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**Toponyms arguing people's settlement and socio-economic development in the
depressionary Subcarpathian region of Oltenia**

ABSTRACT

The study of this region, based on the minute analysis of topographic maps (scale 1:100 000), has revealed over 200 place-names, half of them designating landforms (oronyms), the others signalling waters (hydronyms) and settlements (oikonyms). Many toponyms originate from the Thraco-Geto-Dacian autochthonous word-stock, with hydronyms being the most widely spread ones. Oikonyms are derived from various word-stocks and indicate a wide diversity of localities, recalling moments, events, historical characters, occupations and traditional crafts, thereby providing a better knowledge of the history and socio-economic potential of this region.