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DRC Newsletter March 2018

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Danube Rectors' Conference

Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter! We are pleased to present you our newsletter for March 2018!

One more time, we would like to draw your attention to our DRC Summer School, which will be held in Krems, Austria from 1-8 July 2018. We believe that there is no better opportunity for young scientist to receive up-to-date knowledge about the political, economic and social challenges of the Danube Region!

Feedback and comments are always [welcome!](#)

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1. SAVE THE DATE: DRC Annual Meeting 7-9 November 2018

We kindly ask you to save the date for our next Annual Meeting to be held at the Comenius University Bratislava 7. - 9. November 2018.

During the General Assembly, we will elect a new presidency.

A detailed programme as well as further information will be published on our website www.drc-danube.org in the upcoming months closer to the date of our Annual Meeting. We will also send out the draft agenda for the Presidency Meeting, the Permanent Committee meeting as well as the General Assembly in September.

Thank you very much and we are looking forward to see you in Bratislava!

2. 15th DRC Summer School



15th DRC Summer School on Regional Co-operation "Modernizing Europe: Generating Accountability" 1-8 July 2018 Danube University Krems

- Share research results about the Danube region
- Discuss the most up-to-date issues of the Danube region and Central and Eastern Europe with leading experts in the field
- Present your approaches and ideas for future scenarios of the Danube region

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and compare them with the contributions of other participants

- Take opportunity to discuss your views with decision-makers during the Austrian EU Council presidency
- Broaden your horizon and knowledge
- Meet new people from all around Europe and develop yourself academically
- Get a chance to attend the DRC Annual Meeting in Bratislava in November

Experience an unforgettable week in the beautiful city of Krems, Austria, situated in the Danube Valley and surrounded by vineyards, and make lasting cooperation and friendships with an international scientist body.

After the end of the Summer School your contribution will be officially published as an article in the scientific journal "Der Donauraum".

Each year, the DRC Summer School is hosted by a different university and therefore offers a variety of settings. We are looking for young BA, MA and Phd level scientist from Social, Human and Political Sciences, who are interested in the region, have scientific records or intend to have deeper knowledge about the Danube Region.

Workshop topics:

1. Rise and fall of empires: integration and re-nationalisation
2. Towards a European federation: achieving EU integration through democratisation?
3. Fostering brain-circulation in CEE
4. Cultural heritage protection in the Danube Region

Application deadline: June 03, 2018

Registration fee: 200 EUR

Language of instruction: English

Apply [here!](#)

Join our DRC Summer School and receive up-to-date knowledge about the political, economic and social challenges of the Danube Region!

3. DRC Presidency Meeting, Vienna 2018

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Sebastian Schäffer, Erhard Busek, Georg Krauchenberg, Friedrich Faulhammer, Ferenc Hudecz, Branislav Slyško, Daniela Ostatníková, Mariana Scheu © DRC

The 1st DRC Presidency Meeting 2018 has been held at the Institut for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) on 7th March 2018.

The minutes of the meeting will be available in the [Intranet](#) of the DRC website soon.

4. Young Scholars Forum

The Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) is pleased to present the 6th edition of the Young Scholars Forum (YSF) on Central- and South East Europe.

The symposium will take place on 27th November - 1st December 2018, Vienna, Austria.

This year the main topic will be

"Cross-border cooperation in Central and South East Europe"

The aims of this project are:

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- Promoting and encouraging young scholars to engage with Central and South East Europe
 - Presentation of research by young scholars to a wider public
 - Exchange among young and more advanced researchers on topics, methods, sources and results
 - Networking
 - Furthering mobility within the region
 - Publication of contributions and results;

The target group will be a maximum of 30 young scholars working on Central and South East Europe in the fields of cultural studies, history, media studies, political sciences, geography, sociology, and economy.

Programme:

It involves a presentation of research papers/projects by high level experts and young scholars; (plenary) discussions and a social and cultural programme;

Applications:

Applications for participation may be submitted via e-mail by **June 30, 2018** and have to include a full academic CV and an abstract (max. 1 page) of the research paper that shall be presented and discussed at the symposium.

Language: English**Participation fee: € 100,-**

Costs for travel expenses (up to € 200,-), board & accommodation (in double rooms, single room is available for € 75,-) will be reimbursed by the IDM.

Please send applications to:

Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM).

Mag. Sebastian Schäffer, MA

e-mail: s.schaeffer@idm.at

Further information can be found [here](#).

5. JRC open access

In the last edition of our newsletter was announced that a new series of calls for open access to Joint Research Centre (JRC) scientific laboratories and facilities in the non-nuclear and nuclear areas has been opened. Some calls have already been

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closed, but one is still open.

- Non-nuclear: Nanobiotechnology Laboratory (Call closing 13 April 2018)

The call is addressed to external users from academia and research organisations, industry, SMEs, and more in general from the private and public sectors.

You will find all relevant information here: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/research-facility/open-access>

Conditions and criteria for access

The JRC will offer access to its **non-nuclear facilities** to researchers and scientists from EU Member States, candidate countries and countries associated to the EU Research Programme Horizon 2020. For **nuclear facilities**, the JRC will open to EU Member States, candidate countries (on the conditions established in the relevant agreement or decision) and countries associated to the Euratom Research Programme.

There will be two types of access to JRC research infrastructures:

- The first (**relevance-driven**) is based on the scientific and socio-economic relevance of the proposed project and involves a peer-review selection process following a call for proposals. This type of access is mainly targeted at universities, research institution and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in areas linked to the strategic priorities of the JRC and EU priorities linked to standardisation, integration and cohesion, sustainable growth and competitiveness. Under this type of access, users are only required to cover any additional costs sustained by the JRC, while access to nuclear research facilities can be provided "free of charge".
- The second type of access (**market-driven**) is mainly targeted at industry and for-profit institutions, and foresees the payment of the full costs of access.

