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- *Criza poloneză de la începutul anilor '80. Reacția conducerii Partidului Comunist Român* [*The Polish Crisis in the Early 1980s. The Reaction of Romanian Communist Party Leadership*], Petroleum-Gas University Publishing House, Ploiești, 2008.
- *România în Organizația Tratatului de la Varșovia (1955-1991)* [*Romania in the Warsaw Treaty Organization (1955-1991)*], Military Publishing House, Bucharest, 2008.
- *România în Organizația Tratatului de la Varșovia. Documente (1954-1968)* [*Romania in the Warsaw Treaty Organization. Documents (1954-1968)*] (co-editor with Gavriil Preda, Ph.D.): second tome (*Documents: 1962-1968*) (to be published in 2009).
- *România în Organizația Tratatului de la Varșovia. Documente (1969-1973)* [*Romania in the Warsaw Treaty Organization. Documents (1969-1973)*] (to be published in 2009).

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- *Attempts to Expand the Warsaw Treaty Organisation towards Asia*, included on the CD created of the conference, *New Central and Eastern European Evidence on the Cold War in Asia*, organized by „George Washington University Cold War Group”, „Cold War International History Project” (Washington D.C., USA), „Cold War History Research Centre (Budapest, Hungary) and „National Security Archive” (Washington D.C., USA), Budapest (Hungary), 31 October – 1 November 2003.
- *The Polish Crisis and the Strange Stance of Romania in the Late 1970s and Early 1980s*, included on the CD created of the conference, *From Helsinki to Gorbachev, 1975-1985: The Globalization of the Bipolar Confrontation*, organized by „Machiavelli Center for Cold War Studies” (Florence, Italy) and „Cold War International History Project” (Washington D.C., USA), Artimino (Italy), 27-29 April 2006.
- *Warsaw Pact Military Exercises during the Cuban Missile Crisis of October 1962: The Romanian Point of View*, Parallel History Project on NATO and the Warsaw Pact, 2006, [http://www.isn.ethz.ch/php/collections/coll\\_cuba\\_romania.htm](http://www.isn.ethz.ch/php/collections/coll_cuba_romania.htm).
- *A Strained Partnership: Soviet-Romanian Military Relations and the Reshaping of the European Order in the late 1980s*, a paper for the conference, *The Role of military and state security in the internal and external security concept of the participating states of the Warsaw Treaty Organization*, organized by „Militärgeschichtliches Forschungsamt”, Potsdam (Germany), 3-4 December 2007.
- *The Soviet-Romanian Military Relations in the late 1970s and early 1980s*, a paper for the conference, *East-Central Europe in the Cold War, 1945-1989*, organized by „Institute of National Remembrance – Commission for the Prosecution of Crimes against the Polish Nation (IPN)” (Warsaw, Poland), „Institute of Political Studies Polish Academy of Sciences” (Warsaw, Poland) and „Cold War International History Project” (Washington D.C., USA), Warsaw (Poland), 16-18 October 2008.
- *The Leaders of the Romanian Communist Party and the Emigration of the Romanian Jewish Community Members (1955-1967)*, a paper for the conference, *Secret Weapon or Victims of the Cold War? Central and Eastern European Political Émigrés*, organized by „Institute of

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