

DRC Newsletter June 2018

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Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter!

In our latest edition we would like to draw your attention to the extended deadline for the Danubius Young Scientist Award 2018! We are also glad to share more information on our Annual Meeting to be held at the Comenius University Bratislava.

Feedback and comments are always [welcome!](#)

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1. SAVE THE DATE: DRC Annual Meeting 7-9 November 2018

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We kindly ask you to save the date for our next **DRC Annual Meeting** to be held at the Comenius University Bratislava on November 7th-9th, 2018.

During the General Assembly, we will elect a new presidency.

The online registration will be available within the next weeks. Already now you can find useful information on our website: www.drc-danube.org

We are looking forward to see you in Bratislava!

2. Call for nominations "Danubius Young Scientist Award 2018"

The "Danubius Young Scientist Award" will be granted to **14 young scientists - one in each country that is part of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region** [Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Romania and Ukraine].

The award seeks to highlight the scientific work and talent of young researchers and enhance the visibility of the scientific community in the region: Moreover the award encourages young scientists to engage themselves in the scientific examination of the multifaceted issues and questions specifically related to the Danube Region.

The award will be **endowed with 1.200 EUR for each winner** of the young scientist award.

AWARD Criteria
Scientific excellence and innovative approach of the academic work
Thematic relevance of the scientific work for issues/problems of the Danube Region
Relevance of the scientific work beyond the national borders
Potential of the candidate (for example: integration in international networks, participation in scientific projects, publication history, experience in teaching, etc.)
No formal age limit - BUT Limitation to participants that have received their master/PhD max. 5 years ago (= after 1 st of January 2013). Submissions of candidates holding only a bachelor degree will not be accepted.

DOCUMENT SUBMISSION:

Documents have to be submitted in **English language** (exception: copy of the academic title received) and have to consist of the following parts:

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A. max. 3 pages summary of the scientific work

(e.g. thesis, dissertation, journal article, scientific publication, etc.)

B. 1/2 page statement explaining the relevance of the work for the Danube Region and as appropriate the relevance beyond national borders

C. Curriculum vitae including publication list of the candidate (max. 3 pages)

D. Copy of the document related to the award of the highest academic title received (to verify the criteria of max. 5 years after master degree or PhD degree).

Please consolidate/merge parts A to D into one file (preferably in pdf format).

Place of submission and deadline:

Nominations will be

accepted in electronic format and in English language only.

Nominations including all relevant documents have to be sent to:

s.schaeffer@idm.at

The **DEADLINE** for submitting nominations is

Monday, 2nd of July 2018 at 23:59!

SELECTION PROCESS:

Candidates for the "Danubius Young Scientist Award" can come from all scientific disciplines.

The nomination of the award candidate cannot be made by the candidate himself/herself but he or she has to be nominated by their hosting scientific organization (university, academy of sciences, etc.).

The number of nominations per organization is limited to 3.

Every university, academy of sciences or research organization etc. can nominate up to a maximum of three candidates in total; however the three candidates have to come from different faculties or departments, institutes or research groups within the organization.

An international expert jury will be established that will be responsible for assessing all incoming nominations and for determining a final ranking list.

The highest ranked candidate from each of the countries of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region will be recommended for the award.

3. Young Scholars Forum

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) is pleased to present the 6th edition of the Young Scholars Forum (YSF) on Central- and South East Europe.

The symposium will take place on 27th November - 1st December 2018, Vienna, Austria.

„Cross-border cooperation in Central and South East Europe“

The papers will reflect on the impact of cross-border cooperation in the Central and South East European States, by an interdisciplinary approach from scholars throughout and beyond these countries. The 6th Young Scholars Forum includes activities aimed at analysing different approaches to cross-border cooperation as well

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as policy developments in the region by involving the general public in the debate during and publishing the outcomes after the forum. Policy oriented contributions are explicitly encouraged. The forum will be structured in four thematic panels, each chaired by an expert:

1. EUSDR – Macro-regional governance

Daniela Urschitz, independent consultant and expert, former EUSDR coordinator, City of Vienna

2. Visegrad Four – Minilateralism

Milan Nič, Senior Fellow, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)

3. Western Balkans – Enlargement

Silvia Nadjivan, Research Associate, Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe

4. Eastern Partnership – European Neighbourhood Policy

Sebastian Schäffer, Research Associate, Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe

Programme:

It involves a presentation of research papers/projects by high level experts and young scholars; (plenary) discussions and a social and cultural programme;

Applications:

Applications for participation may be submitted via e-mail by **June 30, 2018** and have to include a full academic CV and an abstract (max. 1 page) of the research paper that shall be presented and discussed at the symposium.

Language: English

Participation fee: € 100,-

Costs for travel expenses (up to € 200,-), board & accommodation (in double rooms, single room is available for € 75,-) will be reimbursed by the IDM.

Please send applications to:

Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM).

Mag. Sebastian Schäffer, MA

e-mail: s.schaeffer@idm.at

Further information can be found [here](#).

