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1. DRC ANNUAL MEETING 2014 IN BELGRADE

On 6th - 7th of November 2014, our annual meeting took place at the

University of Belgrade in Serbia. About 90 guests participated in the

conference, among them numerous rectors and other representatives of our

member universities. From 2015 on, three new members will join our

Network (University of Defense /Serbia/; State Agrarian University of

Moldova; Banat University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary

Medicine “King Michael I of Romania”, Timisoara /Romania/). The new

memberships were approved during the DRC General Assembly. The event

included several presentations and discussions that were focused on

“Digital Culture – The Synergy between Higher Education and ICT”.

Many top-ranking scientists and politicians attended the conference. You

can find pictures and documents related to the Meeting on our webpage.

Further presentations and materials are available on our intranet (the

minutes of the meeting are currently being finalized and will be

uploaded immediately afterwards).If you do not have access to our

intranet, please inform us: info@drc-danube.org.

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2. DANUBE:FUTURE WORKSHOP, KLAGENFURT 8-10 APRIL 2015

8th - 10th of April 2015 the first International Workshop of

Danube:Future (EUSDR PA7 Flagship Project) will take place in

Klagenfurt, Austria. The call for application was released on December

3rd, 2014 and will be open until January 15th, 2015 (

http://www.danubefuture.eu/1st-danubefuture-workshop ).

The first international Danube:Future Workshop on the role of cultural

and natural heritage for the sustainable development of the Danube

Region will be held in April 2015 at the

Alpen-Adria-Universität-Klagenfurt facilities.

Workshop participants are expected to contribute actively to a White

Paper addressing the research needs in this context, with special

emphasis on the humanities and social sciences. Ideally, they have

participated in Framework Programs of the European Union before and have

expertise in the development of research programs. They should also have

some familiarity with sustainability studies and interdisciplinary

research environments.

The Organizers are seeking a limited number of participants from all

countries of the Danube basin.

The workshop is free of charge. With the financial support of the

Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt-Wien-Graz and the Central European

Initiative (Cooperation Fund 2014), we will be able to cover the costs

of accommodation (2 nights) and meals and will, in case of problems of

potential participants to finance their travels, do our best to provide

travel support upon application. At this time, we cannot guarantee that

we will be able to cover the travel costs, but we are positive that some

financial support will be available.

The White Paper will be available on the website after the 1st

Danube:Future Workshop.

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3. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MOUNTAIN FOREST MANAGEMENT SLOVAKIA 7-9

JULY 2015

International conference on mountain forest management to be held 7-9

July 2015 in the High Tatra Mountains, Slovakia

(http://www.nlcsk.sk/mfm-conference/Default.aspx ).

The conference will provide the opportunity to discuss the potentials

and limitations of current and possible future approaches to mountain

forest management that are aimed at continuously providing portfolios of

ecosystem services not only under current, but particularly under future

climatic and socio-economic conditions.

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4. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE “AGRICULTURE FOR LIFE, LIFE FOR

AGRICULTURE”, BUCHAREST

Deadline for abstract submissions: 31. December 2014!

The program will cover a vast range of topics through: Plenary

Sessions,Thematic Sessions, Poster Sessions, Workshops,

Industry/Business Meetings, Professional Tours. Participants are invited

to submit papers under the Conference sections.

The 4th International Conference “Agriculture for Life, Life for

Agriculture”, 4-6 June 2015, will bring the world leader publisher

ELSEVIER to the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine

of Bucharest. A signed agreement, dated April 2014, allows the

organizers to select original research papers from the conference, so as

to propose their online publishing on Science.Direct.com, Elsevier’s

premier online platform, in a special issue that will also be sent by

Elsevier to be included in the Thomson Reuters – Web of Science Core

Collection.

More information about the conference can be found here:

http://agricultureforlife.usamv.ro/documents/2015/ConferenceFlyer\_Ed4\_2015\_A4L\_Announcement\_EN.pdf

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5. STRENGTHENING THE URBAN DIMENSION OF THE DANUBE REGION, VIENNA 26-27

JANUARY 2015

The Urban Platform Danube Region (UPDR) on behalf of the Cities of

Vienna and Ulm, the Council of Danube Cities and Regions, the Austrian

Association of Cities and Towns and Priority Area 10 “Institutional

Capacity and Cooperation” (PA10) of the EU Strategy for the Danube

Region (EUSDR) is happy to announce the 2015 stakeholder conference on

January 26/27th in the Vienna City Hall.

Conference Website: http://www.kdz.eu/de/updr

Registration Form: http://www.staedtebund.gv.at/anmeldung/danube2015

Twitter: #urbangov

The conference is organised by KDZ – Centre for Public Administration

Research for the City of Vienna, the Council of Danube Cities and

Regions, the Austrian Association of Cities and Towns and EUSDR/PAC10

Vienna.

The conference is financed by the Austrian Association of Cities and

Towns, the City of Vienna and with EU funds.

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6. CASEE NEWSLETTER

Please find below the link to the current newsletter of our partner

network CASEE. 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 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 newsletter, click here:

http://www.ica-ls.com/casee/images/stories/CASEE\_pdfs/Newsletter/2014-12\_CASEE\_December\_Newsletter.pdf

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7. 6th CASEE CONFERENCE IN NITRA, SLOVAKIA

“Latest trends in Bioeconomy in the Danube Region”,

May 24 - 26, 2015, Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra

Online abstract submission:

http://www.medacad.org/2015CASEE/abstractsubmission.htm

until January 14, 2015

Only abstracts submitted online can be accepted!

• All staff members from CASEE universities are invited to submit an

abstract for a paper/ poster presentation.

• PhD students from CASEE universities are specially invited to submit

an abstract for a poster or oral presentation on their thesis topic,

relating to the general topic. Up to 20 PhD students with full papers

accepted by the conference will be exempt from the conference fee.

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8. DEANS’ & RECTORS’ IN THE eREGION MEETING ON THE CROSS-BORDER

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Co-organized by the Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transport,

University of Ljubljana, Portoroz (http://www.fpp.uni-lj.si/eng) and

Inter-Municipality Initiative: Cross-border eCollaboration in the Danube

eRegion

Portoroz, Monday, January 26, 2015, 10:00 – 15:00

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9. DRC 2014 FOLLOW UP: HEInnovate

The European Commission, together with the OECD, has launched in

November 2013 an initiative on supporting Higher Education Institutions

that wish to become more innovative and entrepreneurial (HEInnovate).

The initiative has met a great interest in HEIs worldwide and so far

more than 500 HEIs have participated in the self-assessment. On the

occasion of its first anniversary on November 18th 2014 a new release of

HEInnovate was launched. The website can be found under the following

link:

https://heinnovate.eu/

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The secretariat would like to use the opportunity to say thank you for

the good cooperation throughout 2014! We wish you happy holidays, a

fruitful new year, and look forward to continuing our successful

collaboration!

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