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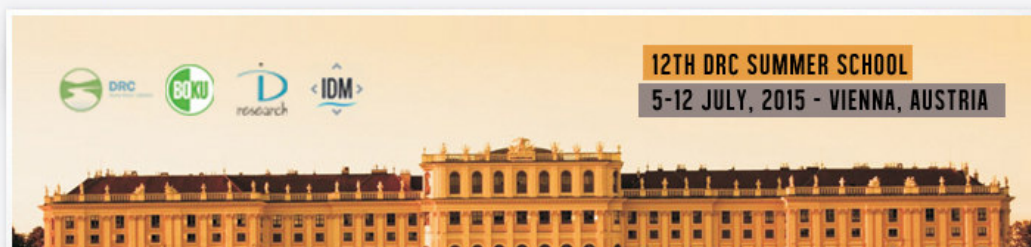
DRC Newsletter May 2015

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Danube Rectors' Conference

Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter! Spring has finally arrived in the Danube region. With this edition we would like to draw your attention to several interesting opportunities to participate in events and we kindly ask you to circulate them in your networks! Feedback and comments are [welcome](#)!

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1. REMINDER: 12TH DRC SUMMER SCHOOL ON REGIONAL CO-OPERATION

Apply now:

For the next **DRC Summer School in Vienna July 05-12 2015**. The DRC Summer School promotes regional co-operation among young scholars to establish a network of young scholars who deal with the issue of regional co-operation.

The 12th edition of the Summer School has the main topic: “**Recent political changes and their implications in the Danube Region**”

Applications for participation may be handed in by e-mail or fax until **June 7, 2015** and should include the application form, the CV of the applicant and an abstract max. 2 pages of the paper that shall be presented in the framework of the Summer School.

The registration fee of the Summer School is EUR 200.-, the contribution to the expenses for board and accommodation is EUR 230.-

Please note that it is possible to apply for a scholarship on board and accommodation as well as on a partial travel reimbursement (limited to EUR 100.-).

The participants are selected by a jury taking into account the guidance of the presidency of the Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC).

The successful participation of the DRC Summer School will be granted with 10 ECTS points by the University of Pécs, Faculty of Humanities.

Applications to:

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[Register for the DRC Summer School 2015 here](#)

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2. 1st Danube:Future Workshop successfully organized in Klagenfurt

From 8th to 10th April 2014 the first Danube:Future international workshop was organized at the Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt. 33 participants from 11 countries discussed the role of **cultural and natural heritage for the sustainable development of the Danube Region**. Challenges and opportunities of research were a special focus of this event.

The international audience represented 25 organizations from Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Serbia and Slovenia. Apart from Rector Prof. Oliver Vitouch rectors from Universities in Cluj-Napoca, Prague, Krems and Trieste and several Vice Rectors attended the workshop.

During their welcome addresses Rector Prof. Oliver Vitouch from Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt and current President of the Alps-Adriatic Rectors Conference and **Rector Prof. Doru Pamfil from University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Cluj-Napoca, Romania, and current President of the Danube Rectors Conference** emphasized the close cooperation of the universities in the area: the two institutions unite more than 90 universities; more than 1.2 million students are trained, about 500.000 joint publications have been prepared and millions of research funding acquired. As Rector Vitouch stated "Universities are motors of development in their regions and flagship institutions to develop skills as envisaged by the European Union". The success of the workshop shows "that placing our university at the interface of cultures and disciplines will contribute to a sustainable profile."

The result of the workshop is a **White Paper** that will be handed over to the rectors' conferences in mid-May 2015. The document deals with the challenges and opportunities of interdisciplinary research for the sustainable development of the Danube region which can be seen as a laboratory for whole Europe. Gertrud Haidvogel, representative of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna (BOKU), is convinced that the "White Paper will demonstrate the intellectual potential of the universities and will invite to take into account the rich natural and cultural heritage of the Danube as an asset for sustainable development".

Find out more about Danube:Future [here](#).

