientific institutions concerning

the preservation of the Rosia Montana site addressed to the Romanian authorities, in 2002;

- the five resolutions of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) adopted by the general assemblies, between December 2002 and October 2008;
- the position and the Declaration of the Romanian Academy concerning the mining project of Rosia Montana, in 2003 and 2006;
- the demand of the Order of Romanian Architects for the inclusion of the Rosia Montana site on the List of World Heritage of UNESCO;
- the letter addressed by the president of ICOMOS, Michael Petzet, to the Romanian Prime-Minister asking for the start of the formalities leading to the inclusion of the Rosia Montana site on the List of World Heritage of UNESCO, in 2007;
- the Resolution of the 23th World Congress of the International Union of Architects concerning the protection of the Rosia Montana site and its inclusion on the List of World Heritage of UNESCO, in 2008;
- the Resolution of the Association <<Rencontre du Patrimoine Europe - Roumanie>> concerning the mining project of RMGC company and asking the inclusion of the site on the List of World Heritage of UNESCO, in 2008;
- the Resolution of the Section of Science, History of Science and Technology and Industrial Archeology of the Comité des Travaux Historique et Scientifique – CTHS, France, concerning the protection of the site Rosia Montana, in 2009,

The International Committee for the History of Technology – ICOHTEC declares that:

- It considers unacceptable any project which puts in danger the integrity of the site Rosia Montana
- It demands immediate measures for the protection of the site Rosia Montana under all aspects: historical, scientific, cultural, social, and environmental.
- It supports the start of the formalities for inclusion of the Rosia Montana site on the List of World Heritage of UNESCO.

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