

Alba Iulia, 15 – 17th April, 2016

International Conference


Adalbert Cserni and his contemporaries

the pioneers of archaeology in Alba Iulia and beyond



Adalbert Cserni (1842 – 1916) was the founder of urban archaeology in Alba Iulia, the first director of the local museum and one of the most important scholars in the golden age of archaeology. His passion, unique and adventurous endeavor from the lowest level of society till the greatest peaks of the academic life, made him not only the founder of urban archaeology in Alba Iulia, but also the restless founder of one of the most important collections of antiquities in Central - East Europe and also a model for future generations.

His personality, rich social network and international fame need to be appreciated in a larger, historical context. Analyzing the historiography of urban archaeological research became an urgent and useful task of the discipline which can open new perspectives in archaeological research. Promoting the great personalities of the golden age of archaeology and museology represents a duty for institutions and urban communities, building bridges between past and present and the greater public. 2016 will be marked by the 100th year since his death and 30th year after the passing of Ion Berciu (1904-1986) known also as the “second founder” of the museum.



We are kindly asking researchers and Ph.D. candidates whose research is focused on the history of archeology, life and work of great personalities or local history of urban archaeology and museology to send us their intention for participating at the conference, a title and an abstract of their paper (max. 400 words) in English untill **15th August 2015** in the following topics:

*urban archaeology in the Belle Époque (1867 – 1918):
techniques, methodology, experience*

*social and academic network of the pioneers of
archaeology*

politics, ideology and archaeology

The life and work of Adalbert Cserni

*Museology from the collections of the 19th century
till today: perspectives in the research*

The language of the conference is **English**. **No fees** for participation are required. The hosting institutions will assure **the accommodation and the main meals** during the three days of the conference. The conference will be followed by a historic city tour in Alba Iulia, a book presentation and the opening of two thematic exhibitions on the life and work of both Adalbert Cserni and Ion Berciu.

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Hosting and partner institutions

- National Museum of Unification, Alba Iulia
- University “1 Decembrie 1918” Alba Iulia
- National Library of Romania — Batthyaneum
- National Archives of Romania, department Alba Iulia
- County Council of Alba
- Alba Iulia City Hall