

This work falls in line with preoccupations over the past few decades to promote methods of preventing, reducing and controlling the effects of natural extremes and natural hazards with negative effects on life and the quality of the environment. One such hazard are the destructive quantities of precipitation characterized by temporal discontinuity and uneven distribution in time and space.

Based on a rich documentation and a very reliable data-base, the reader will find a comprehensive synthesis of Romania's precipitation regime, with highlight on the years 1961-2000 which marked the beginning of global warming. The data reported herein are the more valuable as this is the only cross-country approach to the variability of the precipitation regime in this country over the past few decades, a regime featuring striking rainfall contrasts against a global warming background. Monthly and annual averages of maximum quantities fallen within short intervals (24, 48 and 72 hours), as well as their absolute values are also reported. In order to assess the magnitude of pluvial risks and their consequences, very many quantitative indexes have been taken into account.

The issues, structure and argumentation, beside the wealth of data and information presented from a geographical viewpoint, make of *Excess Precipitation in Romania*, a reference work rich in substance and coverage, useful to future studies and researches in various disciplines and to profile higher education students.

