



## **PROGRAMME**

### **Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC), Prague, November 22-23, 2012**

***Venue: Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Rectors lounge (in the University Canteen – Menza), Kamycka 129, 165 21 Praha 6 – Suchbát, Czech Republic***

#### ***Theme: Building bridges across turbulent waters***

The conference will address contemporary trends in the development of universities operating in the Danube Region – a region with both EU and non-EU countries. Such composition of countries makes a challenging milieu for cooperation amongst universities in a unique political, economic, social, cultural, environmental and geographical area. The conference will address the possibilities of cooperation (networking) and various tools (e.g. financial possibilities) facilitating such cooperation. In addition to discussing these issues, the conference should provide a forum for face-to-face exchange of information amongst members of academic communities from all universities participating in the Danube Rectors' Conference. As such, the conference will also demonstrate the power of networking in practice – in poster presentations of ideas for cooperation in research, education and university development.

#### **Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> Arrival day**

#### **Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

08:30 – 10:00 Registration and Welcome Coffee (university canteen No. 4)

10:00 – 10:05 **Rector Martin Gerzabek**, President of DRC (*welcome speech*)

10:05 – 10:10 **Rector Jiří Balík**, Rector of Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (*introducing the conference and CULS*)

10:10 – 10:20 **UNIVERSITIES AND POLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF THEIR ACTIVITIES:**  
**Přemysl Sobotka**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic (*welcoming address*)

10:20 – 10:30 **UNIVERSITIES AND POLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF THEIR ACTIVITIES:**  
**Karel Schwarzenberg**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic (*Topic: International policy and international cooperation in the Danube Region*).

10:30 – 10:50 **UNIVERSITIES AND POLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF THEIR ACTIVITIES:**  
**Prof. Ivan Wilhelm**, government plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic for

European research and Rector– Emeritus of Charles University – member of DRC (*Topic: The role of the universities in contemporary world*).

- 10:50 – 11:20 UNIVERSITIES AND POLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF THEIR ACTIVITIES: **Wolfgang Streitenberger**, EU Commission, DG Regional Policy (topic: EU regional policy and the role of universities: EU Strategy for the Danube Region)
- 11:20 – 11:40 UNIVERSITY NETWORKING: **Prof. Václav Hampl**, member of the Board of European University Association, Rector of Charles University Prague – member of DRC (*topic: EUA, networking and benefits for the universities*)
- 11:40 – 12:00 UNIVERSITY NETWORKING: **Prof. Martin Gerzabek**, President of the ICA Regional Network for Central and South Eastern Europe (CASEE) - a network of regional life sciences universities, and President of DRC (*topic: CASEE as the example of starting networking – the first experiences and lessons for DRC*)
- 12:00 – 12:15 UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCH CENTERS NETWORKING: **Guido Schmuck**, EU Joint Research Centre (JRC), Head of Institutional and Stakeholder relations (*topic: JRC and scientific support to EU Strategy for Danube Region*)
- 12:15 – 12:30 UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCH CENTERS NETWORKING: **Prof. Felix Unger**, Spokesman of the Danube Academies Conference (*topics: DRC and DAC are the voice of sciences in the Danube area*)
- 12:30 -13:45 *Lunch break (lunch will be served in university canteen No 4 – above the Rector's lounge)*
- 13:45 – 14:15 UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING: **Thomas Estermann**, Head of Unit Governance, Autonomy and Funding European University Association (*Topic: Governing universities: an overview across Europe*)
- 14:15 – 14:45 FUNDING INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF UNIVERSITIES: **Tania Pibernik**, Central European Initiative University Network, executive officer (*topic: The CEI and opportunities in the field of education*)
- 14:45 – 15:30 UNIVERSITY FUNDING: **Christian Vranek**, Culture Creates Values (*Topic: Professional fundraising and sponsorship at universities*)
- 15:30 – 16:00 FUNDING INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF UNIVERSITIES: **Karla Wursterová**, Executive Director of International Visegrad Fund (*Topic: Visegrad Fund: the possibility of networking and cooperation in the region*)
- 16:00 – 16:15 *Coffee break*
- 16:15 – 18:00: Visit to the university brewery (demonstration of beer making and beer tasting)
- 16:15 – 18:00 Permanent Committee Meeting + DRC Presidency meeting (Rectorate building meeting room at 5<sup>th</sup> floor)

19:00 Conference dinner: hotel Vienna-Galaxy (10 minutes to walk from conference venue).

## Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

09:00 - 10:00 **Open networking and open forum discussion** (forum for posters presentations about possible projects in research and education among DRC member universities – suggestions of possible topics, presentation of university experience as the floor for starting networking) – University canteen No 4

10:00 – 11:30 **Parallel workshops**

- 1) **Workshop 1: Fundraising at universities:** discussing the issue within DRC universities (how to attract more funds). Chairperson Mag. Christian Vranek. Venue: Rector's lounge
- 2) **Workshop 2: Cross border cooperation:** Chairperson: Michal Lostak (CULS). Venue: Rectorate building, 5<sup>th</sup> floor (3 minutes to walk from Rector's lounge)  
Presentation: Scientific research projects of "Vasile Goldiș" Western University Arad within the framework of national and cross border cooperation (by prof. Violeta Turcus Vice-Rector for Scientific Research).

11:30 - 12:00 **Summary of the two workshops and suggestions for future DRC activities** (Venue: Rector's lounge)

12:00 – 13:30 **DRC General Assembly** (Venue: Rector's lounge)

13:30 *Lunch (University canteen No 4)*

14:00 *End of Conference*

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