4. DRC Presidency News - UNICA Rectors Seminar

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DRC President Mag. Friedrich Faulhammer speaking during the panel discussion "Networking of University Networks: increasing cooperation, improving visibility, adding value", at the UNICA Rectors Seminar, hosted by the University of Belgrade, on 24-25 May 2018.

More information can be found [here](#).

5. 4th EUA Funding Forum



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We are pleased to invite you to the 4th ECA Funding Forum, hosted by Ramon Llull University in Barcelona, Spain, on 18-19 October 2018.

This year's Forum will focus on "**Frameworks that empower, universities that deliver**". University leaders, senior managers and policy makers will discuss how to empower institutions in uncertain and risky financial and economic situations. The event philosophy will be share and learn to grow and improve. Policy makers will also have the opportunity to explore recent and current reform mechanisms in the sector across Europe. In a nutshell, the Forum will enrich the perspectives of both institutional leaders and policy makers working in funding reforms and change management.

The Forum will be an opportunity to:

- find out about the latest evolutions in public funding to universities and benchmark investment efforts across Europe;
- understand the ins and outs of [efficiency and effectiveness](#) in university management; what higher education institutions are already doing, and which policies can support their efforts;
- upgrade your capacity to master and manage change via exclusive training;
- assess what is at stake in battle for the [next generation of EU funding programmes](#), and prepare your institution in time;
- meet other decision-makers to identify ingredients for successful reform design and implementation;
- gain new insight on how to develop partnerships that support your institution's missions;
- learn how to communicate about your institution's impact on its environment and society at large.

The format

This year's Funding Forum will feature popular formats and step-up interaction among participants through a variety of new activities. Expert panels, in plenary sessions, will frame the topics to introduce the discussion. Master classes will provide an up-to-date overview of the most recent trends in higher education and research funding. In the Forum "expert rooms", university leaders and managers and policy makers will learn from peers. Participants will engage with each other in learning cafés and roundtables.

The Funding Forum will also be an opportunity to get updated on the latest trends in university funding and governance and enjoy a highly-interactive event that will give you new insights and inspiration to take home.

Highlights for university leaders and senior managers

Exclusive training session on transformational leadership; thematic Master classes and "expert rooms" to learn about new strategic steering tools and methodologies; direct dialogue with peers and policy makers.

Highlights for policy makers

Reform-focused roundtables (funding and governance); discussion on the alignment of the funding landscape for universities; Europe-wide benchmarking of funding practices and evolutions; direct dialogue with policy makers from other countries as well as university leaders.

Highlights for researchers

Two research Master classes to get updated on current research on higher education and research funding and management; direct dialogue with public authorities and practitioners.

Programme

The preliminary programme, including session descriptions and further information are now available on the [Funding Forum webpage](#).

Information and registration

We invite you to register as soon as possible. The deadline to register at early bird fee is **September 10th, 2018**.

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To register please click on:

[Register for the Event](#)

6. 2018 Danube:Future Interdisciplinary School (DIS)



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Project Management and Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development of the Regions in the Danube River Basin

University of Ruse, Bulgaria, September 9th – 16th, 2018

PhD Students and Early Post-Doc Research Fellows from DRC and AARC universities from all countries of the Danube Region are welcome to apply. The University of Ruse 'Angel Kanchev' will issue a certificate of 3 ECTS for the successful completion of the Interdisciplinary School.

- **CALL (deadline by June 25th, 2018):** [Call for application](#) and [EXAMPLE - application form](#) (weblink: <https://www.danubefuture.eu/2018dis-application-form>). Please note, you can fill the form after logging to the website.
- **DRAFT PROGRAMME:** [DIS agenda \(vers. 7.06.2018\)](#)

The Danube:Future Interdisciplinary School 2018 is taking place in the town of Ruse, Bulgaria (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RBydX8KMtDg>), at the campus of the University of Ruse 'Angel Kanchev', 8 Studentska Street.

7. 3rd Summer School “Institutional Economics and Agricultural Development”

The University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Bucharest and its partners within the ENHANCE consortium invite highly motivated postgraduate students (Master or PhD), researchers from agro-economics disciplines, and young professionals from governmental institutions to our Summer School.

Are you a postgraduate student (Master or PhD), researcher from agro-economics disciplines or a young professional?

Come to the **3rd Summer School “Institutional Economics and Agricultural Development”** that will take place in Bucharest, from 17-21 September 2018.

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During the Summer School, theoretical and empirical analyses of institutions' role in land use decisions, access to agricultural inputs, transactions, and cooperation will be presented and jointly critically discussed.

