

# DRC General Assembly 2020

**November 6, 2020**

**10:00 – 12:00**

**Zoom Webinar**



**DRC**  
Danube Rectors' Conference

DRC Secretariat  
operated by IDM



Institute for the  
Danube Region  
and Central Europe

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## **DRC GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 08<sup>TH</sup>, 2019; 9.00  
UNIVERSITY POLITEHNICA OF BUCHAREST  
SENATE HALL**

### **Participants:**

#### DRC Presidency

Ivanka Popović **IP** (University of Belgrade) – DRC President

Friedrich Faulhammer **FF** (Danube University Krems) – DRC Vice President

Miroslav Vesković **MV** (JRC) – DRC Honorary President

Sebastian Schäffer **SSch** (IDM Vienna) – DRC Secretary General

Daniel Martinek **DM** (IDM Vienna) – DRC Permanent Secretariat

#### Representatives of the DRC member universities

University of Ruse

University of Trieste

University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Cluj-Napoca

University Politehnica of Bucharest

University of Belgrade

University of Novi Sad

University of Prishtina

University of Maribor

Uzhhorod National University

Danube University Krems

University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna

Czech University of Life Sciences Prague

Eötvös Loránd University

#### Guests:

Viorel Bostan (Technical University of Moldova) – Applicant for DRC membership

All participants were provided with the documents presented at the General Assembly.

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	Agenda Item	Comments /Minutes
1.	Opening	<b>IP</b> welcomes all participants to the DRC General Assembly.
2.	Approval of Agenda of the DRC General Assembly 2019	The agenda of the DRC General Assembly 2019 is hereby approved.
3.	Approval of the minutes of the DRC General Assembly 2018	The minutes of the DRC General Assembly 2018 are hereby approved (annex 3).
4.	Annual report of the DRC Secretariat 2019	<p><b>SSch</b> presents the Annual report of the DRC Secretariat (Annex 4) and points out essential activities in 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- incorporation of the Danube:Future website (history of the project, reports, publications, Danube:Future Interdisciplinary Schools - DIS)</li> <li>- involving DRC as one of the two main project promoters within the Jean Monnet funding for the project "From Fictional to Functioning Democracy: Developing Concepts and Strategies for Inclusive and Participatory Europe (FIFUDEM)"</li> <li>- providing two full scholarships for participants of the two OeAD summer schools</li> <li>- providing one scholarship for a traineeship during the DRC Summer School</li> <li>- drawing up of the report page regarding the DRC Summer School on the DRC website</li> <li>- providing the "Artist-in-residence" scholarship – the Elias Canetti Society in Ruse</li> <li>- one application for the membership in the DRC network in 2019: Technical University of Moldova</li> <li>- one resignation of the DRC membership: Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</li> </ul> <p><b>SSch</b> emphasises the interconnecting of the DRC Facebook page with the member universities' Facebook pages</p>
5.	Report on the DRC Summer School 2019 in Zagreb	<p><b>SSch</b> reports on the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the DRC Summer School, which took place in Zagreb, from 30<sup>th</sup> June to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019 on the subject of "Falling Walls - Moving Borders - Common House Europe?" <b>SSch</b> also mentions the report of Karen Mirelly Valle Estrada, trainee who was provided with the DRC scholarship. (Annex 5)</p> <p><b>SSch</b> thanks the University of Zagreb for the excellent organization of the DRC Summer School and gives details about the Summer School in his presentation.</p>



		<b>SSch</b> also stresses the gratitude to all of the sponsors who made the Summer School possible.
<b>6.</b>	Danube:Future – current state of the incorporation into DRC	<p><b>SSch</b> reports on the Danube:Future Project giving an overview about the developments and activities of 2019 (core partnership and management, participation in EUSDR events, Internal Structure and further remarks).</p> <p>During the General Assembly 2018 the decision was meet to take over the ownership of Danube:Future and to get involved for future of the project. In close cooperation with the Danube:Future partners the Danube:Future website was successfully transferred – with all relevant issues related to the project (history of the project, reports, publications, editions of the Danube:Future Interdisciplinary Schools - DIS) – to the DRC website.</p> <p>From 2020 on, DIS will become part of the DRC Summer Schools, taking place on alternating bi-annual basis.</p>
<b>7.</b>	Report on the DRC financial situation in 2019	<p>The preliminary financial report for the year 2019 was completed by the DRC Secretariat in close cooperation with general management of the IDM, according to the financial plan and the account data.</p> <p>The projected account balance by the end of 2019 is EUR 156,707,03 which would be roughly EUR 7,000 more than by the end of 2018, although there have been – apart from the regular financial contributions to the secretariat, the DRC Summer School and the hosting of the DRC website – again scholarships financed through the OeAD. Moreover the costs for the hosting of the Danube:Future website and for the issues related with the bank account (associated with the election of the new presidency) – registration, translation, apostil – have been covered. Also the Elias Canetti Scholarship 2019 and the DRC Scholarship have been provided.</p> <p>The Financial Report and the minutes of the General Assembly 2018 have been sent to IAB in Belgium.</p> <p>The General Assembly unanimously discharges the presidency.</p>
<b>8.</b>	DRC Membership issues	According to the account data, the membership fees in 2019 were paid in order (up to ten exceptions), so there is no need to exclude any member.



