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### **DRC Presidency Meeting in Prague**

The DRC presidency met in January 2013 at the Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague (CULS): The members discussed the issues related to the change of the DRC Status. Other items concerned the change of the secretariat and setting up permanent secretariat, the next DRC annual conferences, and the new DRC web page. The presidency also discussed the involvement of DRC in JRC initiative aiming at scientific support to Danube strategy, organization of the DRC summer schools and the students video-contest: My university and the Danube region (the rules will be disseminated till the end of March).

### **New permanent secretariat**

The new permanent secretariat is in service. It improves the organizational structure of the DRC and provides you as a member a permanent and personal service contact.

The new secretariat – our services for you

- editing and mailing of DRC newsletters, and other relevant mailings
- membership, invoicing of membership fees
- bank account (from early spring on)
- contact and address management
- website and intranet management (from early spring on)

The secretariat is located at the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) in Vienna. The Institute is since many years a reliable partner of our network. Bernd Janning is working at IDM and manager of the new secretariat. You find his contact data on the first page of this newsletter. If you have any questions concerning the mentioned services, feel free to contact him.

### **New legal status of the DRC**

Currently the new legal status of the DRC is being implemented. At the General Assembly and by e-mail we informed you about the plans to incorporate as an International Non-Profit Association, a legal entity subject to the Belgian law. We believe that this new structure will support DRC in reaching its goals and look forward to our future actions. The process is still not completed. The new status will become effective presumably in early spring. As a consequence, you will receive the invoice of your membership fee later.

### **New website & intranet**

The presidency decided that in future the DRC website will be maintained by the permanent secretariat. Data transfer, a new design, and content management system are being prepared in collaboration with CULS in Prague. The new homepage will be launched presumably in spring 2013. The web platform will include a new intranet for DRC members. It will give all members easily access to important documents, and data.

### **Scientific support to the Danube Region – JRC initiative**

During the General Assembly we signed a memorandum of understanding with the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (JRC). One of the outcomes is the initiative launched by the JRC to support the EU Strategy for the Danube Region. A few weeks ago, you received a detailed letter with information about this initiative. JRC would like to ask DRC member universities to communicate the names of the potential partners. If you are interested, please contact until Friday 15: aurelie.gommenginger@ec.europa.eu

### **DRC annual conference 2013**

The next DRC annual conference will take place at the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine in Cluj Napoca (Romania, November 7-8, 2013). Three EU Commissioners (Cioloş /AGRI/, Geoghegan-Quinn (RESEARCH) and Hahn /REGIO/) agreed to participate (depending on their time availability in November). The draft programme and more information will be disseminated in April. The main topic of the conference should be research and innovations in the Danube region.

### **Call to organize the DRC annual meeting in 2014**

This is the first call to DRC member universities about the organization of the next (2014) DRC annual conference (due to be in November). The universities willing to organize next DRC annual conference should address their offer (name of the university, suggested date of the conference and the topic of the conference) till the end of April 2013 to the DRC permanent secretariat. The DRC presidency will consider the offers and will select one.

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### **DIANET International School of Gorizia, Italy - Call for papers (deadline: February 15)**

From 2013-2015, the University of Trieste in cooperation with Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt and BOKU Vienna offers a unique opportunity for young career researchers to familiarize themselves with issues pertinent to the sustainable development of the Danube River Basin. The DIANET INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS are held in the beautiful town of Gorizia in Italy from April 13th to 22nd, 2013. Here you can find more information about programme and call: <http://www2.units.it/fse/dianet/?file=call2013.inc>

### **2nd International Virtual Conference ICTIC 2013 Zilina, Slovakia - Call for papers (deadline: March 1)**

ICTIC 2013 (March 25-29, 2013) is an International Virtual Conference organized by the Faculty of Management Science and Informatics at the University of Žilina in Slovakia. The conference will be held online as virtual conference at the address [www.ictic.sk](http://www.ictic.sk). The aim of this conference is to provide a worldwide forum, where the international participants can share their research knowledge and ideas on the recent and latest research and map out the directions for future researchers and collaborations. Researchers and graduate students are welcomed to participate in the conference to exchange research findings in the frontier areas of ICT for Business, Management, Informatics, Computer science and so on. More information: <http://www.ictic.sk> / [info@ictic.sk](mailto:info@ictic.sk)

### **DRC Summer School “Old Neighbours - New Policies in the Countries along the Danube and the Black Sea Region” - Call for application (deadline: June 2)**

7 – 14 July 2013 - Budapest, Hungary. Aims of the project are to enhance awareness for the significance and possibilities of regional co-operation, to discuss and develop strategies for the improvement of co-operation in the region, to bring young scientists from countries of the Danube Region and Central Europe together to establish a regional scientific network within the European Research Area, to foster relations between the partner universities of the Danube Rectors' Conference and with other regional actors. Target groups: young scientists from the Danube Region and Central Europe, graduates who want to present their research projects to the students of the Summer School in the lectures, interested individuals from regional organisations, public administration and scientific institutions. More information: <http://www.drcsummerschool.eu/application>

### **4th CASEE Conference: “Food and Biomass Production - Basis for a Sustainable Rural Development”**

The CASEE Conference “Food and Biomass Production - Basis for a Sustainable Rural Development” will take place from July 1-3, 2013, University of Zagreb, Croatia. Further information on the conference: <http://casee.agr.hr/> or contact: [casee2013@agr.hr](mailto:casee2013@agr.hr)

### **Conference „BUSINESS MANAGEMENT- PRACTICE AND THEORY IN THE 21 st CENTURY”**

The main attention of the international conference is devoted to the presentation of the selected problems in enterprise management with regard to the practice and theory in the 21st century. This international conference deals with theory and practice in business management and can be recommended for the scientists, researchers and the representatives of the business sector. The conference will take place in Nitra (Slovakia), 6 - 7 June 2013. More information: <http://www.fem.uniag.sk/fem/bm/>