

**Opening Ceremony WeaDL Workshop, 2021**  
**BBU Rector's Speech**

First of all, thank you for inviting me to this event, I'm very happy to be here, because as you know, Artificial Intelligence is a strategic field in our University. Especially for our guests, I would say that Babes-Bolyai University is a very complex University, having programs from arts & humanities to social sciences, life sciences, natural sciences, to engineering and technology; in these very complex profiles, computer science (and information technology) is very important both in itself but also as a trans-field or trans-domain framework, and that is why we value this field so much. Quite recently, we proposed a new smart specialisation for our city, which is called InfoBioNano4Health, meaning trying to apply key aspects of Computer Science for health, and by health I mean both human health and environment health. When I'm talking about computer science and information technology I'm talking about Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, Virtual Reality, the application of robots in psychotherapy and therapy, cyber-security, blockchains and so on. Truly speaking, I'm happy to see this workshop, because even if in a general definition of environment health we could say that this would fit there, in the same time this is a new addition; the idea of using machine learning for meteorological phenomena is interesting, is new, and I think it is a very important addition to our vision in using computer science for applications in different fields. So thank you for inviting me, I will stay a little bit to see some of the presentations and some of the ideas, I am very curious about the conclusions of the workshop, and I wish you a very nice and productive workshop. Thank you!

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