		<p>The Permanent Committee approved unanimously (on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2019) the official application to become member of the DRC from the Technical University of Moldova.</p> <p>Rector Viorel Bostan presents new DRC member university, the Technical University of Moldova.</p> <p>The General Assembly approves the application unanimously, so the DRC network has one new member: Technical University of Moldova</p> <p>The General Assembly and the Presidency warmly welcomes the new member to the network.</p>
9.	DRC Action Plan for 2020	<p>The DRC Action Plan for 2020 pursues the long-term goals of the DRC and follows the Action Plans from the previous years:</p> <p><u>to improve higher education in teaching and research in the Danube region:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DRC is a Strategic Partner of the Interreg Danube Transnational Programme Project „EDU-LAB“</li> <li>- DRC is a permanent observer in the EUSDR Priority Area 7 Steering Group</li> <li>- DRC organizes the 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the DRC Summer School in Cluj Napoca in cooperation with the Danube:Future partners</li> </ul> <p><u>to establish and facilitate bilateral and multilateral contacts between the universities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DRC promotes and supports the Danubius Award and the Danubius Young Scientist Award applications</li> <li>- DRC holds its Annual Meeting</li> </ul> <p><u>to link national and international organizations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DRC is a Strategic Partner of the Interreg Danube Transnational Programme Project „EDU-LAB“</li> <li>- DRC is a permanent observer in the EUSDR Priority Area 7 Steering Group</li> <li>- DRC participates at the Annual Conference of the European University Association (EUA)</li> <li>- DRC promotes and supports the Danubius Award and the Danubius Young Scientist Award application</li> <li>- DRC is present at the EUSDR Annual Forum</li> </ul> <p><u>to create a strong network:</u></p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DRC holds its Annual Meeting</li> <li>- DRC creates through the Danubius Young Scientist Awardees a network of young promising scientists from the region</li> </ul>
<b>10.</b>	DRC Financial Budget for 2020	<p><b>SSch</b> gives an overview on the financial budget for 2020 (Annex 10). As against the revenues of EUR 32.015,00 there are expenses of EUR 61.810,00. The account balance by the end of 2020 is estimated at around EUR 126.912,03.</p> <p>For the next year, the Permanent Committee proposed to increase the “various” expenditures by EUR 30.000,00 in order to create a platform that will serve as a “thinktank” composed by the all winners of the Danubius Young Scientist Award.</p> <p>The Elias Canetti Society Ruse asked the DRC for the continuation of financing of the “Artist-in-Residence” Programme in the ammount of EUR 3.000,00.</p> <p>Providing two full scholarships for participants of the two OeAD summer schools</p> <p>The financial budget for 2020 containing the above mentioned changes in expenditures was put to vote. It is approved unanimously by the General Assembly.</p>
<b>11.</b>	DRC Annual Meeting 2020	Rector Volodymyr Smolanka presents the Uzhhorod National University, Ukraine, as host of the Annual Meeting 2020 on 4.–6. 11. 2020.
<b>12.</b>	Any other business	Mladen Kraljić from the University of Maribor expresses interest in hosting the DRC Summer School 2021 in Maribor, Slovenia.
<b>13.</b>	Closing	<p><b>IP</b> thanks all participants for taking part in the General Assembly and for the fruitful discussion as well as to the organizers from the University Politehnica of Bucharest for the overall excellent organization of the Annual Meeting.</p> <p>To the members of the DRC Presidency, <b>IP</b> expresses her thanks for the good and trustful cooperation in the last year and is looking forward to cooperate in 2020.</p>



