

DRC Newsletter

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Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter,

First of all, we would like to express the most sincere gratitude to those who attended the **DRC Annual Conference** from 6th to 8th of November 2019 at the University Politehnica of Bucharest (UPB), Romania. To all of you who attended both the Presidency and Permanent Committee Meeting and the General Assembly. Many thanks also belong to the team at the UPB for the perfect organization of the whole event.

Secondly, we congratulate to all the winners of the **Danubius Awards 2019!** The Danubius Awards official ceremony was held as part of the DRC Annual Conference.

You can find more information on both events in this newsletter as well as on our [website](#).

Enjoy the reading and remember, feedback and comments are always [welcome!](#)

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1. DRC Annual Meeting 2019



The Danube Rectors' Conference **Annual Meeting**
was successfully 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"**

During the Annual Conference the Presidency and Permanent Committee Meeting and the General Assembly were held.

Further documents (Agendas, Minutes) will be soon available on our [DRC intranet](#) (for members only).

You can find more information, the programme as well as event photos on our [website](#).

We would like to thank all the participants for their highly valuable inputs and contributions to the discussions!

Many thanks also to the University Politehnica of Bucharest for hosting us for the whole event and for the perfect organization.







2. Danubius Awards 2019

In the context of the DRC Annual Meeting 2019
the Danubius Award ceremony took place on 7th November 2019.

We are pleased to announce the winners of the 2019 Danubius Awards:

Danubius Award 2019

Prof. Ing. Jiří Balík, CSc., dr.h.c. (Czech Republic)



Danubius Mid-Career Award 2019

Dr. Silvija Krajter Ostoić



Danubius Young Scientist Award 2019

Austria

Katharina Prochazka

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Omer Kovčić

Bulgaria

Kristiyan Lukanov

Croatia

Kristina Mastanjević

Czech Republic

Martin Klečacký

Germany

Tobias Spöri

Hungary

Katalin Sulyok

Republic of Moldova

Mariana Rosca

Montenegro

Ethem Mandić

Romania

Ana Bianca Pavel

Serbia

Aleksandra Cvetanovic

Slovak Republic

Viktoria Miklosova

Slovenia

Gregor Harih

Ukraine

Tereziia Popovych



Congratulations to all the winners!

**Thank you for your scientific contribution for the Danube Region and
we wish you all the best for your career!**

The Danubius Awards were created in 2011 by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Research (BMBFW) and the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) with the intention to honor persons with extraordinary achievements in their scientific activity and output in relation to the Danube Region.

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and Central Europe**

3. Elias Canetti "Sharing Future" residency scholarship 2019

An "Artist-in-residence" scholarship has been provided to the Elias Canetti Society in

Ruse, Bulgaria.

One-month stay of **Zora Kreuzer**, a German artist from Berlin and renowned painter specialising in Minimal and Concrete Art, in Ruse was financially supported by DRC. Kreuzer used the Canetti House as the object of her artwork, where she applied different options of lighting thus creating a fascinating and multifarious ambience.



The scholarship enabled her to be also involved in cooperation with other local artists and the official final event had a strong impact on the local population and brought intercultural exchange among participants.



4. proESOF Call for Proposals



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.

5. CASEE Newsletter October 2019

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. 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 Strategy 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 latest newsletter, click [here](#).

6. 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.



7. 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](#).

8. EUA Board appoints Amanda Crowfoot as Secretary General

We are pleased to inform you that the EUA Board has appointed **Amanda Crowfoot** as the Association's new Secretary General.

She will replace Lesley Wilson, who has led EUA since its foundation.

Amanda Crowfoot was previously Director of Science Europe, the association representing major public research funding and performing organisations in Europe. She joined Science Europe in 2012 as its first Director and was responsible for establishing its office in Brussels, as well as developing and implementing its policy agenda. From 2001 to 2012, she worked at the UK Research Office (UKRO) – the Brussels office of the UK research councils – first as a European Advisor, and then, from 2005, as Director of the Office. In these roles, she worked closely with universities in the UK and beyond, assisting them in accessing EU funding and defining their strategies for European engagement. With a background in linguistics, prior to joining UKRO, Amanda Crowfoot taught and researched at several UK universities, and was Projects Manager at the Centre for Research and Policy in Disability at Coventry University.

Amanda Crowfoot will take office on 6 January 2020.



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