

The Romanian Lepidopterological Society – 2025 (35 year of activity)

In its 35th year of activity, the Romanian Lepidopterological Society is pleased to mention some of its achievements in 2025:

- Organization of the 34th Entomology Symposium (SLR Symposium) in Cluj-Napoca on April 11-12, 2025, with 32 presentations and over 60 participants.
- Designation and promotion of the "insect of the year," represented by *Araschnia levana* (The map)
- Continuation of scientific research and volunteer activities within the Natura 2000 site Dealurile Clujului de Est (mowing and cleaning the core area for *Phengaris* butterflies from Luna de Jos, as part of activities organized by the Mozaic Association and the Blue Butterfly Community, together with volunteers from Romania, France, and Germany).
- Interventions to maintain the habitat of the *Colias myrmidone* butterfly in Agârbiciu and that of *Phengaris teleius* in Bobâlna (in collaboration with ADEPT)
- Monitoring of the *Pseudophilotes bavius hungarica* population established through translocation in Apold (Mureș County) in 2023.
- We would like to inform you that the reintroduction of *Phengaris teleius* to the Șaeșului Meadows in Angofa, as part of the LIFE "Metamorphosis" project, has been successfully completed. Since 2023, the species is once again present in the area.
- Continuation of scientific activities to map the butterflies of 10 Natura 2000 sites as part of the Metamorphosis project implemented by the Adept Foundation.
- With the support of Butterfly Conservation and the Adept Transylvania Foundation, we organized the European Pollinator Identification Courses for Butterflies (EPIC-Butterfly), levels 1 and 2, in Angofa.
- As a result of the EPIC-Butterfly courses, the LIFE "Metamorphosis" project, and the involvement of dedicated volunteers, we have succeeded in transforming Romania's blank map of diurnal butterfly monitoring into one with numerous data dots.
- Continuing research for a better understanding of the distribution, biology, and ecology of the *Tomares nogelii* species in Dobrogea.
- We participated in important cultural events, which broadened the public's perception of our organization and of butterflies. Here are a few of them:
 - o Zaiafet 2025 Festival (Luna de Jos, Cluj)

- o SLR's 35th anniversary, on the occasion of the National Entomology Symposium in April 2025.
- o 20th anniversary of the Adept-Transilvania Foundation
- o Proud to be Romanian with The Land of the Blue Butterfly, Bontida
- o Four conferences on butterflies at "Be the Change – Axis vitae - The Art of Vitality" organized by TERAPIA for doctors (October-November)
- o Radio Târgu Mureş broadcast – Biodiversity of butterflies in Angofa
- o Lectures at schools in Cluj County and at camps for students, etc.
- o Participation in Butterfly Conservation Europe: Partner meeting, Laufen, December 3-6, 2025
- Maintaining the periodicity of the Entomologica Romanica magazine. The latest volume, 29/2025, is complete and available in full at https://entomologica-romanica.reviste.ubbcluj.ro/29_2025.html
- Production and distribution of the SLR calendar for 2025 to active members of the society.

For the coming period, we propose:

- Reprinting the guide to butterflies in Romania, revised edition, in the Romanian language.
- Maintaining the periodicity of the Entomologica Romanica journal and reactivating the editorial activity of the Buletin de Informare Entomologică journal.
- Courses and demonstrations for training new volunteers involved in monitoring butterflies in Romania
- Continuing our involvement in management activities for the Natura 2000 site Dealurile Clujului de Est.
- Organizing or participating in educational activities on butterflies and the environment for the general public.
- Identifying sources of funding for SLR projects.
- Increasing the visibility of SLR in Romania and Europe.

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