## Annual report of the DRC Secretariat

### Activities 2020

#### 1. Newsletter

So far **ten** newsletters have been prepared and sent by the DRC Secretariat in 2020. The newsletter remains an important tool to disseminate information throughout the DRC network and beyond. The DRC Secretariat is responsible for the content of the newsletter, which is prepared in cooperation with the Presidency and with our partners (**DRC member universities, JRC, CASEE, EUA**), to whom we are very grateful for their inputs and the continued support of the DRC. The open rates were stagnating during the first lockdown in spring 2020, however, the numbers continue to grow, currently at around 25%. It remains to find means of reaching our members and wider audience. Moreover, our social media reach, despite an increase of likes and abonnements to 121 respectively 125, remains low. In any case, the newsletter is the most important tool to make use of the potential of the DRC network and the **secretariat encourages all members to subscribe, read and disseminate our information.**

#### 2. Website & Intranet

Our website is the first point of information about our organisation. The incorporation of the Danube:Future website into the DRC webpage was successfully finished. In close cooperation with the **Danube:Future** partners we transferred all relevant issues related to this project (history of the project, reports, publications, editions of the **Danube:Future Interdisciplinary Schools - DIS**). The DIS became part of the DRC Summer Schools. For the period since the last General Assembly in November 2019, our website has had 6.600 visitors and 12.255 page views, which is a decrease of 16% respectively 25% compared to 2019. This development is caused by the coronavirus pandemic as is clear from the statistics generated by the website.

### 3. PR & Communication

The secretariat continues its efforts in coordination PR and outreach activities together with the network of the IDM. Sebastian Schäffer remains in charge of all relevant channels at the DRC, IDM as well as the summer school and takes care of a timely and interlinked dissemination.

Our DRC Facebook page continues to grow in terms of audience, with 145 followers to date, representing an increase over last year. The main content constitutes the posting of the newsletter immediately after sending it to our list of subscribers. The potential of the DRC Facebook page is surely higher and we will continue to increase the audience ratings. Once again, **closer cooperation with member universities would certainly contribute to raising awareness about the DRC social media channels.**

For the purposes of awareness-raising as well as better communication amongst the member universities, the DRC Secretariat has been equipped with new Zoom display and was provided with the Zoom license which has been already tested during DRC Presidency and Permanent Committee Meeting in September 2020. New technical equipment at DRC Secretariat should thus contribute to improving of the communication streaming and to achieve higher visibility of DRC.

An important part of the annual schedule are the DRC presidency meetings. In addition, the secretariat uses opportunities in connection with activities of the IDM to cross-promote DRC related issues. Daniel Martínek represented DRC on many occasions such as European Week of Regions and Cities, meetings organised by the EUSDR Priority Area 10 as well workshops by Danube Strategy Point.

Equally importantly, the DRC is represented as a main project partner within the Jean Monnet funding from the Erasmus+ Program of the EU Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency for the project "*From Fictional to Functioning Democracy: Developing Concepts and Strategies for Inclusive and Participatory Europe (FIFUDEM)*". **FIFUDEM** is conducted at the IDM in the period from 2019 to 2021 and within this framework the DRC network is used as an important tool for dissemination of the project's results. The project has been launched with the kick-off event on January 13, 2020 – one-day conference performing guests such as political philosopher Ivan Krastev or member of the European Parliament Lukas Mandl. The DRC is currently being represented during so-called **Democracy Talks** – series of discussions addressing current democratic developments within and outside the European Union.

Also in 2020, the DRC provided two full scholarships for participants coming from the Danube Region, which enabled them to take part in two **OeAD summer schools** taking place in Vienna. This financial support of young researchers also increases visibility and connection with further partners. An **"Artist-in-residence" scholarship** has been provided to the Elias Canetti Society in Ruse allowing young Croatian artist Sara Renar to stay and perform at the Elias Canetti House in Ruse.

#### 4. Members and Database

The DRC received two applications for the membership in 2020 from the **University of Banja Luka** and the **University of Applied Sciences Deggendorf**. All updated contacts will be available on the DRC website respectively the intranet.

**Four universities** did not pay for the year 2020, which is **high decrease** in comparison to the last year. The total amount of outstanding membership fees for 2019-2020 is 3.016,28 Euro which is about **4.500 Euro less compared to 2019**. This is due the high collection rate. Details can as always be found in the Financial Report.

#### 5. Finances

The preliminary financial report for the year 2020 was completed by the secretariat in close cooperation with the accounting and the general management of the IDM, according to the financial plan and the account data. The projected account balance by the end of 2020 is **167.201,57 Euro**, which would be roughly 4.500 Euro more than by the end of 2019, although there have been – apart from the regular financial contributions to the secretariat and the hosting of the website – again scholarships financed through the OeAD and the Elias Canetti Society.

The financial report and the minutes of the GA 2019 have been sent to IAB in Belgium.