Venue	University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Bucharest, 59 Mărăști Blvd., Sector 1, Bucharest, Romania
Date	17-21 September 2018
Duration	1 week
Organizer	University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Bucharest
Language	English
Credits/ Certificate	5 ECTS (<i>for Master and PhD students</i>)+ Certificate of Attendance
Application deadline	31 May 2018 (use the form provided on the website in the section Submit an application)
Notification of acceptance	30 June 2018
Sending out an extended abstract	2 September 2018 (use the template provided on the website in the section Daily programme and materials)
Fees	NO TUITION FEE IS REQUIRED *With the exception of the Hospitality Package
Hospitality package payment	16 July 2018
More information	http://www.enhance-project.ro http://course.enhance-project.ro

8. European Cooperation Programme for Future-Oriented Science and Education



Baden-Württemberg

MINISTERIUM FÜR WISSENSCHAFT,
FORSCHUNG UND KUNST

The basic aim of the **cooperation programme in Baden-Württemberg** is to promote the exchange of expert personnel from the field of university administration from the EU-13 states and the partner countries of the Strategy for the Danube Region with Baden-Württemberg and thereby make an important contribution to European cooperation and to the expansion of networks. The programme is intended to improve the performance of research administrations in the European research environment (capacity building). Another aim is to broaden the knowledge base in research and innovation through mutual learning and to increase participation in excellent EU research and innovation activities.

The programme will enable the participants from the EU-13 states and the partner countries of the Strategy for the Danube Region to gain **insight into the higher education and research environment in Baden-**

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württemberg and to establish or deepen their relationships with partners from Baden-Württemberg. Both sides shall have the opportunity to get to know the other research environment better and to develop ideas for joint projects.

The goal is to give the participants deeper insight into the procedures, framework conditions and possibilities of cooperation in EU programmes.

Application Procedure

Eligible are employees of universities or ministries responsible for higher education and research from the following countries: the EU member states Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Romania and Croatia (EU-13).

The following countries included in the Strategy for the Danube Region: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia as well as parts of Ukraine (Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, Odessa, and Carpathian Ruthenia).

The programme is aimed at employees who already have experience in filing applications for EU programmes and who hold or will hold the position responsible for that at their university or ministry.

The application must be submitted electronically to Baden-Württemberg International by **16th July 2018**.

The **participation fee of 200 €** covers the services of Baden-Württemberg International and includes travel costs and transfers in Baden-Württemberg as well as partial catering. It is necessary to obtain health/accident insurance.

For more information, you can contact Ms Kim Weinmann
Baden-Württemberg International
Phone: (+49)711 22787 - 65
E-mail: kim.weinmann@bw-i.de

9. International and interdisciplinary Summer University in Budapest

The Andrassy University Budapest is pleased to announce **International and interdisciplinary Summer University**, taking place on July 22–29, 2018 in Budapest, with the title

The Danube Region in Focus: Between Deconsolidation and Renewal - Current Discourses on the State of Democracy

The Summer University takes place in German and is preferably aimed at students from Central and Eastern European countries as well as from Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

The current situation in the countries of the region is assessed in very different ways: some see democracy at risk and political systems on the road to autocracy, while others, on the contrary, emphasize the region's exemplary role for the whole Europe. In the most recent developments, they see a necessary adaptation to changing framework conditions of global politics and a further development of the institutions, which are supposed to ensure future viability.

The aim of the Summer School is firstly to take stock of the state of democracy in the region. Second, the current discourses on the state of democracy are to be understood. Thirdly, this should enable the participants to make their own sound assessment of the state of democracy in the Danube region.

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All applicants must submit the following documents in a PDF file by June 25, 2018 at sommeruni.ib@andrassyuni.hu:

- Motivation letter,
- CV,
- Short essay on a topic of the summer university
- if German is not a native language - proof of very good knowledge of German.

(The application may also be available after June 25, 2018 in case of free capacity.)

Credits

- for preparation, participation and presentation: 3 ECTS
- with seminar paper (optional, approx. 15 pages): 6 ECTS

More information: <https://www.andrassyuni.eu/veranstaltungen/3-sommeruniversitat-der-donauraum-im-fokus-zwischen-dekonsolidierung-und-erneuerung-aktuelle-diskurse-uber-die-lage-der-demokratie.html>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Fanni Elek: fanni.elek@andrassyuni.hu.

10. Interreg EDU-LAB Newsletter



EDU-LAB is a project funded by the European Union aiming to improve the professional chances of young people in the Danube region.

The DRC is a associated partner of the project.

You can find information on the latest developments in their [newsletter](#).

11. DRC Facebook Page



We are recently trying to improve the circulation of information within our network. As you are a member of the DRC, we kindly ask you to also connect with us via Facebook and please follow or DRC page in this [link](#).

Thank you very much and best regards from Vienna.

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12. EUA Affiliate Status and EUA Newsletter

We are continuously strengthening and expanding our network. Since November 2015, the DRC is affiliate member of the [European University Association](#).

If you are interested in their news and activities, please follow the [link](#).

13. ELTE Summer University of Hungarian Language and Culture

We are pleased to announce **ELTE Summer University of Hungarian Language and Culture**, taking place between **30 July - 24 August, 2018** which is built up of three main blocks: intensive Hungarian language course, lectures on Hungarian culture, arts, and history, cultural programs and social activities.

It is a great program to those who are interested in Hungarian language and its culture to improve their Hungarian during summertime in a multi-cultural and stimulating environment.

Website: www.elte.hu/en/hungarian-language-and-culture

Deadline for application: **15 July 2018**



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