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PREFACE

I am very glad that the readers have in their hands the booklet celebrating the 30th anniversary of Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC). I must confess that reading the materials published in the booklet was a very impressive exercise. Therefore I believe that such feeling will be experienced by everyone who wants to be familiar with our work and our achievements. It is important that the booklet documents DRC activities because it continues the tradition established 10 years ago when another book edited by I. Tarrosy and G. Rosskogler named "Danube Rectors' Conference: Twenty Years 1983–2003" was published. It is nice to have the overview of DRC development. It helps us to remember where we were in the past, it contributes to know where we are now and it outlines the ideas about where we want to aim our activities in the future. Such approach generally contributes to the identity of DRC. That is why the booklet demonstrates that we cannot only celebrate but we have also reasons to be proud of how we participated in the development of Danube region. Maybe the activities such as summer schools co-organized by DRC and the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) or DRC annual meetings might seem to be only small steps but they all together support the implementation of the EU Strategy for Danube Region (EUSDR). Within the last years, when DRC become a legal entity, DRC was strongly embedded in this strategy. Based on the accounts of our activities it is obvious that DRC is one of the most active actors pioneering and developing this strategy. Maybe it is due to our focus: knowledge, education and research activities which are never bounded to closed local territories. They must always cross the borders if to succeed and DRC is important tool in this aspect.

I do not know what the father-founders of DRC had in mind when they met for the first time. But for sure they dreamed about close cooperation among the universities and other actors (like academies of sciences) operating in the region. This dream becomes true, not only as DREAM flagship project of the EUSDR supported by DRC which has been recently endorsed but also in terms of summer schools outlined in details in this booklet. I believe the father-founders of DRC also had in mind the future of the region. That is why we have now another endorsed EUSDR flagship project: DANUBE:FUTURE which is supported together by DRC and Alps-Adriatic Rectors' Conference. We are closely cooperating with EU Joint Research Centre and Danube Academies Conference. They are just some of the activities through which we demonstrate that we appreciate the legacy of those who founded and developed DRC in the past. Therefore this booklet wants to thank and to appreciate all people who participated in our activities and whose names are mentioned in this book in various contexts. I guess the names of everybody who was engaged in DRC activities in the past would not be possible to be published because to list the staff and students of all DRC universities would necessitate publishing several volumes since they all somehow contributed through their activities to the DRC achievements. Therefore this book is considered as a token of appreciation of all of them. Enjoy reading it!

Prof. Ing. Jiří Balík, CSc.

DRC President

Rector of Czech University of Life Sciences Prague

PREFACE

It was a great moment when the idea of the summer school for the network popped up in 2003, coming from two young scholar-managers from Pécs and Vienna, but immediately receiving support from three well-established and highly respected rectors from Pécs, Bratislava and Vienna. All were enthusiastic about the project, and they were right! The DRC Summer School has truly become the flagship project of the Rectors' Conference.

Our first ten years prove the relevance of the project among members and even beyond, and the total number of participants and the countries they represent shows how much it has always been about our regions. We are proud of all our speakers, experts and obviously, young scientists and researchers, who so far have contributed a lot to add to the corpus of knowledge about what a 'View from the Danube Region' means when any highly topical issue of regional cooperation is addressed in a scholarly way. We are exceptionally grateful to all our supporters and sponsors, most of which we have been developing the school together as valuable partners, fostering mutual benefits.

With this booklet we first of all wish to greet the 30-year-old Danube Rectors' Conference, but at the same time its 10-year-old child, the DRC Summer School, which we have been nurturing with pleasure and renewed excitement every year, and in a forward-looking way, with hope that more decades are ahead us and our respected collaboration!