#### 6. Statistical analysis of DRC network

The DRC Secretariat has been tasked by the Presidency to compile an **analysis** of its members compared to the overall universities in the region, the percentage of students studying at public member universities compared to all universities in the respective country/region, the overall percentage in relation to the members as well as an overview at which level the students are enrolled (where available). The statistical data will be provided during the presentation of DRC Secretariat.

**The secretariat would like to thank the Presidency, the member universities and all partners for the excellent collaboration throughout the year and is looking forward to continue the cooperation in 2021!**

## **Residence scholarship "Sharing Future" 2020**

Organized by the International Elias Canetti Society (**IECS**)  
with the kind support of the Danube Rectors' Conference (**DRC**)

### **REPORT**

The chosen candidate to implement their project idea through this year's "Sharing future" scholarship in Ruse was **Sara Renar**.

Sara was born and lives in Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. As a musician from the Balkans, she wanted to find in Bulgaria, specifically in Ruse, people of her generation with similar interests. She's interested in social issues that affect the lives of each of us. Her project idea was selected amongst 47 applications submitted from Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia. And that choice was justified by her stay in Ruse and her two-part project idea which she realized. Her plan was to work together with local poets and writers – the end result of which would turn out to be a soundtrack unique for the city she worked in – Ruse.

Whilst working on her project, her focus remained on the beauty of words and music. Sara started working in Ruse in mid-September, and the performance became a part of the 13th edition of the Literature festival of Ruse. The end result of the first part of her project idea and collaboration between her and her team was held at Canetti House on the 4th of October from 6 PM under the title "Water – a Soundtrack" – live, with the participation of the poets Anna-Maria Nikolaeva, Mira Dushkova, and Yavor Tsanev.

The performance was recorded live at Canetti House and the whole product can be watched on the International Elias Canetti Society's YouTube channel (<https://youtu.be/uEgmH2coG5A> ).

The next part of her project idea, Sara implemented **during the second part of her scholarship stay in Ruse**, from the 2<sup>nd</sup> until the 19<sup>th</sup> of October, again, at Canetti House. She prepared a studio version of all the tracks she played at the performance on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October and created an album, which she shared with the IECS. The Album can be found on our YouTube channel as well (<https://youtu.be/GkFbJ23wy5E>).

It contains all the necessary credits and allocations to the respective colleagues, who performed and worked together with Sara and the IECS's team, in order for the whole thing to be possible.

In Sara's own words for an interview with the Bulgarian National Radio she

*"... proposed to create a sound environment for selected Bulgarian poets and a musical performance with their live lyrics. So, with the help of the organizers of the Literary Festival, I received the contacts of several really wonderful contemporary authors - Mira Dushkova, Yavor Tsanev and Anna-Maria Nikolaeva, who is also an actress. The four of us met and in the process of conversations and reading their texts, we decided that the common conceptual framework should be based on water. And the result was a 30-minute performance at the Canetti House, during which they - by pronouncing and sometimes singing the lyrics - create a whole with what I have composed or improvised, following them. The second part of the same project includes a recording of the performance, its formatting as an album. And then with the Elias Canetti Society we will decide how to present it - whether in digital or in physical format."*<sup>1</sup>

The event was published on the International Elias Canetti Society's webpage:  
<http://eliascanetti.org/2020/10/05/9309/>

as well as here on Facebook:

1. <https://www.facebook.com/InternationaleEliasCanettiGesellschaft/posts/2082992011833777>
2. <https://www.facebook.com/InternationaleEliasCanettiGesellschaft/posts/2082104458589199>
3. <https://www.facebook.com/InternationaleEliasCanettiGesellschaft/posts/2082036735262638>

That's not all. Sara took part in another of our planned events for the Literature Festival on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October.

The evening of October 14<sup>th</sup> was dedicated to a possible world - Hong Kong. Momchil Mihailov - Momo used light, music and voice to reveal to the guests at Canetti House the unique atmosphere of this possible world.

