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DRC Newsletter December 2016

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Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter! Thank you very much for another year of good cooperation in the Danube Region! The permanent secretariat wishes all partners happy holidays as well as a good start in the new year! Our next newsletter will be sent out in February.

Feedback and comments are welcome!

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# 1. Save the date: DRC Annual Meeting Zagreb 8.-10. November 2017

Our next Annual Meeting will be held 8.-10. November 2017 at the University of Zagreb

### 2. DRC Annual Meeting Krems 9.-11. November 2016



The Annual Meeting with the title "Vision, Knowledge, Prosperity. The Universities' Contribution to Implementing the EUSDR – Good Practice and Challenges" was held at the Danube University Krems 9.-11. November 2016. Further information can be found on our <u>website</u>.



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A report is available on the website of the **Danube University Krems** (in German).

A more detailed report including the presentations will be published soon.

The final conclusions adopted by the General Assembly can be found here.

### 3. New DRC presidency elected by the General Assembly

2016, a new DRC presidency has been elected. The new DRC president Rector Friedrich Faulhammer and his Vice-presidents Prof. Dr. Doru Pamfil and Prof. Dr. Karol Micieta have been unanimously approved by all DRC members present.

We would like to express our gratitude to former DRC president and vice-president Prof. Dr. Jiri Balik for all his efforts during his term and wish the new presidency best of success!



f.l.t.r.: DRC Honorary president Prof. Dr. Ferenc Hudecz, DRC Vice-president Prof. Dr. Doru Pamfil, DRC president Rector Friedrich Faulhammer, DRC Vice-president Prof. Dr. Karol Micieta

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#### 4. DRC Fund For Incentives 2017

The DRC general assembly decided to continue the 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.

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

### 5. International Conference "Agriculture for Life – Life for Agriculture"

It is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the *International*Conference "Agriculture for Life – Life for Agriculture" which will be held between
8-10 June, 2017 at the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of
Bucharest. Please, find detailed information in the Conference flyer enclosed.

It will be an honor for us to welcome you as guests in our university at the International
Conference in 2017 when we celebrate 165 years of the foundation.



More information can be found here: <a href="http://agricultureforlife.usamv.ro/index.php/en/">http://agricultureforlife.usamv.ro/index.php/en/</a>

### 6. CASEE Newsletter November 2017

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. It aims to support the development of the EU Strategie for the Danube Region to strenghten research, education and University Development inthis

### 7. New DRC Facebook Page



We are implementing a new Facebook page for the DRC. Please like us at the link below:



# 8. Erasmus+ mid-term review: European universities have their say

The European University Association (EUA) is pleased to present the results of its 2016 membership consultation on Erasmus+. In anticipation of the <u>European Commission's mid-term review of the programme</u>, in particular the public consultation to be held in the spring of 2017, EUA invited its members to share their views and experiences with Erasmus+.

The report, "EUA member consultation: A contribution to the Erasmus+ mid-term review," showcases the responses of more than 200 higher education institutions from 36 countries that participated in the survey. The findings reveal some clear lines of agreement. For instance, while universities are satisfied with the overall structure and approach of the Erasmus+ Programme, they call for institutional realities and needs to be better considered, more simplification and streamlining of administrative processes and more user-friendly IT instruments.

In the coming months, EUA will work with its members to develop the findings into recommendations for the 2020 programme.

Please click here to read the full report.

#### 9. EUA Affiliate Status and EUA Newsletter

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