Vienna–Pécs, 15 October 2013

Dr. Susan Milford, Ph.D.
Managing Director of IDM

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Director of IDResearch

ANOTHER DECADE OF SUCCESSFUL YEARS

30 YEARS OF DANUBE RECTORS' CONFERENCE

Ferdinand Devinsky^{1 2}

The university is a European institution; indeed, it is the European institution *par excellence*. It is, moreover, except the Church, the only European institution which has preserved its fundamental patterns and its basic social role and functions over the course of history. No other European institution has spread over the entire world in the way in which the traditional form of the European university has done. For example the degrees awarded by European universities—the bachelor's degree, the licentiate, the master's degree, and the doctorate—have been adopted in the most diverse societies throughout the world. Even the name of the *universities*, which in the Middle Ages was applied to corporate bodies of the most diverse forms and was accordingly applied to the corporate organisation of teachers and students, has in the course of centuries been given a more particular meaning—the university as a *universitas litterarum*, as an intellectual institution. Moreover, the university is a European institution because it has, in its social role, developed, transmitted, and performed certain functions (scientific, scholarly knowledge) for all European societies [1]. And this feeling of responsibility is one of the driving forces of universities to cooperate and try to bring the whole society some wellness or—in the words of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR): contribute to building prosperity.

In response to the nowadays rapidly growing importance of inter-university cooperation especially in regions that have something in common which binds them together, at the beginning of eighties of the 20th century a new movement in the Danube Region started to emerge. In 1983, the Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC) was established³. The idea came from the universities of Vienna and Ulm which were also from the beginning the driving forces for such a process. After preliminary meetings of two rectors professors Richard Plaschka from Vienna University and Matthias Brückmann from University of Ulm in 1982, the representatives of Universities of Ulm, Vienna, Linz, and Budapest met in Vienna in April 1983 and in Ulm in September 1983 where the DRC was founded by the universities of Ulm, Vienna, Linz, Budapest, Passau, Novi Sad, and Belgrade. At the twentieth anniversary in 2003, the DRC had nearly 50 members from eleven countries. Today, when we are celebrating the 30th anniversary of the DRC, we have 56 members from 14 countries. The first twenty years of DRC are described in more details in the articles of the honorary president and former president of the DRC, professor Leopold März [2], and the former president of the DRC, professor Marjan Šunjič [3].

Such a development was no surprise because the founding fathers of the DRC recognised the significance and especially the future potential of the Danube Region. The Danube passes

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³ Some of the information is available at the website of the DRC <http://www.drc-danube.org/>. However, a considerable portion of it is difficult to access because some documents are in the archives, some are in private hands.

through four Central European capitals, passes or touches 10 countries and its drainage extends into nine more countries. In the Danube basin, around 100 million people are living including three million students. Danube itself is 2872 km long. However, linked by the Main-Danube canal, the Rhine and the Danube are directly connecting eleven countries from the North Sea to the Black Sea over a length of 3500 km. Hence, the Danube river represents the backbone of the region which has a strategic position, opening the EU to its neighbours, the Black Sea region, the South Caucasus and Central Asia. Danube is the world's most international river. The region is thus full of opportunities and challenges [4].

And in fact the DRC, after the first introductory founding phase and the following extensive developmental phase, is now paying more attention to a higher qualitative growth and even more; DRC is launching activities which need not only intellectual support but also financial support from its own sources. DRC plays an important role in the Danube region. Not only as regional player but also as a partner, e.g., in the very recently (17 May 2013) launched scientific support programme in the framework of the EUSDR. Moreover, the members of the DRC are coming also from outside the Danube Region which is certainly proof of the growing attraction of the DRC's activities. This can be also seen from the themes discussed during the DRC annual conferences or other DRC meetings. Many of such themes were initiated by the Bologna process, a major reform in higher education, which literally changed the whole life of all participating universities and countries, creating some new problems. Many of the DRC member universities were seeking advice in the matters, bringing their questions into the scene.

The enlargement process in the EU also brought a new impetus to the DRC; and not only to the DRC. The past ten years were a time of increasing political consolidation and stability in the Danube Region and Central Europe. Even the economic crises, especially around and after 2008, did not change this reality.

