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DRC Newsletter November 2015

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**DRC**  
Danube Rectors' Conference

Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter! We had a very interesting Annual Meeting with many different outcomes. In this edition we want to focus on DRC related news and especially draw your attention to the new **Fund for Incentives (see 2.)**. Feedback and comments are [welcome!](#)

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## **1. DRC Annual Meeting Maribor 4.-7. November 2015 - "Harmonization of the Danube Higher Education Area"**

DRC annual meeting and DRC 2015 General Assembly was held at the University of Maribor on November 4-6.

A detailed report of the conference programme will be online on our [website](#) soon.

First impressions are available [here](#).

The presentations held during the Annual Meeting are available in the [intranet](#). If you don't have access, please send an email to [info@drc-danube.org](mailto:info@drc-danube.org)

**We would like to say thank you very much to the organizers from the University of Maribor and we are looking forward to our next Annual Meeting at the Danube University Krems in November 2016!**

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## 2. New website layout and former presidents section

# RESEARCH POWER ALONG THE DANUBE

Between its source in the Black Forest and its mouth on the Black Sea, the Danube traverses 2,872 kilometres and shares shores with ten countries. The Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC) is a strong network of almost 70 universities in this region. Our aim is to improve higher education in teaching and research, and the advancement of our member universities by establishing sustainable contacts.



A preview of the new layout of our website

In April we have implemented the new format for our newsletter. Now also our website received a new, cleaner layout. Furthermore, a sub-page with former presidents has been included to illustrate the rich history of our organisation even better.

Please have a look and feel free to tell us what you think: [www.drc-danube.org](http://www.drc-danube.org)

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## 3. DRC Fund for incentives

The DRC general assembly decided to establish DRC Fund for Incentives.

This fund will be funded from the budget of DRC into which each full member of DRC contributes 500 € per year as DRC membership fee.

The purpose of the fund is to support the cooperation of DRC members which contributes to achieving the goals of EU Strategy for the Danube region in the

priority areas where the universities have a strong position and their participation is exclusively needed.

**DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATIONS for 2016 is January 15, 2016.**

More information and the guidelines for this Fund for Incentives can be found on the [intranet](#).

If you don't have access, please send an email to [info@drc-danube.org](mailto:info@drc-danube.org)

#### 4. Danubius Award and Danubius Young Scientist Award



Managing Director of the IDM Dr. Susan Milford congratulating Prof. Dr. h.c. Leopold März on receiving the Danubius Award 2015 © Ümit Zobu/European Commission

The Danubius Award was created in 2011 by the [Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe \(IDM\)](#) and the Austrian Federal Ministry for Science, Research and Economy (BMWFW) with the intention to honor persons with extraordinary achievements in their scientific activity and output in relation to the Danube Region. 2015 this award has been, for the second time, complemented with a specific price for young scientists - the „Danubius Young Scientist Award“.

They were awarded in the context of a high level scientific event by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) supporting the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR). The award ceremony was one of the most important events

of the 4th EUSDR – JRC Conference in Ulm.

**We are especially happy that this year's Danubius Award was given to former DRC president and DRC honorary president em. Univ.-Prof. DI Dr. DDr. h.c. Leopold März.**

The awards of the Danubius Young Scientist Award were distributed to:

Austria (AT)	Marija Zunabović
Bosnia & Herzegovina (BH)	Jelena Trivić
Bulgaria (BG)	Strahil V. Karapchanski
Croatia (HR)	Stela Jokić
Czech Republic (CZ)	Abraham Kabutey
Germany (DE)	Florian Kühner-Wielach
Hungary (HU)	Valentin Brodszky
Montenegro (ME)	Milena Đukanović
Republic of Moldova (ML)	Victor Popescu
Romania (RO)	Alida Timar-Gabor
Serbia (SR)	Ivan Jarić
Slovenia (SL)	Domen Mongus
Slovakia (SK)	Martin Urík
Ukraine (UKR)	Anton Igorovych Manilov

A press release with more information can be found on our [website](#)

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## 5. New DRC members

**We would like to welcome our new members to the DRC network:**

1. Ovidius University of Constanta, Romania
2. University of East Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
3. Uzhhorod National University, Ukraine
4. Spiru Haret University, Bucharest, Romania
5. National School of Political Science and Public Administration SNSPA  
Bucharest, Romania

We are looking forward to our future cooperation!

