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The DRC Presidency stands with Ukraine.

Russia's aggression is not just a completely unjustified attack on Ukraine. It is an attack on all of us. While we fear for the safety of our friends and partners at the universities across Ukraine, particularly our members Uzhhorod National University and Odessa National I. I. Mechnikov University, we ask our network for any support in these dark times.

We will continue our efforts and engagement with Ukraine throughout our several formats like the Danubius Awards, the DRC Summer School and the EUSDR.

Dear subscribers of the **DRC Newsletter**,

even at the end of the summer we want to keep you **updated** about **current opportunities** and what is **going on at the DRC** and our **partner organisations**.

In this edition of our newsletter, we want to raise your attention to **two important events** that are upcoming very soon, directly **at the DRC**:

Firstly, as in every two years, in 2022, the **DRC will elect its new presidency for the 2023 - 2024 tenancy!** The **Call to nominate candidates** for period of 2023 - 2024 **will open soon**, thus, we already encourage you to go through your network and to think about possible candidates who would fit to this important role!

Secondly, it's time to gather again for our **Annual DRC Conference!** After a long Covid-related period of online meetings, we are happy to announce that this year's meeting will take place in person **from 9th until 11th of November 2022**. We are happy that the Conference will be **hosted by the University of Maribor, Slovenia**. Mark your calendar and get ready for getting in touch with the other members and to take part in vibrant discussions on the issue of ***“Digital Transformation of the Danube Higher Education Area in Conditions of Recovery”!***

To be mentioned, **thirdly**, remains of course that also in this newsletter, we gathered some **projects and possibilities for you to apply** for during the upcoming weeks.

But now, without further ado as we do not want to withhold you from your precious time on the last summer sun, enjoy the dive into the August edition of our newsletter! We hope our new content keeps you inspired and motivated during the ending summer period!

Last but not least, we want to let you know that **we welcome any recommendations, suggestions, and comments** from your side on the content and events we share with you. Your **feedback** creates a **valuable basis** for us **to match our newsletter to your needs and interest**, so don't be shy!

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1. Call for nominating the Candidates for the new DRC Presidency

Time flew and the **end of the 2-year tenancy** of our **President Rector Prof. Dr. Zdravko Kačič** and our two **Vice Presidents Rector Prof. Ivanka Popović** and **Rector Mag. Friedrich Faulhammer** is **approaching** very soon.



Prof. Zdravko Kačič



Prof. Ivanka Popović



Mag. Friedrich Faulhammer

Together **as the DRC Presidency**, Prof. Dr. Kačič, Prof. Popović and Mag. Faulhammer **represented and stood up for the values and ambitions of the DRC** to the public, in dedication of a lot of work and all their heart. If you want to **find out more** about the **engagements** and achievements of our **current DRC Presidency**, check out our **DRC [website](#)**.

Also for the **period 2023 - 2024** we hope to find **proactive and ambitious candidates for the DRC Presidency** who continue our mission to **strengthen the ties among our members**, and, by doing so, to **increase our presence in the Danube Region!** In order to do that, we **call on the Members of the DRC to nominate their preferred candidates**. **Eligible** for the position are **all Rectors of universities that are full members of the DRC**. After having gathered a list of official nominees, the **DRC General Assembly** will come together and **elect the new presidency**.

The Summer Break is a great opportunity for you, as an active DRC supporter, to **search your network and to propose your preferred, eligible candidates for the 2023 - 2024 DRC Presidency** to us. If you should already know whom to propose, we encourage you to **send an Email to the [DRC secretariat](#)** right away!

We are looking forward to receiving your preferred nominees for the next DRC Presidency!

2. SAVE THE DATE: DRC Annual Conference 2022 at the University of Maribor



Long-term subscribers and supporters of the DRC might have already expected it - it is **time for the [DRC Annual Meeting](#) again!**

From the **9th until the 11th of November 2022**, we are **inviting all of our members** to come together at the **University of Maribor** in **Slovenia** in order to **network and to exchange ideas** on the issue of ***“Digital Transformation of the Danube Higher Education Area in Conditions of Recovery”***.

Together with the University of Maribor, we are currently developing a **capturing programme** that will not only **challenge your thoughts and opinions**, but further **contribute to the growth and development of higher education in the Danube Region!** The **main topics** touched upon during the 3 days of the Conference will concern the **green digitalisation** via regional and local actions, the

planning for a **high resilience against** upcoming **future crises** and the **role** that **Universities** play in this regard. Within this thematic framework, it is planned to **focus on** the **European initiatives in Big Data or High Performance Computing, Open Science for the European Higher Education and Research Area**, as well as **Cybersecurity for the providing of trust into the role of science, research in truth and against terror with fake news**.

As in the previous years, also the **DRC Annual Conference Programme 2022** will **combine** inspiring **lectures and speeches** for you to grow and gather new impressions with **social activities**, as field trips and joint dinners, for you to network and get to know the rest of the DRC members.

Special about this year's DRC Annual Conference is that, throughout the course of the gathering, the **participants of the first DRC Initiative Fund** will **meet** with **alumni of the Danubius Young Scientists Awards** and **present** to the rectors of their universities their **view on the Open Science from the view of doctoral studies and young researchers** of the future within the Danube region.