Already the annual conference in *September 2003 in Prague at Charles University* (rector professor Ivan Wilhelm⁴) under the theme "Regional cooperation in Higher Education" showed an enlarged range of interest of the DRC in international matters when, at the proposal of the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe – IDM (Mag. Gerald Roßkogler), the International House of Pécs and the University of Pécs (Dr. István Tarrósy), the "DRC Summer School on Regional Co-operation" was established and cofounded. This initiative was a wise decision; the Summer School is a healthy activity and this year celebrated its 10th anniversary under the guidance of Dr. Susan Milford, managing director of IDM. Its general aim is to promote regional co-operation among young scientists in social sciences. We can certainly say that this is one of the flagships of the DRC's activities.

Unfortunately, another international activity of the DRC, which was popular among heads of international offices of member universities, the so called "IRO meetings", which was functioning quite well, was discontinued for some reasons recently.

In *September 2004*, the annual conference of the DRC was held in *Cluj-Napoca at Babes-Bolyai University* (rector professor Andrei Marga) with themes concerning mobilities of students and

⁴ The names of rectors are the names of acting rectors who were the hosts of the DRC annual conferences.

staff, the financing of higher education institutions, etc. The main focuses included the internationalisation.

The *University of Zagreb* (rector professor Helena Jasna Menczer) was the next host for the *September 2005* annual conference and the General Assembly. The leading theme was "University Governance and Finance".

September 2006 was remarkable for the DRC for several reasons. The *University of Maribor* (rector professor Ivan Rozman) hosted the annual conference with the leading theme "The Role of Universities and Competitiveness of the Danube Region" from the Lisbon Strategy point view which was discussed for the first time in such complexity at a DRC meeting. In the same year, the website of the DRC was created by the Maribor University and maintained until 2012. This was for the DRC a very important and thankworthy act. The presentation of the DRC flag to the DRC Presidency by rector Rozman on the closing day of the conference was also a memorable event. For the first time in the history of the DRC, a university for continuing education, the *Danube University of Krems* (rector professor Heinrich Kern) was hosting the DRC annual event in *September 2007*. The main theme was "Strategic Management and New Challenges of Competitive Universities in the Danube Region" including a poster session. During the conference and the General Assembly, some new ideas emerged. At the proposal of rector Kern, the concept of working groups was elaborated. The main goal of those bodies was to coordinate and support cooperation between member universities in their fields of activity.

Immediately after the meeting in Krems, during the next DRC annual conference in *Budapest at Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)* (rector professor Ferenc Hudecz) in *September 2008*, the Research, Education, International Relations and Higher Education Management working groups were established. The conference focused on four topics: higher education management and strategic planning; life-long learning; internationalisation; and knowledge and technology transfer. Upon the proposal of rector Hudecz, a rowing regatta for students was introduced and was successfully launched in Budapest in 2009 and in Novi Sad in June 2010. The celebration of the 25th DRC anniversary was an excellently organised gathering (Dr. Anita Horváth); it was a symbolical sightseeing cruise on the River Danube, however, a lot of informal work was done at this occasion. For the member universities ELTE organised a meeting of their Confucian's Institutes with the main goal of opening the DRC also more eastwards. The archive of the DRC was deposited to the ELTE library.

The continuity of the yearly September – October meetings was interrupted in the year 2009 when the annual Conference and the General Assembly of the DRC was postponed for due reasons to *February 2010* and was held at the *University of Novi Sad* (rector professor Miroslav Veskovič). The meeting was held in the spirit of anticipation of the decision about the EUSDR project. It was a very important meeting where the General Assembly approved the Novi Sad Declaration [5] (prepared for discussion by vice-rector of University of Maribor, professor Marko Marhl and DRC honorary president and former DRC president professor Ferdinand Devinsky) also with an outline of the envisaged strategy. The main themes of the conference were doctoral studies, mobility,

climate changes and world heritage. The initiative of the Rectors' Conference of Alps-Adriatic Universities (AARC) to send a letter to EU Commission signed jointly by AARC and DRC was agreed.