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3. 5th Danube eRegion Conference - DeRC 2015

Call for panel and prototype proposals:

<http://eregion.eu/conferences/derc-2015/derc2015-outline>

Date: **21-22 September 2015**

Location: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Host: [SAP Slovenija](#)

Description:

A major focus of the initiative is to encourage organizations with any interest in cross-border business to engage in a joint Information and Communication Technologies based prototype development. A prototype – proof of concept – is the beginning of an action leading to a possible joint EU project proposal of an eSolution, or an eService development solving a problem shared by the organization in at least three countries.

In the cross-border eBusiness and eCollaboration, too many barriers still block the free flow of online services. The DeRC2015 conference is expected to contribute to the EU Digital Single Market development and creation of new jobs for young job-seekers, and a vibrant knowledge-based society.

4. Staff Training Week of University of Maribor

University of Maribor cordially invites you to the Staff Training Week taking place from **June 1st to June 5th, 2015**, in the European Capital of Culture 2012, European Capital of Youth 2013, home of the Old Wine Maribor on the sunny side of the Alps in Slovenia.

We offer 4 tracks of contents for profiles of Erasmus coordinators, international relations officers, project managers, librarians and computer support officers and of course a pleasant social programme. You can find the programme on the [website](#). Registration is open from **March 25th, 2015, till May 15th, 2015**. You will find all needed information there, and in addition, we are at your disposal under the contact mladen.kraljic@um.si.

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We invite colleagues from universities of the Erasmus+ programme, members of the Danube Rectors' Conference, Alps-Adriatic Rectors' Conference and other partner institutions to meet and exchange on the topics of this year's programme.

We would like to especially draw your attention to the presentation by Prof. Richard Lewis, who is going to have an interesting talk on Wednesday. Also our other speakers are interesting and experienced in the fields of our work. We are looking forward to learn also from your practice and experience and active participation in our annual already traditional professional gathering.

5. 3rd International Danube Conference on Culture, Timisoara, 24 - 26 June 2015

The Municipality of Timisoara, the Association Timisoara – European Capital of Culture and the Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts of the State of Baden-Württemberg have the honour of inviting you to the 3rd International Danube Conference on Culture to be held in Timisoara on 24 – 26 June 2015.

The International Danube Conference on Culture is held within the framework of the development and funding programme of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUDRS) and is organized by the following partners: Municipality of Timisoara, Association Timisoara – European Capital of Culture, German Cultural Centre Timisoara, Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts of the State of Baden-Württemberg and the Consultant for Cultural Affairs for South-East Europe at Donauschwäbisches Zentralmuseum Ulm.

Following two successful conferences in Ulm and Novi Sad, in 2013 and 2014, respectively, the third edition of the conference will be held in Timisoara, Romania. The continuation of the cultural policy dialogue and the consolidation of the cultural networks represent a great chance for the Danube region and therefore a stabilisation factor in Europe.

Apart from speeches, discussions and workshops are scheduled.

An official invitation with the conference agenda and details will follow within the next few weeks. The official beginning of the conference will be on 25 June at 9:30 a.m. in the Multifunctional Hall of the Timis County Council and the official end of the conference will be 26 June at 12:00 p.m. (noon). Arrival on 24 June is possible.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Timisoara at the 3rd International Danube Conference on Culture!

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6. Straniak Academy Ulcinj/Montenegro

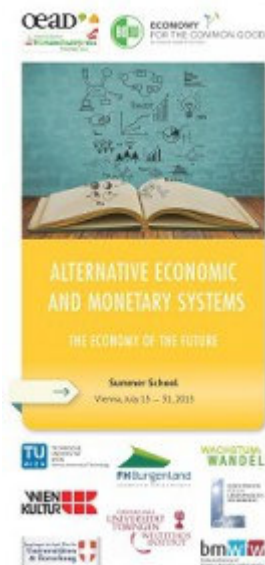


The Straniak Academy for Democracy and Human Rights was established in 2013 by the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights - Research Association in Vienna in cooperation with the Faculties of Law and Sociology of the University of Vienna and the Faculties of Law and Political Sciences of the University in Montenegro. The name of the Academy refers to its main facilitator, the Hermann and Marianne Straniak Foundation. The implementation of the Straniak Academy is also supported by the Central European Initiative (CEI), the assurance company UNIQA, the agricultural company Agrana, the law firm Grilc Vouk Škof, and others. In 2015, the Academy will take place for the third time in Montenegro from 6 to 19 September 2015 in Ulcinj, in the hotel complex "Dvori Balsaća" and "Palata Venezia".

