

DRC Newsletter

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Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter,

The fall is here and we bring you another batch of information from the DRC network!

Most importantly, the registration for our **Annual Meeting** to be held at the **University Politehnica of Bucharest**, Romania, on **6th - 8th of November 2019** is open. You can find recommended accommodation and the programme on our [website](#).

We would also like to remind you once again that the new **Magna Charta Universitatum** is going to be signed in the McMaster University in Hamilton, Canada on 17th of October 2019.

Enjoy the read!

Remember, feedback and comments are always [welcome!](#)

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1. Convocation of the General Assembly

According to Article V.2 of the statute of the DRC, the president calls for the General Assembly to be held on **8th November 2019** at the **University Politehnica of Bucharest**, Romania. The draft agenda will be sent soon.

2. Call for a meeting of the Permanent Committee

According to Article VI.2 the president of the DRC calls for a Permanent Committee meeting to be held at the **University Politehnica of Bucharest**, Romania, on 6th November 2019. The draft agenda will be sent soon.

Information about the Permanent Committee is available on our [website](#).

3. DRC Annual Meeting 2019



We kindly invite you to our next **Annual Meeting** to be held at the **University Politehnica of Bucharest**, Romania on **6th - 8th of November 2019**:

"Consolidating the Role of Universities in Innovation Ecosystems: Challenges and Future

Developments"

You can now find the **registration form** and **recommendations on the accommodation** in Bucharest as well as the **draft programme** on our [website](#).

We will also send out the draft agenda for the Presidency Meeting, the Permanent Committee Meeting as well as the General Assembly soon.

We look forward to seeing you in Bucharest!

4. Magna Charta Annual Conference



The Magna Charta Universitatum is a document that was signed by 388 rectors and heads of universities from all over Europe and beyond on **18 September 1988**, the 900th anniversary of the University of Bologna.

It contains principles of **academic freedom and institutional autonomy** as a guideline for good governance and self-understanding of universities in the future.

The 2019 conference and ceremony take place on **16 and 17 October 2019** in **Hamilton, Canada**, at the McMaster University.

Professor Sigal Ben-Porath, Professor of Education, Political Science and Philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania will give a Keynote Address at the Magna Charta Observatory's annual conference at McMaster University in Hamilton,

Canada on October 16th 2019.

The title of her speech will be **"Free Speech on Campus: A Way Forward"**

Free speech has become the focal point for political and cultural forces impacting college campuses. Universities are charged with the mandate to expand the boundaries of knowledge. But, should all speech be protected in the name of free inquiry at the university? Recent speech controversies on college campuses around the globe expose the difficulty in carving a response in this polarized time.

Partly these controversies are another demonstration of the pressures created by movements that test the limits of democratic tolerance, and partly they are the result of changes in youth and campus culture.

You can register [here](#).

5. EU4TECH Western Balkans Conference



The Joint Research Centre (JRC) is inviting you to the conference on **"Unveiling Serbia's Smart Specialisation Strategy and exploring the role of incubators, accelerators and S&T Parks in delivering sector specific support in the Western Balkans and South East Europe"** taking place on 15th to 16th of October 2019 in the Science Technology Park in Belgrade, Serbia.

You can find more information and programme of the conference [here](#).

6. proESOF Call for Proposals

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This call for proposals, launched by the [TESI Local Programme Committee](#), aims to collect ideas and to support the development of initiatives which will enhance dissemination, education, networking and training from now until ESOF 2020. In particular the call collects and evaluates three distinct groups of initiatives:

- **proESOF events 2018-2020** preferentially in the North-East of Italy and Central and Eastern European areas;
- **Science in the City Festival**, Trieste ESOF 2020 (three weeks from June 27 to July 18, 2020)
- **Draft proposals for the official call of ESOF 2020 Trieste** (Call in January 2019).

The proposals may be related to the following areas:

Science to Science: focused on current and future path-breaking science, it provides for keynote speeches and events, plenary sessions, workshops, roundtables and debates. It encompasses social sciences and humanities as well as physical and life sciences, engineering and medicine.

Science to Business: a unique platform in Europe to exchange ideas and good practices on research-driven business models, public private partnerships, the economic developments resulting from technological innovation, future careers and future “new jobs” opportunities.

Science to Policy: stakeholders, governments, scientists, industry and the public in the Triveneto region and in the South East European countries, will be asked to cooperate in a joint effort to ensure reliable, evidence-based policy-making for the benefit of the society as a whole. Possible discussion subjects include the ethical

use of scientific knowledge in addressing the grand challenges of humankind, integrity of science, science diplomacy to build peace and cohesion.

Science to Citizens: it aims to create a scientific citizenship for all and to promote the idea of science as fundamental to problem-solving. All activities and events organized in this frame will inspire passion and a collaborative attitude in people, from the very young to the elderly, in order to build a sense of identity and ownership within the field of science.

Science to Communicators: aimed at building a solid network of science communicators active in different fields (from journalism to events organizing, from publishing to communication corporate) across Europe, with a special focus on the Triveneto region and the South East European countries.

You can find more information on the website: www.proesof2020.eu/CallProEsof

The call will stay open from February 2018 to March 2020.

7. 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.

8. 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](#).



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