Another unprecedented **highlight** of the 2022 DRC Annual Meeting in Slovenia constitutes the **presentation of the work and reports** that were created within the scope of our [DRC Strategic Foresight Project](#). We can't wait to finally see the **project publications** of our participants' work on the **issues of *University Autonomy and Governance, Science and Learning in Digital Era, Scientific Research for European Decision Making, as also lastly Employability of Students and Early-stage researchers***! We believe that the project has already been a great success and are convinced that its final outcomes will serve as a **basis for you to rethink current circumstances** and **encourage your out-of-the-box-thinking!**

In particular after the 2 years of Covid and the therefrom resulting online meetings, the DRC is very much looking forward to finally provide you with the **chance to come together in person and to get in touch with us and all other members** in Slovenia! We are confident that **thriving and vibrant discussions and exchanges** will occur during the Conference and hope to have created the same impression on you!

To make your decision on whether or not the event is something that interests and challenges you easier, we will provide you with a **more detailed programme of the DRC Annual Conference 2022 on our [website](#) in the upcoming weeks**. In the same vein, we will also make a **link for you available to register with the event soon on our DRC webpage**.

We are look forward to seeing you during our **DRC Annual Meeting at the University of Maribor in November!**

3. Last Call for Application: Membership at the Global Young Academy



As already in July, we would like to raise your attention to the still ongoing possibility to **apply for the 2023 Membership at the Global Young Academy (GYA). The application process will be open until 15 September 2022, 18.00 UTC!**

The vision of the GYA is ***science for all; science for the future***, and its mission is to give a voice to young scientists and researchers around the world. The **GYA** is an **independent science academy** of 200 outstanding early- to mid-career researchers from six continents who are selected from **across disciplines** based on their **academic excellence and commitment to engage with society**. GYA members serve **five-year terms**, and the GYA presently counts members and alumni from 100 countries. The GYA administrative Office is **publicly funded and hosted at the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina**.

Each GYA member is expected to participate in the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**; the 2023 AGM will be held **from 5th to 9th June 2023 in Rwanda**) and to **actively contribute to** one or more of the organisation's programmes. This includes participation, e.g., in **policy development, promotion of the National Young Academies**, or **promoting science and education at the international level**.

Do you feel like being a member of this organisation might be something that interests you? **Apply until the 15th of September 2022 for membership!**



Currently, **applications are actively sought from young, independent scholars** who combine the highest level of research excellence with a demonstrated passion for delivering impact.

The GYA is a global organisation that places a high value on its **diversity** and thus encourage applications from all qualified candidates. Especially women and applicants from different minority groups, and from diverse disciplines including the natural, physical and social sciences as well as the arts and humanities and people working in government, industry, and non-governmental sectors are encouraged to apply.

You can find **specific information on how to apply, as well as the GYA's online application form [here](#).**

4. Participate in the *DG EAC's* Survey until 23rd of September!



The **Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC)** has launched a **study assessing the progress** made towards the **implementation**

of [the Council Recommendation on promoting automatic mutual recognition of higher education and upper secondary education diplomas and the outcomes of learning periods abroad](#). The results of this study will **lead into a report** that will be **submitted to the Council** by the European Commission **by the end of this year**.

Part of the study is a survey, targeting educational institutions at higher education and upper secondary level, with the **aim of identifying good practices, challenges, and opportunities for improvement in recognition processes**. The DRC **encourages you** to **support the DG EAC** to get a maximum of relevant **feedback and the most comprehensive view of the state of play** of the implementation of the Council Recommendation by **taking part in the survey!**

The information collected from the survey will enable the Commission to analyse the good practices and challenges experienced in recognition practices across Europe.

You can **access the survey** [here](#).

The **deadline** to participate in the survey is **Friday 23rd of September!**

The **Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture** is extremely grateful for your support!

5. REMINDER - Save-the-Date: Crossroads in Academic Continuing Education 2022



SAVE THE DATE
December 1st, 2022
For more information go to: www.cacebb.com

CACE
Crossroads in Academic Continuing Education

An international platform on the future of continuing education at universities. Connecting ideas, exchanging strategies, facilitating innovation, and exploring limits.

Mark your calendar! On **1st December 2022**, the **University for Continuing Education Krems** is hosting the digital event **CACE - Crossroads in Academic Continuing Education 2022**. By participating, you can engage in lively discussions on the future of academic continuing education. The event will be held online in English language.

Find out more information about CACE and register [here](#).

6. CASEE Newsletter



The “**ICA Regional Network for Central and South Eastern Europe**” (**CASEE**) is a network of Central and South Eastern European Higher Education Institutions linking Life Science disciplines in the region ranging from natural resources, environment, food, agriculture, biotechnology and natural resources.

Besides fascinating updates and opportunities in the newsletter, CASEE prepared a COVID-19 corner informing about challenges at the educational institutions related to the current pandemic situation.

Check CASEE's Newsletter [here](#)!

7. DRC Facebook Page



We are trying to improve the circulation of information within our network.
We kindly ask you to also connect with us via [Facebook](#) and visit the [DRC webpage](#).

Thank you very much and best regards from Vienna



8. EUA Affiliate Status and EUA Newsletter

We are continuously strengthening and expanding our network. Since November 2015, the DRC is affiliate member of the [European University Association](#).

If you are interested in their news and activities, please follow the [link](#).



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