In the same year 2010, the annual conference was held in *November* in Ruse at the *University of Ruse "Angel Kanchev"* (rector professor Christo Beloev). The themes were the following: Integration processes in the Danube Region; International cooperation - bridge for better educational practices; Quality in education; Sustainable development in regions – business, social and ecological aspects. Also in November this particular year, a DRC International Conference: "DRC Conference, University of Excellence: Teaching, Learning, Research, and Community Services" was organised and held in Cluj-Napoca at Babes-Bolyai University.

The DRC annual conference in *November 2011 at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) in Vienna* (rector professor Martin H. Gerzabek) was focused mainly on life sciences and the BOVA-NOVA projects. During the conference, chairman of IDM Dr. Erhard Busek and EU Commissioner Dr. Johannes Hahn paid attention to the EUSDR. The AARC proposed a project to the DRC concerning cooperation within the Danube Strategy in the topic "Uni-to-Uni: New challenges for the University Governance in a Converging Macroregion" (coordinators: AARC + DRC; participants: University of Trieste (+ COINFO).

The DRC annual conference in 2012 was held in *November* again in *Prague* at the *Czech University of Life Sciences* (rector professor Jiří Balík). The theme was very appropriate from the recent economic and financial crises point of view: "Building bridges across turbulent waters" addressing the possibilities of cooperation and various tools facilitating such cooperation. The poster session was part of the conference demonstrating the power of networking. At this conference, we



Annual meeting in Vienna, 2011

welcomed the IDM as a re-vitalised permanent secretariat for the DRC by January 2013. We do hope that such a standing secretariat will provide stable, continuous, and reliable support to our organisation.

On 23 November 2012, the DRC became a member of the DIAnet [6]. DIAnet's main objective is to promote the enhancement and increase of the parameters measuring quality, effectiveness, competitiveness and integration in research, administration, cooperation and exchange of good practices.

This year's conference will be held in *November 2013 in Cluj-Napoca*, at the *University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine* (rector professor Doru Pamfil) under the theme: "Research and Innovation Partnership in Danube Region".

On 18 February 2013 the Danube Rectors' Conference became a legal entity with its legal domicile in Brussels.

With no doubt the most important and most significant initiative in this decade not only for the DRC's activities but also for the whole Danube Region was the launch of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region with its four pillars and eleven Priority Areas. In December 2009, the European Commission adopted and in April 2011 the Council endorsed this strategy [7].

The four pillars are: Connecting the region; Protecting the Environment; Building Prosperity; and Strengthening the Region. Each university, not only the member HEIs of the DRC, can find their place in this initiative; especially after the approving and launching of the scientific support to the Danube Strategy which was presented at a high-level meeting in Bratislava on 17 May 2013. The six clusters will provide scientific evidence to support the Danube Strategy, and will also serve to foster scientific cooperation across the region.

When the European Council endorsed the EU Strategy for the Danube Region in June 2011, it was calling on all relevant actors to implement it without delay. The European Commission's in-house science service, the Joint Research Centre (JRC), responded to this call of the Council by launching the "*Scientific Support to the Danube Strategy*" initiative. For the DRC it is an especially important deed because it is mentioned in the document twice and served as a consultation source for the JRC: "... the JRC launched the initiative and consulted the relevant stakeholders at scientific and political level. Cooperation agreements were set up with 9 Academies of Sciences in the Region and the *Danube Rectors' Conference* (representing 56 universities)" and "Key partners are for instance the Academies of Science, the *Danube Rectors' Conference* and the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)". Six scientific clusters were launched: water; land and soil; air; bioenergy; reference data and service infrastructure; and smart specialisation [8].

All these developments have provided and will provide new stimuli and motivation to the DRC. The DRC has more than ever grown to be a vibrant platform for information exchange and a basis of new activities in research and academic studies which are accompanied by work groups and specific events.

