Recent Researches in the Field of Computerizing Romanian Linguistic Atlases

The Romanian linguistic cartography has recently (2009) celebrated a century since its appearance, period when three series of national linguistic atlases were elaborated, doubled by other cartographic works dedicated to more restrained North or South-Danubian ethno-linguistic areas. This rich tradition in the field represents a solid argument for affirming the maturity of this research direction in Romania on one hand, but it requires a continuous modernization and its methodological update at the same time. This heuristic premise has recently been the basis of many trials of modernizing the Romanian linguistic cartography, modernization understood firstly as an involvement of the computerized methods in editing the linguistic atlases. The first results in this direction were obtained in the academic centre of Iasi where the first volume of the series NALR/ALRR (NALR. Moldova and Bucovina, 3rd volume) appeared in 2007, edited entirely with the help of the computer. It is also here that the first project for elaborating an audio-visual linguistic atlas in Romania is currently developed – the Audio-Visual Linguistic Atlas of Bucovina (ALAB).