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1. DRC ANNUAL MEETING 2014 IN BELGRADE

On 6th - 7th of November 2014, our annual meeting took place at the University of Belgrade in Serbia. About 90 guests participated in the conference, among them numerous rectors and other representatives of our member universities. From 2015 on, three new members will join our Network (University of Defense /Serbia/; State Agrarian University of Moldova; Banat University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine "King Michael I of Romania", Timisoara /Romania/). The new memberships were approved during the DRC General Assembly. The event included several presentations and discussions that were focused on "Digital Culture – The Synergy between Higher Education and ICT". Many top-ranking scientists and politicians attended the conference. You can find pictures and documents related to the Meeting on our webpage. Further presentations and materials are available on our intranet (the minutes of the meeting are currently being finalized and will be uploaded immediately afterwards). If you do not have access to our intranet, please inform us: info@drc-danube.org.

2. DANUBE:FUTURE WORKSHOP, KLAGENFURT 8-10 APRIL 2015

8th - 10th of April 2015 the first International Workshop of Danube:Future (EUSDR PA7 Flagship Project) will take place in Klagenfurt, Austria. The call for application was released on December 3rd, 2014 and will be open until January 15th, 2015 (<http://www.danubefuture.eu/1st-danubefuture-workshop>).

The first international Danube:Future Workshop on the role of cultural and natural heritage for the sustainable development of the Danube Region will be held in April 2015 at the Alpen-Adria-Universität-Klagenfurt facilities.

Workshop participants are expected to contribute actively to a White Paper addressing the research needs in this context, with special emphasis on the humanities and social sciences. Ideally, they have participated in Framework Programs of the European Union before and have expertise in the development of research programs. They should also have some familiarity with sustainability studies and interdisciplinary research environments.

The Organizers are seeking a limited number of participants from all countries of the Danube basin. The workshop is free of charge. With the financial support of the Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt-Wien-Graz and the Central European Initiative (Cooperation Fund 2014), we will be able to cover the costs of accommodation (2 nights) and meals and will, in case of problems of potential participants to finance their travels, do our best to provide travel support upon application. At this time, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to cover the travel costs, but we are positive that some financial support will be available.

The White Paper will be available on the website after the 1st Danube:Future Workshop.

3. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MOUNTAIN FOREST MANAGEMENT SLOVAKIA 7-9 JULY 2015

International conference on mountain forest management to be held 7-9 July 2015 in the High Tatra Mountains, Slovakia (<http://www.nlcsk.sk/mfm-conference/Default.aspx>).

The conference will provide the opportunity to discuss the potentials and limitations of current and possible future approaches to mountain forest management that are aimed at continuously providing portfolios of ecosystem services not only under current, but particularly under future climatic and socio-economic conditions.

4. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "AGRICULTURE FOR LIFE, LIFE FOR AGRICULTURE", BUCHAREST

Deadline for abstract submissions: 31. December 2014!

The program will cover a vast range of topics through: Plenary Sessions, Thematic Sessions, Poster Sessions, Workshops, Industry/Business Meetings, Professional Tours. Participants are invited to submit papers under the Conference sections.

The 4th International Conference "Agriculture for Life, Life for Agriculture", 4-6 June 2015, will bring the world leader publisher ELSEVIER to the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Bucharest. A signed agreement, dated April 2014, allows the organizers to select original research papers from the conference, so as to propose their online publishing on ScienceDirect.com, Elsevier's premier online platform, in a special issue that will also be sent by Elsevier to be included in the Thomson Reuters – Web of Science Core Collection.

More information about the conference can be found here:

http://agricultureforlife.usamv.ro/documents/2015/ConferenceFlyer_Ed4_2015_A4L_Announcement_EN.pdf

5. STRENGTHENING THE URBAN DIMENSION OF THE DANUBE REGION, VIENNA 26-27 JANUARY 2015

The Urban Platform Danube Region (UPDR) on behalf of the Cities of Vienna and Ulm, the Council of Danube Cities and Regions, the Austrian Association of Cities and Towns and Priority Area 10 "Institutional Capacity and Cooperation" (PA10) of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) is happy to announce the 2015 stakeholder conference on January 26/27th in the Vienna City Hall.

Conference Website: <http://www.kdz.eu/de/updr>

Registration Form: <http://www.staedtebund.gv.at/anmeldung/danube2015>

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The conference is organised by KDZ – Centre for Public Administration Research for the City of Vienna, the Council of Danube Cities and Regions, the Austrian Association of Cities and Towns and EUSDR/PAC10 Vienna.

The conference is financed by the Austrian Association of Cities and Towns, the City of Vienna and with EU funds.

6. CASEE NEWSLETTER

Please find below the link to the current newsletter of our partner network CASEE. 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 Strategy for the Danube Region to strengthen research, education and University Development in this region and to develop joint research, educational and other projects. To open the newsletter, click here:

http://www.ica-ls.com/casee/images/stories/CASEE_pdfs/Newsletter/2014-12_CASEE_December_Newsletter.pdf

7. 6th CASEE CONFERENCE IN NITRA, SLOVAKIA

"Latest trends in Bioeconomy in the Danube Region",
May 24 - 26, 2015, Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra

Online abstract submission: <http://www.medacad.org/2015CASEE/abstractsubmission.htm>

until January 14, 2015

Only abstracts submitted online can be accepted!

- All staff members from CASEE universities are invited to submit an abstract for a paper/ poster presentation.
- PhD students from CASEE universities are specially invited to submit an abstract for a poster or oral presentation on their thesis topic, relating to the general topic. Up to 20 PhD students with full papers accepted by the conference will be exempt from the conference fee.

8. DEANS' & RECTORS' IN THE eREGION MEETING ON THE CROSS-BORDER JOINT EU PROJECTS OPPORTUNITIES

Co-organized by the Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transport, University of Ljubljana, Portoroz (<http://www.fpp.uni-lj.si/eng>) and Inter-Municipality Initiative: Cross-border eCollaboration in the Danube eRegion

Portoroz, Monday, January 26, 2015, 10:00 – 15:00

9. DRC 2014 FOLLOW UP: HEInnovate

The European Commission, together with the OECD, has launched in November 2013 an initiative on supporting Higher Education Institutions that wish to become more innovative and entrepreneurial (HEInnovate). The initiative has met a great interest in HEIs worldwide and so far more than 500 HEIs have participated in the self-assessment. On the occasion of its first anniversary on November 18th 2014 a new release of HEInnovate was launched. The website can be found under the following link: <https://heinnovate.eu/>

The secretariat would like to use the opportunity to say thank you for the good cooperation throughout 2014! We wish you happy holidays and a fruitful new year, and look forward to continuing our successful collaboration!

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