In addition to the EUSDR, the new initiative, DANUBE 2014–2020, a new transnational ETC programme [9], will also be a challenge for the DRC and its member universities. However, as Commissioner Dr. Johannes Hahn said commenting on the findings of the European Commission first progress report (9 April 2013) on the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region [4], almost two years after it was first launched: "The EU Strategy for the Danube Region is proof that Member States achieve more when they work together. Now we need to step up a gear. I want to see the priorities of the Danube Strategy in our next generation of Regional funds programming and firmly embedded in the national, regional and local priorities in every one of the 14 countries involved. The Strategy should be informing every relevant policy area with politically stable, adequately financed structures to support it."

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Honorary Presidents of the DRC

Prof. Dr. Leopold März (1 January 2003 – 31 December 2006)
 Prof. Dr. Andrei Marga (1 January 2007 – 31 December 2010)
 Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Devinsky (1 January 2011 – 31 December 2014)
 Prof. Dr. Ferenc Hudecz (1 January 2015 – 31 December 2018)

THE DRC SUMMER SCHOOL ON REGIONAL CO-OPERATION

The Summer School project was initiated by the IDM (Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe / Institut für den Donauraum und Mitteleuropa), Vienna and the Regional European Information and Education Center PBC, Pécs in 2003 to promote regional co-operation among young scientists. The general aim was and still is the establishment of a network of young scientists who deal with the issue of regional co-operation as Central European perspective, and thus the institutionalisation and long-term development of the Summer School for the future.

In 2013 the successful co-operation of the project was continued, and the 10th edition of the DRC Summer School was organised in Budapest at the Andrásy University. This activity was another successful step towards enhancing and deepening scientific co-operations in Central Europe.

Since 2006 the IDM is represented in the project by Dr. Susan Milford, managing director, whereas IDResearch Ltd. is represented by Dr. István Tarrósy, managing director, and former managing director of the Regional European Information and Education Center PBC who has been implementing the project with the Austrian partners since the launch of the project.

The aims of the organisers are

- to enhance awareness for the significance and possibilities of regional co-operation
- to discuss and develop strategies for the improvement of co-operation in the region
- to bring young scientists from countries of the Danube Region and Central Europe together to establish a regional scientific network within the European Research Area
- to foster relations between the partner universities of the Danube Rectors' Conference and with other regional actors
- to prepare a sustainable series of events to be able to meet the tasks mentioned above
- to promote the mobility of young scientists, especially in South East Europe

The Summer School offers plenary lectures held by high-level scientists and experts (representatives of regional organisations, NGOs, scientists and teachers from universities), always left sufficient time for the participants to raise questions after the lectures and to get engaged in discussions with the experts. The topics of the lectures reflect various aspects of the general topic of the Summer School.

All participants present their own research interests and projects in parallel workshops, that focus on special issues, again linked to the general topic of the Summer School. They obtain the possibility to discuss together with the workshop leaders, in some cases also involving lecturers. Finally, there is always a presentation of the results of each working group delivered by the workshop leaders on the last day before the closing session.



Europa Forum Wachau

Krems, 2008

In addition to the lectures, discussions and workshop-sessions, the participants attended a field trip and an intense cultural and social programme.

The participants have to apply with a CV and an abstract of their paper for the Summer School. The organisers select them in close co-operation with the DRC presidency. The participants have to attend more than 90% of the lectures and workshops to gain a certificate with 10 ECTS credit points granted by the University of Pécs, Faculty of Humanities. The presence was controlled by the organisers. The working language is English.

To gain more sustainability the best results of each Summer School were annually published in proceedings volumes presented at the opening ceremony of the Summer School.

In 2005 and 2006 Pécs additionally hosted follow-up seminars, so called "Regional Winter Seminar of Young Social Scientists".