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## 6. DRC Permanent Committee

**The DRC needs new appointments for the Permanent Committee:**

The Permanent Committee is composed of a minimum of one representative per country. It consists of the President, two Vice-Presidents, all former Honorary Presidents and one representative from each country nominated by the General Assembly as well as appointed by all DRC members of the concerned country. The Permanent Committee meets in ordinary session at least once a year.

It has the following competences

- supervise the implementation of the decisions taken by the General Assembly,
- submit recommendations and proposals to the Presidency, appoint, or dismiss the Treasurer of the DRC upon proposal of the elected President,
- approve the programme of activities of the DRC upon proposal of the Presidency and supervise its execution,
- prepares the annual budget
- prepares the annual financial statements
- make proposals to the General Assembly on the admission and exclusion of members.

The Committee may assume the following responsibilities regarding general policy or which relate to particular projects:

- upon request by the Presidency consider any action that may contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the DRC,
- appoint working groups to undertake / advise on specific activities,
- maintain effective relations with the national conferences and with the international organizations, both governmental and nongovernmental, which have a special interest in university affairs,
- develop recommendations on university policy.

If you are interested in representing your country in the permanent committee, please send an [email](#).

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## 7. PRESENTATION OF DRC MEMBER UNIVERSITIES - Andrassy University Budapest, Hungary

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 to [info@drc-danube.org](mailto:info@drc-danube.org)

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<p>The Andrássy University Budapest (AUB) is the only university outside of the German-speaking world that operates entirely in German. The university was established as a multinational joint venture in 2001 during the expansion of the European Union. The AUB is a Hungarian but also international university supported by Hungary, Germany, Austria, the Free State of Bavaria, the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg, the Swiss Confederation and the Autonomous Region of Trentino South Tyrol. In Hungary, AUB received the "University of National Excellence" award. The AUB is the only university outside of Germany that is accredited by the German higher education system by evalag (Evaluation Agency Baden-Württemberg).</p> <p>AUB students and professors come from over 20 countries across the world. The university offers Masters courses and a Ph.D. program with a 1:7 student-faculty ratio. At AUB, interdisciplinarity is incorporated structurally in the faculty layout; ensured in the curriculum by the interdisciplinary study programs; implemented methodically into the joint transdisciplinary courses; and embedded academically in overlapping research topics. European topics, including those regarding European integration, lie at the forefront of research and instruction of all disciplines at AUB. More specifically, the Central and Eastern European countries and the Danube region are taken into particular consideration.</p>	 <p>Prof. Dr. Andrásy Masát  <a href="mailto:andras.masat@andrassyuni.hu">andras.masat@andrassyuni.hu</a></p>
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<p>Total number of students: 203 (including PhD and foreign students)  Total Staff: 76 (43 academic staff and non-academic staff 33)  Faculties: 3</p>
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Faculty of International Relations – [www.andrassyuni.eu/internationale-beziehungen](http://www.andrassyuni.eu/internationale-beziehungen)  
 Master: 2 programs (International Relations; International Economy and Business)

Faculty of Central European Studies – [www.andrassyuni.eu/mitteleuropaeische-studien](http://www.andrassyuni.eu/mitteleuropaeische-studien)  
 Master: 2 programs (Central European History; Central European Studies with specialization in cultural diplomacy); 1 postgraduate study program (Danube Region Studies)

Faculty of Comparative Law and Governance – [www.andrassyuni.eu/vergleichende-staats-und-rechtswissenschaften](http://www.andrassyuni.eu/vergleichende-staats-und-rechtswissenschaften)  
 Master: 2 programs (LL.M. program; European and International Administration)

Doctoral school – [www.andrassyuni.eu/phdprogramm](http://www.andrassyuni.eu/phdprogramm)  
 Interdisciplinary PhD program with specialization options in Political Sciences, History, Comparative Law and Governance and Economy under the topic “The Future of Central Europe in the European Union

Research activity: Danube Institute (Institution for studies and research about European Integration in the Danube Region)



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