6. Call for Applications for OeAD Summer Schools

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THE ECONOMY OF THE FUTURE

→ Summer School
Vienna, July 25 - August 10, 2018

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The DRC has provided together with the OeAD-WohnraumverwaltungsGmbH in total four scholarships (two for each summer school) to enable participants from DRC member universities to attend **Green.Building.Solutions (GBS)** and **Alternative Economic and Monetary Systems (AEMS)**.

The call for applications for 2018 is open until April 23, 2018 and can be found [here](#).

7. Conference on "Smart Specialisation and Technology Transfer as Innovation Drivers for Regional Growth"

The European Commission's Joint Research Centre, under the auspices of the Bulgaria Presidency of the Council of the EU, is pleased to invite you to the conference on "**Smart Specialisation and Technology Transfer as Innovation Drivers for Regional Growth**" taking place in Sofia, Bulgaria, on **3-4th May 2018**.

This high level conference will bring together policymakers, scientists, businesses,

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regional authorities and universities to consider the opportunities and challenges for Europe, notably South-east Europe and including the Western Balkans, in research, development, education, employment and innovation and in particular, the process of skills creation, knowledge and technology.

For more information, including the outline programme, visit the event site at <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/event/conference/smart-specialisation-technology-transfer-and-digital-economy>.

8. EDU-LAB Interreg video



EDU-LAB is a project funded by the European Union aiming to improve the professional chances of young people in the Danube region. The DRC is an associated partner of the project.

Please take a look at the video embedded above to find out more about the work EDU-LAB - an Interreg Project - is carrying out by creating more opportunities among young people in the Danube region and how the problems that concern our society are being faced.

9. Out of the Box Summer School

University of Maribor invites students from the Danube region to the International Interdisciplinary Out of the Box Summer School on Solution Design titled “**The value of waste!**” and taking place in Maribor from **June 17th to 30th, 2018**. You may obtain all information on the topic and programme on the website <http://summer.outofthebox.um.si/>.

The organizers are at disposal for your queries under contacts stated on the website. You may also contact Mr. Mladen Kraljić under mladen.kraljic@um.si or via telephone +38631564000.

10. Academia blockchain technology

We want to inform you on a newly developed tool for institutions of higher education. Katja Geršak from 0xcert contacted the DRC:



Academia

Powered by  0xcert

Blockchain for educational institutions has arrived! Academia enables Colleges and Universities to use blockchain technology when issuing academic certificates so that these cannot be falsified. Students will hold their certificates in digital form, Universities and employers will be able to easily check the authentication of credentials on an admissions application or a job application, therefore significantly lowering administrative costs.

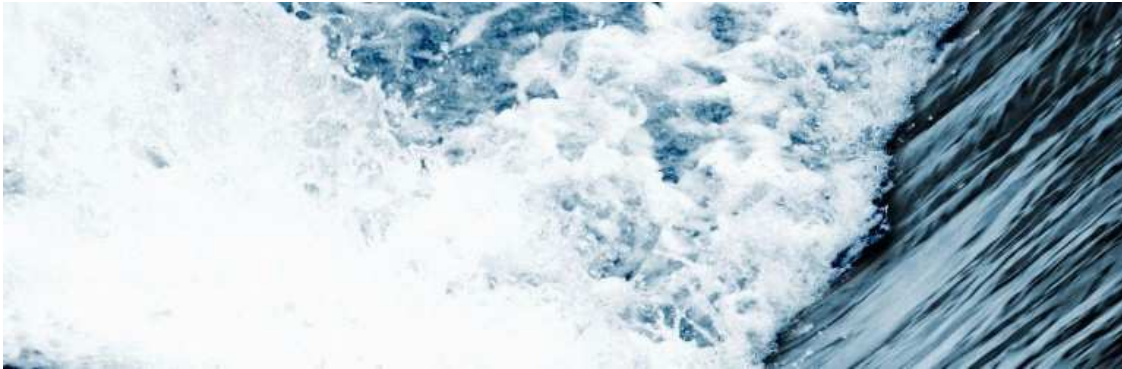
- *Prevent fraud and fake degrees*
- *Cut down on verification time*
- *Enable better student mobility*
- *Open source foundation technology*

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- Large network of early adopters, you can become one of them!

Read more here: <https://academia.Oxcert.org/>

11. DRC Facebook Page



A better connection with the member universities through social media could further increase the reach of the dissemination of information throughout the DRC network.

We therefore reiterate the importance of cross-connectivity and further encourage the social media departments of our members (and beyond) to connect with the DRC:



12. EUA Affiliate Status and EUA Newsletter

We are continuously strengthening and expanding our network. Since November 2015, the DRC is affiliate member of the [European University Association](#).

If you are interested in their news and activities, please follow the [link](#).

13. CASEE Newsletter March 2018

CASEE was founded in 2010 upon the initiative of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, and involves Life Science Universities in Albania, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Serbia, Ukraine and Austria. It aims to support the development of the EU Strategie for the Danube Region to strengthen research, education and University

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Development in his region and to develop joint research, educational and other projects. To open the newsletter of March, click [here](#).

14. ELTE Summer University of Hungarian Language and Culture

Dear Partner! Greetings from Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest!

In 2018 we are planning to run again **ELTE Summer University of Hungarian Language and Culture** between **30 July - 24 August, 2018** which is built up of three main blocks: intensive Hungarian language course, lectures on Hungarian culture, arts, and history, cultural programs/social activities;

It is a great program to those who are interested in Hungarian language and culture to improve their Hungarian during summertime in a multi-cultural and stimulating environment.

Website: www.elte.hu/en/hungarian-language-and-culture

Deadline for application: **15 July 2018**



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