In providing an interdisciplinary approach to the region shared by participants, workshop leaders and lecturers from different countries, the DRC Summer School tries to give a broad view on what the Danubian Region can be. By giving the opportunity to focus on certain areas and/or topics the work of young researchers can be integrated in this view, thus fostering the activities on a scientific level. Questions like what is the Danubian Region and how can it

be described are not only relevant for science disciplines but also on a political level. Regional co-operation is not only a buzzword; it is the expression of the will to work together on the future's challenges. The DRC Summer School's aim is to contribute to this regional co-operation by establishing a network of young scientists working on the region in different fields. The proceedings volume is an opportunity for young scientists to publish. Furthermore it shall present an overview on actual questions concerning the region. Thus, the DRC Summer School contributes to the discourse on the Danubian Region in a sustainable way.

The organisers are already in the process of preparing for the 11th edition – so, the DRC Summer School goes on!

Susan Milford and István Tarrósy in Maribor, 2012





Vienna, 2011

Participants by nationality

<i>Nationality</i>	<i>Number of participants 2004–13</i>
1 Albania	7
2 Armenia	2
3 Austria	16
4 Azerbaijan	1
5 Bosnia and Herzegovina	4
6 Bulgaria	18
7 Croatia	6
8 Czech Republic	3
9 Germany	8
10 Greece	3
11 Hungary	27
12 Italy	3
13 Kosovo*	9
14 Lithuania	1
15 Macedonia	2
16 Moldova	2
17 Poland	8
18 Romania	31
19 Russia	1
20 Serbia	9
21 Slovakia	5
22 Turkey	7
23 Ukraine	12
24 USA	1

Total

186

*UN Resolution 1244

OVERVIEW OF THE LAST 10 YEARS

1st DRC (Danube Rectors' Conference) Summer School on Regional Co-operation

8–14 August 2004 / Pécs, Hungary

"The Europe of Regions for the Regions of Europe"
Regional Co-operation as Central European Perspective

Workshops:

1. Regional Co-operation among EU Member States, Regional Organisations and Initiatives
2. Co-operation between the Border Regions
3. The Role of Civil Society, Education and Science

Venue:

Regional European Information and Education Centre PBC, Pécs

1st Regional Winter Seminar of Young Social Scientists
under the intellectual sponsorship of the DRC (Danube Rectors' Conference)

28 February 2005 / International House, Pécs, Hungary

"The Future of Intergovernmental Regional Co-operation in the Enlarged EU"

2nd DRC (Danube Rectors' Conference) Summer School on Regional Co-operation

4–12 July 2005 / Eisenstadt, Austria

"Social, Economic and Political Cohesion in the Danube Region in Light of EU Enlargement"

Workshops:

1. Social Divergence in the Danube Region
2. Economic Cohesion through Co-operation
3. EU Enlargement and Political Unity

Venue:

FH Eisenstadt, Eisenstadt



Participants of the
1st DRC Summer School,
Pécs, 2004

Partners of the DRC Summer School by year

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and Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna
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Southeast Europe Association, Munich
Andrássy University, Budapest
Nuclear Power Plant, Paks
Education and Culture DG: Europe for
Citizens Programme

2nd DRC Winter Seminar of Young Social Scientists
under the intellectual sponsorship of the DRC (Danube Rectors' Conference)

27 February 2006 / International House, Pécs, Hungary

"Central-European Co-operation Promoting Culture and Education"

3rd DRC (Danube Rectors' Conference) Summer School on Regional Co-operation

6–13 August 2006 / Dubrovnik, Croatia

"The Future of Europe - A View from the Danube Region"

Workshops:

1. Constitutional Treaty and Internal Structure of the EU
2. Concepts for Enlargement and Integration
3. The Social Dimension of Europe
4. The EU as a Global Player

Venue:

Centre for Advanced Academic Studies of the University of Zagreb, Dubrovnik

4th DRC (Danube Rectors' Conference) Summer School on Regional Co-operation

22–29 July 2007 / Pécs, Hungary

"European Higher Education in a Changing World - A View from the Danube Region"

