



DANUBE RECTORS' CONFERENCE

Conference at BOKU Vienna 17 – 18 November 2011

Conference Programme
University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU)
Gregor Mendel Strasse 33, A – 1180 Vienna

Wednesday, November 16th: Arrival day

Thursday, November 17th

08:30 – 10:15	<i>Meeting of the DRC Presidency</i>
08:30 – 10:15	Registration and Welcome Coffee
10:15 – 10:20	Rector Prof. Martin Gerzabek
10:20 – 10:30	Mayor of Vienna, Dr. Michael Häupl
10:30 – 10:40	Federal Minister Prof. Dr. Karl-Heinz Töchterle
10:40 – 10:50	EU Commissioner Dr. Johannes Hahn
10:50 – 11:35	The EU Strategy for the Danube Region and its implications for networks like the DRC (Prof. Dr. Erhard Busek)
11:35 – 12:20	University Development in the Danube Region (Prof. Dr. Georg Winckler)
Lunch break	
13:15 – 14:30	Challenges in education and research for Life Science Universities – examples for a regional strategy from the BOVA-NOVA-Network (Prof. Lena Andersson-Eklund, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of SLU Sweden)
14:30-15:15	The role of Vienna in the implementation of the Danube strategy in the field of science and education (Planungsdirektor DI Dr Kurt Puchinger)
15:15 –16:00	Visions for the future of Humanities in the Danube Region (Prof. Verena Winiwarter)
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee

16:30 – 18:30 *Permanent Committee Meeting*

19:00 Departure from BOKU's main entrance for the Conference Dinner, sponsored by the Mayor and Governor of Vienna, Dr. Michael Häupl:
Restaurant S'Pfiff, Rathstrasse 4, 1190 Vienna

Friday, November 18th

08:45 – 09:00 "The Christian-Doppler-Laboratory for Advanced Methods in River Monitoring, Modelling and Engineering and related ideas for the common implementation of the Danube Strategy": Univ. Prof. DI Dr. Helmut Habersack, Head of Christian Doppler Laboratory for Advanced Methods in River Monitoring, Modelling and Engineering

09:00 - 09:20 "The UN Academic Impact Initiative and possibilities for university co-operation with UN organisations" : Janos Tisovszky, Acting Director, United Nations Information Service Vienna

09:20 – 09:30 "Co-operation between Life Science Industry and Academia in the Danube Region ", Dr. Konopitzky

09:30 – 09:50: "CEEPUS – the Central European Exchange Programme for University Studies' options for implementing the EUSDR", Mag. Elisabeth Sorantin, CEEPUS Secretary General

Coffee Break

10:15 – 11:15 Two parallel Workshops, including coffee

1) Lessons learnt from the BOVA-Nova Network (best practice to be used and pitfalls to be avoided by DRC) – Chairperson + case-study presenter: :
[Thorbjorg Valdis Kristjansdottir, NOVA/Nordplus coordinator](#)

2) : Financing possibilities for DRC activities –
Chairpersons and Presenters: Dr. Dimitri CORPAKIS, Head of Unit C5 Regional Dimension of Innovation, Directorate General for Research and Innovation; Dr. Katrin Stockhammer (INTERACT)

11:15 - 12:45 *DRC General Assembly*

12:45 – 13:00 Closing session and suggestions for future DRC activities

Lunch, sponsored by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research

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