



## ARCALIA CONFERENCE CENTRE

<http://www.ubbcluj.ro/en/structura/sport/arcalia>



Situated in a hilly landscape specific to Transylvania, in an area where old folkloric traditions are still present to mark the passage of the seasons, the present Arcalia Conference Centre has the potential of becoming an incubator for projects focusing on one of the most important duties one has to fulfil nowadays: learning to protect the environment.

It is this particular reason that has urged Babeş-Bolyai University, the French Cultural Centre, the German Cultural Centre, the Embassy of France in Romania and the Embassy of Germany in Romania to join their efforts to make Arcalia a French-German Centre for the Environment, in addition to having been a Francophone Centre for Symposia and Conferences for some years before this initiative, under the name of Centre for Sustainable Development, a place for discussions, for the training of new professionals and for building a new mentality.

The village of Arcalia is located 15 km southwest of Bistrița and 110 km east of Cluj Napoca. Its geographical location allows one to reach the near-by mountains, the painted monasteries of Bukovina, the depression of Mureș and the historical Saxon sites of Transylvania. Close to Arcalia, some twenty kilometers away, one can find the vineyard of Lechința.











The Arcalia Castle, dating back to the 1850's, built in an original fashion – a combination of Moorish and Byzantine styles, which makes it unique in Transylvania, is situated in a dendrological park stretching across 16,5 hectares. The park comprises about 150 tree and exotic plant species.




Its facilities include a conference hall, a seminar room, a lecture room, a library, a small cafeteria. It also has a large basement that has been recently restored and can be used for exhibitions or concerts. The auxiliary buildings include eleven bedrooms having between 4 and 10 beds (70 places in total). There is also a dining hall and a fully equipped kitchen providing three meals a day for the guests of the castle.

The efforts made by the University to modernize the infrastructure of the castle mean that this can be used throughout the year, the surroundings being equally beautiful in winter and in summer.

#### **Activities that can be organized at Arcalia:**

-  seminars, conferences, colloquia, workshops, summer courses of Romanian language and civilization;
-  various cultural and scientific events;
-  fieldwork for students;
-  exhibitions and creative workshops;
-  the summer schools of the Centre for European Encounters;
-  joint events organized in cooperation with the French Cultural Centre and the German Cultural Centre

#### **Cultural Centre of Cluj-Napoca:**

-  courses for the intensive learning of French or German during the summer months, for international students as well as for Romanian students who wish to study in France or in Germany;
-  intensive courses of Romanian during the summer months, especially designed for the international students studying at Babeş–Bolyai University;
-  intensive postgraduate courses in different fields.