Workshops:

1. Life Long Learning: Opportunities and Challenges
2. Brain Circulation and Aspects of Migration in the EU of 27
3. University Management – Tasks for the 21st Century
4. European Higher Education in a Changing Global Environment

Venue:

Bagolyvár Hotel, Pécs



Eisenstadt, 2005

Workshop-leaders of the DRC Summer Schools

<i>Name</i>		<i>Institution</i>	<i>Year</i>
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2	SCHÄFFER Sebastian	SCC Europe, Berlin	2013
3	NADJIVAN Silvia	IDM, Vienna	2012
4	TRONCOTA Miruna	University of Bucharest	2011
5	WEITHMANN Michael	University of Passau	2011
6	TAKÁCS Gergely	University of Pécs	2011
7	SCHERHAUFER Patrick	BOKU, Vienna	2011
8	RISTIĆ Irena	Institute of Social Sciences Belgrade	2010
9	SCHEER Tamara	University of Vienna	2009
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5th DRC (Danube Rectors' Conference) Summer School on Regional Co-operation

29 June–6 July 2008 / Krems, Austria

“Changing Dynamics of the Danubian Region – New Neighbourhood Policy in the EU”

Workshops:

1. European Neighbourhood Policy as Efficient Tool for Conflict Management?
2. Economic and Social Perspectives of the European Neighbourhood Policy
3. Potentials for the Civil Society in the European Neighbourhood Policy
4. Relations of the European Union to the Black Sea Region

Venue:

Danube University Krems



Budapest, 2009

Pécs, 2010



6th DRC (Danube Rectors' Conference) Summer School on Regional Co-operation

5 July–12 July 2009 / Budapest, Hungary

"Regime Change and Transitions across the Danubian Region: 1989–2009"

Workshops:

1. Revolutionary Changes and Their Political Impacts on Europe
2. Economic and Social Perspectives of Democratic Change
3. 1989 as Impetus for Regional Co-operation with Special Focus on Science and Research and for Development of Civil Society in CEE
4. New Geopolitical Era for CEECs? – The Danubian Region in International Relations 20 Years after the Fall of the Iron Curtain

Venue:

Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest



Budapest, 2013

Budapest, 2013





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7th DRC (Danube Rectors' Conference) Summer School on Regional Co-operation

25 July–1 August 2010 / Pécs, Hungary

***"The Western Balkans: Lessons from the Past and Future Prospects –
A View from the Danube Region"***

Workshops:

1. Transforming the Western Balkans: A Specific European Journey since 1990 and Future Perspectives
2. Economic and Social Conditions and Perspectives in the Western Balkans
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4. Geopolitics and the Issue of Stability in the Western Balkans

Venue:

University of Pécs, Faculty of Humanities

8th DRC (Danube Rectors' Conference) Summer School on Regional Co-operation

3–10 July, 2011 / Vienna, Austria

"EU Strategy for the Danube Region – Perspectives for the Future"

Workshops:

1. Regional Cooperation along the Danube - Culture, Education, Science
2. History and Geopolitics in the Danube Region
3. Economy vs. Environment – Challenges along the Danube: Economic, Social, Infrastructure Development
4. Danube Strategy – How Much "Stronger Europe" Can Be? New Chances for Regional Co-operation and European Integration

Venue:

University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna

9th DRC (Danube Rectors' Conference) Summer School on Regional Co-operation

1–8 July, 2012 / Maribor, Slovenia

“Challenges for the European Union in the Next Decade - A View from the Danube Region”

Workshops:

1. Environmental and Economic Challenges: A Chance for Sustainable Development?
2. Research and Education: Opportunities to Foster (Inter)regional Co-operation
3. EU Enlargement: Limits and Chances

Venue:

University of Maribor

10th DRC Summer School on Regional Co-operation

7–14 July, 2013 / Budapest, Hungary

“Old Neighbours - New Policies in the Countries along the Danube and the Black Sea Region”

