



ROMANIAN LIDAR INVESTIGATION OF THE EYJAFJALLAJOKULL VOLCANIC ASH

Adrian Timofte^{1,2}, Marius Mihai Cazacu¹, Razvan Radulescu³,
Livio Belegante³, Dan Gheorghe Dimitriu¹, Silviu Gurlui^{1*}

¹Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Faculty of Physics, 11 Carol I Blvd., 700506 Iasi, Romania

²National Meteorological Administration, Regional Forecast Center Bacau, Romania

³National Institute of Research & Development for Optoelectronics, INOE, Bucharest, Romania

Abstract

The eruption of the Eyjafjallajokull volcano and its impact on the environment in Romania has been studied by means of different complementary tools. In order to characterize both various types of clouds, their dynamics, and the ash sulphates aerosols, different diagnosis type instruments have been deeply analyzed, too. Thus, the occurrence of the ash cloud over Romania, Bucharest city (lat: 44.4 N, long: 26.0 E), starting on the 17th of April 2010 when it covered this area, and also the weather conditions have been investigated. The HYSPLIT (Hybrid Single Particle Lagrangian Integrated Trajectory) model, ECMWF (European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts) and satellite data were used as a complementary tool for the LIDAR measurement data.

Key words: LIDAR, satellite data, synoptic, volcanic-ash

Received: November, 2010; *Revised final:* January, 2011; *Accepted:* January, 2011

* Author to whom all correspondence should be addressed: e-mail: sgurlui@uaic.ro; Phone: +40232201197; Fax: +40232201150