The Straniak Academy is aimed at students of different academic backgrounds who are about to graduate, as well as graduates standing at the beginning of their careers and is limited to 35 students, thus ensuring the interactive format. The lecturers come from the University of Vienna and the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights as well as from partner Universities and selected experts of national and international institutions, organisations and companies with relevant practical experiences. They teach in tandem, i.e. a lecturer from Vienna and a lecturer from a Western Balkan State jointly hold the lessons.

If you are interested to **apply for the 3rd Straniak Academy for Democracy and Human Rights** please follow the [link](#). You can download the preliminary programme [here](#)

More information about the application procedure and reports about the Straniak Academy are available on the following [website](#)

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7. Summer School: Alternative Economic and Monetary Systems

AEMS is an academic Summer School that offers a new approach: An evaluation of economic alternatives that considers natural boundaries and the human factor to be equal parts of the equation. Our goal: To help solve some of societies' problems by presenting viable alternatives to processes and developments that are putting enormous strains on economic, ecologic and social boundaries.

[Applications for this year are OPEN!](#)

8. Summer School: Green.Building.Solutions.

First hand ecological knowledge and engineering expertise from six Austrian Universities and Institutes bundled in a three-week program in the capital of energy efficient building: Vienna. Think sustainable, take care of your future - now.

[Be part of Vienna's unique and awarded Summer University and apply here!](#)



For both Summer Schools, the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) will award a scholarship sponsored by the OeAD. Please consult the [website](#) for details.

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9. PRESENTATION OF DRC MEMBER UNIVERSITIES - University of Natural
resources and life sciences Vienna (BOKU), Austria

As stated in the DRC Action Plan 2015, we want to prepare a DRC members book.
A template for this information to be provided can be found in the [intranet](#)

If you haven't done so yet, please send filled out template until **May 30th** to
info@drc-danube.org

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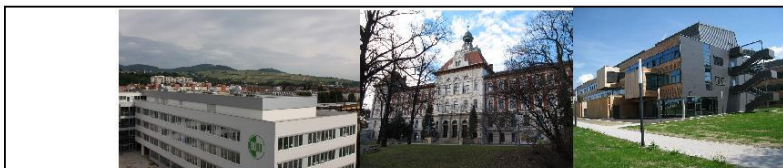
The University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU), the Alma Mater Viridis, sees itself as an educational and research centre for renewable resources, which are a necessity for human life. With its wide range of areas of expertise it is the task of BOKU to contribute significantly to the protection of life resources for future generations. With a connection between natural sciences, engineering and economics, BOKU is trying to deepen the knowledge of an ecologically and economically sustainable use of natural resources in a cultivated landscape. BOKU was founded in 1872 and started with agronomy, followed 1875 by forestry, 1883 by hydrology and civil engineering, 1945 by food- and biotechnology and 1981 by landscape planning. 1906 the promotion right was awarded. Nowadays we offer 8 Bachelor and 26 Master and several PhD programs - several of the master programs being double degree or joint degree programs with different European partner universities. Eleven Master programs are offered completely in English. BOKU is ranked among the top two in student's satisfaction from all universities in Austria. According to the Green University ranking BOKU is no. 8 world-wide and 1st in Continental Europe. The QS World University Ranking by Subject (Agriculture and Forestry) lists BOKU at rank 33.



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Total number of students: 12.300, foreign students 20% (all levels);
Total Staff: 563 (scientific staff: 1062 full time equivalent, 1850 head counts and administrative/technical staff: 567 full time equivalent, 739 head counts);
Departments: 15
Space of university buildings: ~ 130.000 sq m

Departments: <http://www.boku.ac.at/>
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