Workshops:

1. Historical Dimensions & Current Developments
2. Regional Co-operations in Research and Education
3. Economic, Environmental & Social Aspects of Neighbourhood Policy
4. Central European Security in a Changing World

Venue:

Andrássy University, Budapest

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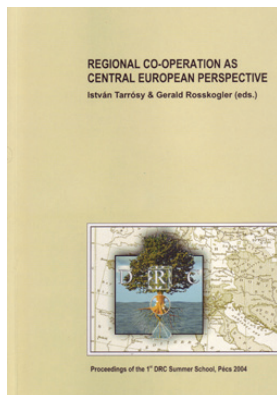
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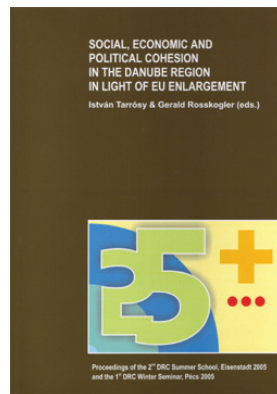
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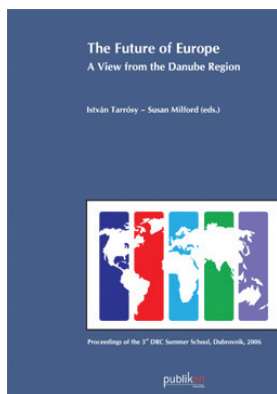
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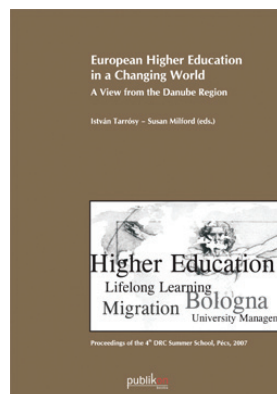
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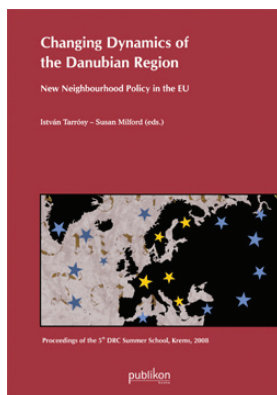
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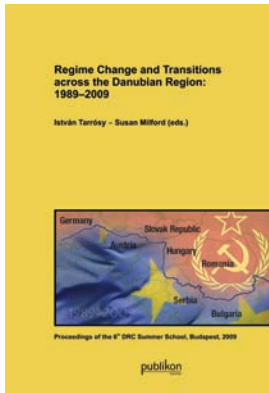
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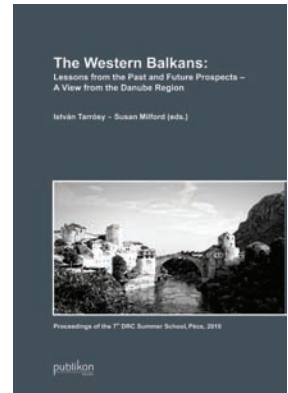
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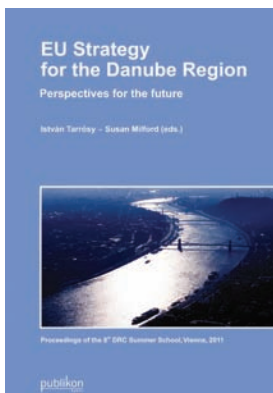
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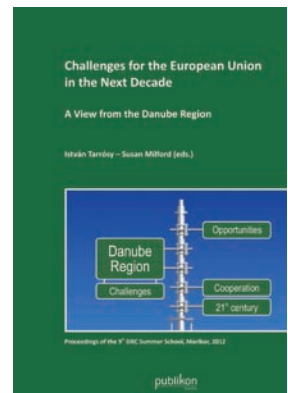
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