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1. DANUBIUS YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD 2015 - CALL

For the second time the "Danubius Young Scientist Award" will complement the Danubius Award. The award seeks to encourage young scientists to engage in the scientific examination of issues and questions specifically related to the Danube, and to stimulate the scientific community in the Danube region. Deadline for nomination is March 20th. For more information please click here:

<http://www.drc-danube.org/2015/01/07/danubius-young-scientist-award-2015/>

2. MINUTES OF DRC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The minutes of the last General Assembly, Permanent Committee, and Presidency Meeting in Belgrade (November 2014) are online. To get access to our intranet, open this link

<http://www.drc-danube.org/intranet/>

If you do not have access to our intranet, please inform us: info@drc-danube.org.

3. CONFERENCE OF THE ARANGE PROJECT

'Mountain Forest Management in a Changing World'
July 7-9, 2015, in the High Tatra Mountains, Slovakia

The conference will provide the opportunity to present and discuss the potentials and limitations of current and possible future approaches to mountain forest management for providing portfolios of ecosystem services under current and future climatic and socio economic conditions.

Themes of the conference are:

- Potentials and limitations of current management approaches to provide multiple ecosystem services
- Climate change impacts on ecosystem service provisioning in mountain forests
- Disturbance regimes in mountain forests and implications for ecosystem services
- Alternative management strategies in mountain forests and consequences on ecosystem service provisioning
- Decision support tools for mountain forest management
- Governance approaches to secure multiple ecosystem service provisioning in the future

Contributions dealing with one of these topics are welcome.

Deadline for abstract submission: February 15, 2015

<http://www.nlcsk.sk/mfm-conference/>

4. BEST OF SOUTH-EAST STIPENDS - CALL

Steiermärkische Sparkasse Bank in cooperation with Graz University of Technology announces "Best of South-East", aiming at the advancement and further education for talented and dedicated graduates and students in and from Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (F.Y.R.O.M.). The program's aim is to provide the target groups mentioned above with international work experience as well as training and further education opportunities. Deadline for application is March 6th. Click here to open the call:

<http://international.uni-graz.at/en/stud/incoming/s-in-mprog/bestofsoutheast/>

5. CALL TO PARTICIPATE IN DRC TASK FORCE GROUP

Due to increasing number of activities performed by DRC, the presidency approaches DRC member universities with the possibility to nominate one university representative to participate in DRC Task Force Group. This type of DRC working group will closely cooperate with DRC presidency in operational aspects of implementation of DRC strategy presented in DRC action plan (e.g. preparation of project proposals for DRC as a legal entity to be submitted under various programmes). It is assumed the members of the task force will operate on the level of vice-rectors or other members of top university management. The task Force Group will be activated upon the requests of the DRC presidency linked to strategic tasks of DRC. The nomination with contact details should be send to the Task Force Group coordinator: Michal Lostak (Vice-Rector of Czech University of Life Sciences Prague): lostak@pef.czu.cz till the end of March 2015. Michal Lostak will also provide more information if needed.

6. HEInnovate WORKSHOP BUCHAREST

The workshop will take place in Bucharest, Romania, during 13-14 March 2015, at the Haus der Donau.

WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF A HEINNOVATE WORKSHOP?

- Raise awareness;
- Provide HEIs with an opportunity to become familiar with the HEInnovate tool and methodology;
- Share examples of successful innovative approaches and entrepreneurial objectives;
- Get yourself familiar with HEInnovate on and undertake a self-assessment <http://heinnovate.eu>
- Foster internal debate and setting up of a university strategy;
- Build strategic partnerships among institutions.

The workshop is customizable and can address all relevant topics as long as they are covered by the seven dimensions of the HEInnovate model. Some suggested topics are internationalisation strategies; leadership and institutional change (strategy and governance, resources and infrastructure, recruitment, human resource development and incentives); new business creation practices in higher education; teaching and learning. There is no registration fee (all costs are covered by the DRC) but every participant should support the costs concerning the accommodation, transportation and meals.

More information and a link to the registration form can be found here:
<http://www.drc-danube.org/activities/heinnovatebucharest2015/>

7. PRESENTATION OF DRC MEMBER UNIVERSITIES - TEMPLATE

As stated in the DRC Action Plan 2015, we want to prepare a DRC members book. A template for this information to be provided can be found in the intranet <http://www.drc-danube.org/intranet/forms-templates/>.

Please send filled out template until May 30th to info@drc-danube.org

With each newsletter, there is the possibility to also present one of our members. We start with this issue with the

University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca,
Romania

The UASVMCN is a Life Science University, founded in 1869 as the Higher School of Agriculture in Cluj. In 1929, the Higher School became the Academy of High Agronomic Studies of Cluj and since 1948, it functioned as the Agronomic Institute of Cluj. Starting only with the Faculty of Agriculture, in 1959 the Faculty of Animal Science was created, followed in 1962 by the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and by the Faculty of Horticulture in 1977. The Agronomic Institute changed its name in 1991 and became the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca. From 2000 the university is member of the Union of Cluj-Napoca Universities and member of the Romanian Consortia of Life Science Universities. Since 2012, a new Faculty of Food Science and Technology was founded. Recently, UASVMCN was ranked in the "top 12 best Romanian research universities", being awarded for the research activity and the successful activity with European projects funds.

Total number of students: 6500;
BSc 5361,
MSc 911,
PhD 261,
foreign students 251 (all levels);
Total Staff: 563 (teaching staff 279 and staff 284);
Faculties: 5
Departments: 14
Educational Land Surface: 19000 sq m
Total campus land surface: 352 ha

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