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<sup>1</sup> Tsvetanov, Tsvetan. THE SOUND LANDSCAPES OF SARAH RENAR, [kultura.bg, https://kultura.bg/web/%D0%B7%D0%B2%D1%83%D0%BA%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B8%D1%82%D0%B5-%D0%BF%D0%B5%D0%B9%D0%B7%D0%B0%D0%B6%D0%B8-%D0%BD%D0%B0-%D1%81%D0%B0%D1%80%D0%B0-%D1%80%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%B0%D1%80/?fbclid=IwAR2xGINGdTk8N3TsrUWWAnc2jRMSH6kvQP11s1TABVrYXocaW\\_zYg7j0QH0](https://kultura.bg/web/%D0%B7%D0%B2%D1%83%D0%BA%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B8%D1%82%D0%B5-%D0%BF%D0%B5%D0%B9%D0%B7%D0%B0%D0%B6%D0%B8-%D0%BD%D0%B0-%D1%81%D0%B0%D1%80%D0%B0-%D1%80%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%B0%D1%80/?fbclid=IwAR2xGINGdTk8N3TsrUWWAnc2jRMSH6kvQP11s1TABVrYXocaW_zYg7j0QH0), last visited on 04.11.2020

If then there was still someone who failed to immerse themselves in the night's atmosphere of that not so distant world of Hong Kong, the surprising participation of Sarah Renar, which accompanied Momo's presentation, "completed the deal" and filled the hall with impromptu rhythms, in the theme of the evening.

Photos of the evening can be seen here:

<https://www.facebook.com/InternationaleEliasCanettiGesellschaft/posts/2093190794147232>

After successfully completed both her planned activities for her project idea and the performance and album until the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, Sara even managed to organize for herself a couple of extra "gigs" on other locations in Bulgaria, namely:

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of October Sara played at Club TAM in Veliko Tarnovo, then on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October she played at KAKAPO BAR & VISTRO in Sofia and lastly, but not least, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October she played at Петното на Поршак in Plovdiv.

Sara's event was a success for the International Elias Canetti Society in the full sense of the word as well for the city of Ruse. It attracted an ample audience that included people of all ages and we received solely positive feedback from all participants. According to our Facebook page's events *Reach* it can be seen that this event had unprecedentedly high levels of interest from our guests and friends which can be seen in the following table:

Published	Post	Type	Targeting	Reach	Engagement
10/05/2020 11:51 AM	<p>🎵🌟Вижте най-интересните highlights от вечерта с представлението на Сара Ренар и нейния творчески екип. 🎵🌟See the best highlights of the evening with the performance of Sara Renar and her creative team.</p>	<u>Photo</u>	<u>Public</u>	3.2K	693 121
10/04/2020 1:55 PM	<p>🌟Вижте как 03.10 - ден втори от Литературния фестивал в Русе "Възможни светове" започна с две страхотни четения от Николина Скендерия и Томас Перле и завърши с дискусия.</p>	<u>Photo</u>	<u>Public</u>	1K	333 52
10/04/2020 1:30 PM	<p>🌟Така започна подготовката за пърформънс на Сара Ренар и екип. Каним Ви да дойдете довечера от 18ч. в Дом Канети за да ни видите на живо!</p>	<u>Photo</u>	<u>Public</u>	703	84 39

See the full statistic here:

<https://www.facebook.com/InternationaleEliasCanettiGesellschaft/insights/?section=navPosts>

Now to conclude, Sara's stay in Ruse made a strong impact and encouraged sensible intercultural exchange, which would not have been possible without the support of the Danube Rectors' Conference and we sincerely hope to repeat the residency next year and continue to foster cultural dialog with artists from all over Europe.

Prof. Dr. sc Penka Angelova



Chairperson of the International Elias Canetti Society

Date: 04.11.2020

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## Statement of revenues and expenditures 01.01. - 05.11. 2020

Accounts DRC	account balance		revenues	expenditures
<b>Account balance 01.01.2020</b>	<b>171.766,22</b>			
Membership fees			29.393,72	
Account interest			12,37	
OeAD Scholarships				3.600,00
16th DRC Summer School				7.000,00
DRC Website				84,00
Services DRC Secretariat				6.000,00
Expenses DRC Secretariat				7.199,90
Elias Canetti Scholarship 2020				3.000,00
Porto, Netbanking cost, Account cost, Transfer charges				246,97
<b>Account balance 05.11.2020</b>	<b>174.041,44</b>		<b>29.406,09</b>	<b>27.130,87</b>

## Accounting projections 05.11. - 31.12. 2020

Accounts DRC	account balance		revenues	expenditures
Membership fees <b>not yet paid</b>			3.106,28	
Account interest <b>estimated</b>			4,00	
Account charges <b>estimated</b>				-80,00
Financial declaration Belgium 2020				-800,00
Registration of the new DRC Presidency in Belgium				-150,00
Services DRC-Sekretariat 2020				-6.000,00
Tech. equipment DRC Secretariat – Zoom Licence				-167,88
Tech. equipment DRC Secretariat – Zoom Rooms				-454,86
Tech. equipment DRC Secretariat – DTEN Board				-679,00
Tech. Equipment DRC Secretariat - Webinar				-313,84
DRC Roll-up				-104,57
EUA Affiliate membership <b>estimated</b>				-1.200,00
<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>3.110,28</b>	<b>-9.950,15</b>
<b>Balance - estimated 31.12.2020</b>	<b>167.201,57</b>		<b>32.516,37</b>	<b>37.081,02</b>

