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1. FORMER DRC PRESIDENT PROF. DR. MIROSLAV VESKOVIC RECEIVES DANUBIUS AWARD

The Danubius Award is intended to honour persons with extraordinary achievements in their scientific activities in relation to the Danube Region. This year our former DRC President Prof. Dr Miroslav Veskovic receives the Danubius Award. Founder of this award are the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe in cooperation with the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research (BMWF). The award ceremony will take place on Tuesday, 14 May 2013 in Vienna. Prof. Dr Miroslav Veskovic is Rector of the University of Novi Sad and EUSDR PA7 Coordinator. He is full-professor of Nuclear Physics at the University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Sciences, Vice president of KONUS (Conference of Universities of Serbia), permanent member of the ISOLDE Collaboration, CERN and member of the European Physics Education Network, Former President of the Serbian Physics Society, Former Vice Rector for Science and International Relations at the University of Novi Sad, Former Dean of the Faculty of Sciences, and Former Assistant Minister in the Ministry of Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia.

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2. CALL DRC CONFERENCE 2014

Our DRC presidency kindly asks you as our DRC member universities to consider the possibility of hosting the next annual DRC conference in autumn 2014. The proposal to host the DRC conference should be addressed to the DRC secretariat: Danube Rectors' Conference i.v.z.w., DRC Secretariat operated by IDM, Hahngasse 6/24, 1090 Wien, Austria

The letter of intent should be signed by the rector of the university submitting the proposal. The letter should include a short outline of the conference topic, short outline of the programme (incl. possible keynote speakers the hosting university is planning to invite) and a contact person. If more information about the letter of intent is needed, please

contact DRC Presidency Secretariat (Dr. Michal Lostak, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague; e-mail: lostak@pef.czu.cz). The deadline for submitting the proposals is September 20, 2013. The DRC presidency will consider all received proposals and will announce the university which will host DRC annual conference in autumn 2014 during DRC conference in Cluj-Napoca this year (November 7-8, 2013).

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### 3. DRC PRESIDENCY MEETING

On April 29, 2013 the scheduled meeting of the presidency was held. Videoconference facilities were used to talk about the DRC annual conference at the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine in Cluj Napoca (Romania, November 7-8, 2013). Preliminary agreements of three EU Commissioners (Ciolos /AGRI/, Geoghegan-Quinn (RESEARCH) and Hahn /REGIO/) to participate in the conference already exist as well as the preliminary consent of the top representatives of Romania (incl. Prime Minister). Joint Research Centre (JRC), Danube Academies Conference (DAC) and others will be also represented. The plenary session will consider issues like research and innovation strategies and partnership in Danube region, JRC support to EU Strategy for Danube Region (focus on research and innovations), cooperation of DRC and DAC. The draft of the programme will be circulated at the end of May/beginning of June 2013. The presidency also decided on the DRC bank account to be at Raiffeisenbank in Vienna which will facilitate the administration. The forms of cooperation with JRC and DAC were discussed as well. DAC will be offered to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between DAC and DRC (this memorandum already exist with JRC) or will be offered to use DRC associate membership without voting rights (according to DRC Statute). The forms of cooperation with JRC will be during the high level event in Bratislava (May 16, 2013). At the end of the meeting the participants considered the preparation of the DRC summer schools, DRC video-contest (a flyer will be sent to all member universities) and the Danubius Award.

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### 4. DRC STUDENTS VIDEO CONTEST - CALL FOR PARTICIPATION (REMINDER)

Our network announces a video contest for all students of the DRC member universities. We want to increase the visibility of the DRC and its activities in the Danube Region. The videos should deal with one or more of the following issues:

- Member universities of the DRC: why it is worth to study there?
- What makes the Danube region and DRC universities unique?
- Why and how do we benefit as a university from the DRC membership?
- My university, the Danube Region and the Danube Rectors Conference ñ what is the role of our university within this context?
- What are the assets Danube Rectors Conference and Danube region provide to my university?

Get more information about the contest, conditions, and prizes (winning video EUR 1000, second EUR 600 and the third EUR 300): <http://www.drc-danube.org/2013/04/18/video-contest-for-drc-students/>

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#### 5. DRC SUMMER SCHOOL IN BUDAPEST - APPLY NOW, DRAFT PROGRAM ONLINE (REMINDER)

Apply now for the next DRC Summer School in Budapest (July 2013). For the next DRC Summer School in Budapest July 07-14 2013. The DRC Summer School promotes regional co-operation among young social scientists to establish a network of young scientists who deal with the issue of regional co-operation.

The 10th edition of the Summer School has the main topic: "Old Neighbours - New Policies in the Countries along the Danube and the Black Sea Region"

Applications for participation may be handed in by e-mail or fax until June 2, 2013 and should include the application form, the CV of the applicant and an abstract max. 2 pages of the paper that shall be presented in the framework of the Summer School. The participants are selected by a jury taking into account the guidance of the presidency of the Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC). The successful participation of the DRC Summer School will be granted with 10 ECTS points by the University of Pécs, Faculty of Humanities. Applications to: Mr. Zoltán Vörös, IDRResearch Ltd. Tel.: +36-30-709-7491 Fax: +36-72-522-624, E-mail: [voros@idresearch.hu](mailto:voros@idresearch.hu)  
Get more information here: [www.drcsummerschool.eu](http://www.drcsummerschool.eu)

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#### 6. STAFF-TRAININGS AT ELTE IN BUDAPEST - CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

The Eötvös Loránd University organizes two staff-training programs for their colleagues from partner universities all over Europe. In 2013, the five-day "Erasmus Staff Week" is organized for the fourth time, on 17-21 June 2013. This year the program is open not only to international officers, but to anyone in higher education whose work is related to one of the seven sessions offered within the program (Botanical Garden; Career Centre; Disability for coordinators or mentors of students and teachers who live with special needs; International Office; Library; Sport Facilities; Technology Transfer and Innovation Management). These sessions help participants develop their skills and extend their international network of colleagues. Due to the great interest in the "Intercultural Training" for teachers and international officers held last September, the Intercultural Training is organized for the second time this year, on 10-14 June 2013. This one-week program focuses on intercultural competences of all university employees. We highly encourage you to take part in this training if you are dealing with international community or projects. Please find more information, application forms for the programs on [www.elte.hu/en/admin\\_mobility](http://www.elte.hu/en/admin_mobility) <[http://www.elte.hu/en/admin\\_mobility](http://www.elte.hu/en/admin_mobility)>

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7. OEAD CONFERENCE ON HIGHER EDUCATION COOPERATION / HIGHER EDUCATION  
CONTACT SEMINAR IN VIENNA - CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

"Neighbours.HigherEducation.Cooperation": This conference (3 ñ 5 July 2013) will bring together Higher Education Institutions from Central, Southern and South-eastern Europe in order to both share cooperation expertise and to provide a platform for future common initiatives and collaboration. The event is meant to cover the political dimension of Higher Education cooperation in the region as well as to enhance existing networks for projects and interested scientists willing to cooperate with each other. The expected participants will consist of representatives from Higher Education Institutions including management level, higher education project promoters, and researchers as well as of political and other stakeholders, Bologna Experts, Higher Education Reform Experts, and regional organisations with an active role in Higher Education. For more information: [http://www.oead.at/go\\_international/eu\\_bildungsprogramm\\_lebenslanges\\_lernen/erasmus\\_hochschulbildung/veranstaltungen/nhec\\_conference/DE/](http://www.oead.at/go_international/eu_bildungsprogramm_lebenslanges_lernen/erasmus_hochschulbildung/veranstaltungen/nhec_conference/DE/)

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