

DRC Newsletter April 2018

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Danube Rectors' Conference

Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter!

We are pleased to present you the new April 2018 Newsletter.

In this edition you find several opportunities to learn, exchange and foster your research throughout the summer. Among them, we would like to emphasize our DRC Summer School, which will be held in Krems, Austria from 1-8 July 2018. We would also like to draw your attention to the Danubius Young Scientist Award 2018, which again will be granted to 14 academics from the Danube region.

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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Comenius University Bratislava 7. - 9. November 2018.

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

A detailed programme as well as further information will be published on our website www.drc-danube.org in the upcoming months closer to the date of our Annual Meeting. We will also send out the draft agenda for the Presidency Meeting, the Permanent Committee meeting as well as the General Assembly in September.

Thank you very much and we are looking forward to see you in Bratislava!

2. 15th DRC Summer School



15th DRC Summer School on Regional Co-operation "Modernizing Europe: Generating Accountability" 1-8 July 2018 Danube University Krems

Are you a young scientist looking for new opportunities? Do you want to expand your knowledge? Come to the DRC Summer School and contribute to fostering regional cooperation! Present your own research and discuss it with experts on one of the following **workshop topics**:

1. Rise and fall of empires: integration and re-nationalisation
2. Towards a European federation: achieving EU integration through democratization.
3. Fostering brain-circulation in CEE.
4. Cultural heritage protection in the Danube Region.

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Registration fee: 200 EUR

Language of instruction: English

Apply [here!](#)

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

3. 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:

- 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)

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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.
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Nominations including all relevant documents have to be sent to:
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s.schaeffer@idm.at
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The DEADLINE for submitting nominations is

Thursday, 31th of May 2018 at 23:59.
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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.

4. 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“

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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 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. Viségrad 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](#).

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5. JRC Summer School

This September, the JRC is organising a fourth **Evidence and Policy Summer School** – a professional training during which policymakers and researchers can learn together how to use evidence for effective policies.

This year, **we will meet in Austria** with policymakers and scientists from EU Neighbourhood countries, Turkey, Western Balkans and EU Member States. **Our focus will be on the use of research in policies addressing, or affected by, migration and demographic changes.** In this strategic area, evidence is often confusing and controversial, which is why it is important for civil servants and researchers to develop skills in using science in policymaking.

The Commission has a strong commitment to policymaking informed by robust evidence. Nevertheless, providing and using evidence is not straightforward.

The enclosed programme sets out the activities we will offer, which include i.a. learning about commissioning and interpreting models, dealing with uncertainty or accessing reliable migration and demographic data. All activities are highly participatory, enabling active learning.

I encourage you to invite your staff to submit an application to join us in Austria.

The call for applications is open on the JRC website until May 17, 2018:

<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/event/workshop/evidence-policy-summer-school-science-policy-and-demography>

For any further information, please contact David Mair, Head of Unit Knowledge Management (Geographic) at the JRC, at David.Mair@ec.europa.eu.

6. 2018 Danube:Future Interdisciplinary School (DIS)



Pre-Announcement

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

University of Ruse, Bulgaria

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The 2018DIS is the fifth edition of the Interdisciplinary Training School, after the 2013-2014-2015 editions held in Gorizia (Italy), and the 2017 edition held in Krems (Austria).

The Danube:Future Interdisciplinary School is part of the Capacity Building Module of the Danube:Future project, a Flagship Project of the EUSDR - the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region, in the Priority Area 'Knowledge Society'. Danube:Future is a joint network project of the Danube Rector's Conference (DRC) and the Alps-Adriatic Rector's Conference (AARC).

For additional information please contact: training@danubefuture.eu.

Pre-registration is requested by 1 June 2018. Students will be selected by an international jury on the basis of their CV and motivation letter. Details about the application procedure will be sent to all pre-registered students. Final decisions can be expected in the first half of June, 2018.

The proceedings of the previous Danube:Future Interdisciplinary Schools can be downloaded directly from the Danube:Future website:

<http://danubefuture.eu/training-school>

7. EDU-LAB



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 an associated partner of the project.

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

8. Out of the Box Summer School

University of Maribor invites students from the Danube region to the International Interdisciplinary Out of the Box Summer School on Solution Design titled “**The value of waste!**” and taking place in Maribor from **June 17th to 30th, 2018**. You may obtain all information on the topic and programme on the website

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The organizers are at disposal for your queries under contacts stated on the website. You may also contact Mr. Mladen Kraljić under mladen.kraljic@um.si or via telephone +38631564000.

9. Academia blockchain technology

We want to inform you on a newly developed tool for institutions of higher education. Katja Geršak from 0xcert contacted the DRC:



Academia

Powered by  0xcert

Blockchain for educational institutions has arrived! Academia enables Colleges and Universities to use blockchain technology when issuing academic certificates so that these cannot be falsified. Students will hold their certificates in digital form, Universities and employers will be able to easily check the authentication of credentials on an admissions application or a job application, therefore significantly lowering administrative costs.

- *Prevent fraud and fake degrees*
- *Cut down on verification time*
- *Enable better student mobility*
- *Open source foundation technology*
- *Large network of early adopters, you can become one of them!*

Read more here: <https://academia.0xcert.org/>

10. DRC Facebook Page

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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 our DRC page in this [link](#).

Thank you very much and best regards from Vienna.



11. 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](#).

12. CASEE Newsletter April 2018

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 Strategie 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 of April, click [here](#).

13. ELTE Summer University of Hungarian Language and Culture

Dear Partner! Greetings from Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest!

In 2018 we are planning to run again **ELTE Summer University of Hungarian Language and Culture** between **30 July - 24 August, 2018** which is built up of three main blocks: intensive Hungarian language course, lectures on Hungarian

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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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