Country	University	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Austria</b>						
1	Danube University Krems	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Technische Universität Graz	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Johannes Kepler Universität Linz	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Montanuniversität Leoben	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Karl-Franzens Universität Graz	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Universität für Bodenkultur Wien	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Universität Wien	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>BiH</b>						
8	University of East Sarajevo	✓	✓	✓	✓	458.42
9	University of Mostar	✓	✓	✓	✓	479.1
10	University of Sarajevo	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	University of Tuzla	✓	✓	✓	✓	484.1
<b>Bulgaria</b>						
12	University of Ruse	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Croatia</b>						
13	Josip Juraj Strossmayer University	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Juraj Dobrila University of Pula	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	University of Zadar	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	University of Zagreb	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Czechia</b>						
17	Czech University of Life Sciences Prague	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Czech Technical University	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19	Tomas Bata University in Zlin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Germany</b>						
20	Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (KU)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
21	Universität Ulm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
22	Ulm University of Applied Sciences				✓	✓
23	Universität Regensburg	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Hungary</b>						
24	Andrássy Gyula Universität Budapest	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
25	Corvinus University of Budapest	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26	Eötvös Loránd University	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27	Semmelweis University of Medicine	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
28	University of Pécs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Italy</b>						
29	Free University of Bozen/Bolzano	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30	University of Trieste	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Moldova</b>						
31	State Agrarian University of Moldova	✓	✓	✓		
32	Technical University of Moldova					
<b>Romania</b>						
33	"Aurel Vlaicu" University of Arad		✓	✓	✓	✓
34	Babes-Bolyai University	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
35	Banat University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine King Michael I. of Romania Timisoara	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
36	National School of Political Science and Public Administration Bucharest	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
37	Ovidius University of Constanta	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

38	Spiru Haret University, (USH Bucharest)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
39	Technical University of Cluj-Napoca	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
40	Transilvania University Brasov	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
41	University Politehnica of Bucharest		✓	✓	✓	✓
42	USAMV, Cluj-Napoca	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
43	UASVM Bucharest	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
44	University of Craiova	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
45	University of Oradea	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
46	University of Pitești	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
47	Stefan cel Mare" University Suceava	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
48	Vasile Goldis Western University of Arad	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
49	West University of Timisoara	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Serbia</b>						
50	Megatrend University	✓	✓	✓		
51	University of Belgrade	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
52	University of Defence	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
53	University of Novi Sad	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Kosovo</b>						
54	University of Prishtina	✓	✓	✓	✓	472.1
<b>Slovakia</b>						
55	Comenius University	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
56	Constantine the Philosopher University Nitra	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
57	SUA Nitra	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
58	Trnava University	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Slovenia</b>						
59	University of Maribor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
60	University of Nova Gorica	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
61	University of Primorska	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Ukraine</b>						
62	Odessa National I.I. Mechnikov University	✓	✓	✓	✓	
63	Uzhhorod National University	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Missing membership payments				€ 1,000.00	€ 2,106.28
	Outstanding membership fees				€	3,106.28

# APPLICATION

## for membership of the Danube Rectors' Conference i.v.z.w

Name of the institution – University of Banja Luka

Address – Bulevar vojvode Petra Bojovića 1A, 78000, Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Telephone +387 51 321 171

Fax +387 51 315 694

E-mail - [info@unibl.org](mailto:info@unibl.org)

Web site - <https://unibl.org/>

### Institution data:

Founded on – 07.11.1975.

**Profile of School** - The University of Banja Luka (UBL) is the second largest university in BiH, with around 15,000 students. It consists of 17 faculties: Academy of Arts, Architecture, Economics, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Medicine, Agriculture, Law, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Technology, Sport, Philosophy, Philology, Forestry, Political Sciences, Mine Engineering, and Security, and the Institute for Genetic Resources. At the University of Banja Luka education is conducted in the scope of 142 licensed study programs at all three levels of study.

In addition to having an excellent location and own facilities, UBL has other competitive capabilities, including approximately 1400 academic and administrative staff members FTE.

University of Banja Luka is fully committed to the idea of a borderless area for research and knowledge exchange in Europe and has actively participated in European research and educational programs since 1996, and is currently taking part in programs such as Horizon 2020, Erasmus+, CEEPUS etc.

**Legal status of the institution** – Public higher education institution

**Explicit confirmation of the constitutional principles of universities: freedom of research and teaching, plurality of scientific methods** – The mentioned constitutional principles are defined in the article 4 of the University of Banja Luka Statute.

As per the article 4 of the Statute, the autonomy of the University is, among others, based on the following principles:

- 1) academic liberties and academic autonomy
- 2) public openness
- 3) academic staff selection and their promotion into higher scientific and academic ranks
- 4) independent development and realization of curricula, study programs and research projects

- 5) freedom of scientific, artistic and technological research and creations
- 6) establishing of criteria for student enrollment and adoption of rules of study
- 7) organization and conduction of studies, creation of study programs, knowledge examinations and issuing of diplomas and other public documents
- 8) cooperation and association with other higher education institutions in Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina and abroad.

**Academic profile** - UBL has 64 licensed study programs at the I cycle, 63 at the II and 12 at the III cycle.

The University of Banja Luka staff has been involved in 89 Tempus projects, several FP6 projects and FP7 projects, as well as in Erasmus Mundus projects. Also, UBL is involved in 12 Erasmus+ capacity building projects and 46 Erasmus+ credit mobility projects. The other international projects were financed by: the European Commission, the Council of Europe, United Nations, the World Bank, governments of several states.

The University of Banja Luka is bound by more than 200 bilateral agreements in cooperation with public and private universities from all over the world.

University of Banja Luka is rich in publishing activities, and its editions are available through the network of libraries, mimeographed notes shops and websites. Among the scientific magazines the Ministry of Science and Technology of Republic of Srpska ranked in 2014, 11 magazines are by faculties of the University of Banja Luka.

Every year the University of Banja Luka hosts over 20 international scientific professional gatherings (conferences, symposiums, congresses), which are organized within the authority of the faculties.

University of Banja Luka earned its right to HR Excellence in Research in April of 2015, which made it the first scientific research institution in Bosnia and Herzegovina to bear this sign.

University of Banja Luka is also a signatory of the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities.

**Number of Students/out of them number of PhD Students** - ~15000 / 227

**Number of Teachers** - 816

**Number of Faculties/Departments** – 17 faculties and 1 Institute

**Head of institution is** - elected by the Senate of the University

**Member of the European University Association** - Yes

**Particulars:**

**Rector/President**

**name** : Radoslav Gajanin

**e-mail** : [rektor@unibl.org](mailto:rektor@unibl.org)

telephone: +387 51 321 171

Vice-Rector for International and Inter-University cooperation

name : Biljana Antunović

e-mail: prorektor.ms@unibl.org

telephone: +387 51 321 175

Banja Luka, 10 June 2020

  
Signature



Prof. dr. Radoslav Gajanin

Rector

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This Application form should be submitted with the letters of reference by the National Rectors' Conference or at least of two full members of DRC in case the National Rectors' Conference does not exist in its home country.

# APPLICATION

for membership of the Danube Rectors' Conference i.v.z.w

Name of the institution: **Technische Hochschule Deggendorf (THD)**

Address: **Dieter-Görlitz-Platz 1, 94469 Deggendorf**

Telephone: **+49 911 3615 0** \_\_\_\_\_ Fax **+49 911 3615 297** \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: **info@th-deg.de** \_\_\_\_\_ Web site **www.th-deg.de/en** \_\_\_\_\_

Institution data:

Founded in **1994** \_\_\_\_\_

Profile of School: **University with focus on studies in technical fields, business administration and health care**

Legal status of the institution: **University of Applied Sciences** \_\_\_\_\_  
according to national law, accreditation act etc.

Explicit confirmation of the constitutional principles of universities: freedom of research and teaching, plurality of scientific methods **confirmed**

Academic profile:

**Combination of practical and theoretical studies; concrete application of theory in practical courses (6 month internship).**

**Research activities: IT, health care, mechanical engineering, optics, mechatronics, civil and construction engineering, economics, electrical engineering, media technology and computer science, natural sciences and industrial engineering.**

type and structure of studies, information on research activities, international dimension

Number of Students/out of them number of PhD Students: **28** Number of Teachers: **11**

Number of Faculties/Departments **8** \_\_\_\_\_

Head of institution elected **Prof. Dr. Peter Sperber** appointed by the University Council: **University Council** (by whom)

Member of the European University Association **Yes**

Particulars:

Rector/President

name : **Professor Dr. Peter Sperber**

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Vice-Rector/Vice-President

Name: Professor Waldemar Berg

e-mail: **waldemar.berg@th-deg.de**

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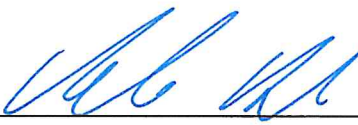
Head of IRO

name: **Ms Lisa Werner**

e-mail: **Lisa.Werner@th-deg.de**

telephone: **+49 991 3615-253**

Place/Date F

  
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Signature

**Technische Hochschule  
Deggendorf**  
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**Professor Dr. Peter Sperber**

Name

**President/Rector**

Position

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This Application form should be submitted with the letters of reference by the National Rectors' Conference or at least of two full members of DRC in case the National Rectors' Conference does not exist in its home country.

DRC Secretariat  
Hahngasse 6/24  
A-1090 Vienna  
Austria

Krems, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

### **Nominations for the DRC Presidency 2020 – 2022**

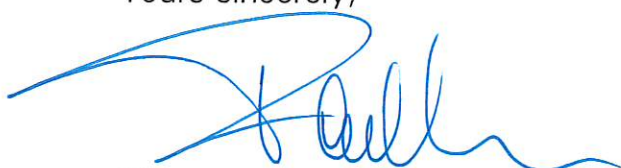
According to article VII.1 of the Statute of the Danube Rectors' Conference the DRC Presidency is to consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents and the acting Honorary President. The President and Vice-Presidents of the DRC are elected for a 2-year period of function; the President shall be composed of Rectors of universities that are full members of the DRC. As the presidency is elected by the General Assembly, following nominations sent to the DRC secretariat, I would like to nominate the following persons for the upcoming DRC presidency.

Prof. dr. Zdravko Kačič, Rector of the University of Maribor as DRC President

Prof. Ivanka Popović, Rector of the University of Belgrade as Vice-President

My proposal is based on the considerations that the DRC Presidency should consist of personalities who are particularly committed to the DRC's tasks and objectives and who will continue the DRC's successful path. In this sense, I consider Prof. dr. Zdravko Kačič to be the best possible candidate for the position of the President of the DRC as he is especially qualified and motivated to pursue the goals of the DRC in the best possible way. Prof. Ivanka Popović has in the last two years successfully co-designed the paths of the DRC and in this sense is the right candidate for a successful continuation of DRC policies.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Faulhammer', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mag. Friedrich Faulhammer  
Rector

DRC Secretariat  
operated by IDM  
Hahngasse 6/24  
1090 Vienna  
Austria

Belgrade, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **Nomination for the DRC Presidency 2020-2022**

According to the Article VII. "The Presidency", article VII.1 "Constitution" of the Statute of the Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC) the DRC Presidency is to consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents and the acting Honorary President. The President and Vice-Presidents of the DRC are elected for a 2-year period of function and the Presidency shall be composed of Rectors of universities that are full members of the DRC.

Following the Call for Nominating the Candidates for the DRC Presidency, I would like to nominate the following person for the upcoming DRC Presidency:

#### **Mag. Friedrich Faulhammer, Rector of the Danube University Krems, as Vice-President**

This proposal is based on the fact that Rector Faulhammer represents an outstanding supporter of higher education and significant promoter of inter-academic cooperation in the DRC's target region and beyond. Mag. Faulhammer's best qualities and abilities have been proved already during his tenure as DRC President in 2016–2018, as well as are evidenced by his re-election for the period of 2021-2025 as the Rector of the Danube University Krems, one of the most important universities of continuing education in Europe.

For the above-mentioned reasons I am convinced that Rector Faulhammer will be an indispensable part of the DRC Presidency on its successful path of fulfilling the DRC's mission.

Yours sincerely,



Prof. Ivanka Popović  
Rector of the University of Belgrade

## Planned DRC budget 2021

Account DRC	Account balance	Revenues	Expenditures
Projected account balance - 01.01.2021	167.201,57		
Membership fees (63x500)		31.500,00	
Services DRC Secretariat			-6.000,00
Tech. Equipment - Zoom			-600,00
17th DRC Summer School			-7.000,00
Financial declaration Belgium 2021			-800,00
OeAD Scholarships			-3.600,00
Elias Canetti Scholarship 2021			-3.000,00
DRC Website			-84,00
EUA annual fee			-1.200,00
Account Interest estimated		15,00	
Account charges estimated			-320,00
Various			-1.000,00
Balance - estimated 31.12.2021	175.112,57	31.515,00	- 23.604,00

# DRC General Assembly 2020

**November 6, 2020**

**10:00 – 12:00**

**Zoom Webinar**



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