

BSUN 2018 Congress

UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals in the Black Sea Region: From Science to Implementation

Monday, June 18, 2018

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08:30 – 09:00	<i>Registration of the participants</i>		
09:00 – 09:45	Welcome Speeches		
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11:30 – 12:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
12:00 – 14:00	1st Parallel Session on EDUCATION: <i>Quality Assurance in Higher Education</i>	2nd Parallel Session on TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION: <i>Industry Innovation & Infrastructure</i>	3rd Parallel Session on SUSTAINABLE GROWTH: <i>Blue Economy, Water Research & Climate Change</i>
14:00 – 15:00	<i>Lunch</i>		
15:00 – 16:30	1st Parallel Session EDUCATION: <i>Inclusiveness and Cooperation in Higher Education</i>	2nd Parallel Session on TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION: <i>Space Technology for food security</i>	3rd Parallel Session on SUSTAINABLE GROWTH: <i>Sustainable Cities & Communities</i>
16:30 – 16:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
16:45 – 18:30	Plenary Session: Joint Degrees in BSUN		
20:00	<i>Cocktail Reception & BSUN Networking Event, Hotel Makedonia Palace</i>		
21:00	<i>Welcome Dinner</i>		

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09:00 – 09:45	Welcome Speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Stergios PITSIORLAS, Deputy Minister for Investment, Ministry of Economy & Development, Greece• Prof. Pericles A. MITKAS, Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece• Prof. Giga ZEDANIA, Rector, Ilia State University, Georgia• Prof. Vladimir BUMBAŠIREVIĆ, Rector, University of Belgrade, Serbia• H.E. Amb. Michael B. CHRISTIDES, Secretary General of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization• Prof. Mahmud Erol KILIC, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States
09:45 – 11:30	Keynote Speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Vanessa DEBIAIS-SAINTON (video), Head of Unit – Higher Education, Directorate-General Education and Culture, European Commission• Prof. Jeffrey SACHS (video or live streaming), Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University and Director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network• Dr. Argyro KAVVADA, Associate, Science Program Management NASA, Executive Secretary of EO4SDG Initiative, <i>EO4SDGs: Current situation and future prospectives</i>• Mr. László BORBELY, State Counselor to the Prime Minister’s Office, Romanian Government, <i>Romania’s experience in implementing the 2030 Agenda</i>
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>

1st Parallel Session on EDUCATION
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12:00 – 14:00	<i>Quality Assurance in Higher Education</i>
Chair	Prof. Anastas GERDJIKOV , Rector, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Bulgaria
Co-chair	Prof. Ariadni STOGIANNIDOU , Vice Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Giga ZEDANIA, Rector, Ilia State University, Georgia, <i>Education reforms in the context of modernization</i> • Prof. Bogdan YEGOROV, Rector & Prof. Maryna MARDAR, Vice Rector, Odessa National Academy of Food Technologies, Ukraine, <i>Making new international contacts and developing international collaboration within the activities of Odessa National Academy of Food Technologies</i> • Prof. Aurel PAPARI, President, Andrei Saguna University, Romania & Prof. Andra SECELEANU, Vice Rector, Andrei Saguna University, Romania, <i>Quality Assurance: Comparative research on higher education institutions from Black Sea Region</i> • Prof. Ariadni STOGIANNIDOU, Vice Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece <p><i>Discussion and closing remarks</i></p>
14:00 – 15:00	<i>Lunch</i>
15:00 – 16:30	<i>Inclusiveness and Cooperation in Higher Education</i>
Chair	Prof. Giga ZEDANIA , Rector, Ilia State University, Georgia
Co-chair	Prof. Chryssi VITSILAKI , Rector Elected, University of the Aegean, Greece
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Giorgi SOSIASHVILLI, Rector, Gori State Teaching University, Georgia, <i>Internationalization of higher education in Georgia: building on European Experience</i> • Prof. Volodymyr ONYSHCHENKO, Rector, Poltava National Technical Yuri Kondratyuk University, Ukraine, <i>Dual education as an effective form of qualitative staff assistance of oil and gas companies</i> • Prof. Atanas KOVACHEV & Prof. Emil PANUSHEFF, Varna Free University “Chernorizets Hrabar”, Bulgaria, <i>Knowledge and skills for sustainable development: the impact of the new Master programme Circular Economy at Varna Free University</i> <p><i>Discussion and closing remarks</i></p>
16:30 – 16:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>

2nd Parallel Session on TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

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12:00 – 14:00	<i>Industry Innovation & Infrastructure</i>
Chair	Acad. Abel MAHARRAMOV , Rector, Baku State University, Azerbaijan
Co-chair	Prof. Nikolaos Ch. VARSAKELIS , Vice Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Sergiy BYELIKOV, Rector, Zaporizhzhya National Technical University, Ukraine, <i>ZNTU: International activities as key factor for progress in education</i>• Prof. Konstantin MARKELOV, Acting Rector, Astrakhan State University, Russia• Prof. Eden MAMUT, Secretary General, Black Sea Universities Network, <i>Knowledge transfer models for university-industry cooperation centered on scientific research infrastructures</i>• Prof. Armen DER KIUREGHIAN, President, American University of Armenia, <i>Teaching, learning and practice of entrepreneurship within a university</i>• Prof. Emil CAZACU & Prof. Cristina SĂRĂCIN, Politehnica University of Bucharest, Romania, <i>Evaluation of the operating parameters of power distribution transformers operating under special environmental conditions</i> <p><i>Discussion and closing remarks</i></p>
14:00 – 15:00	<i>Lunch</i>
15:00 – 16:30	<i>Space Technology for food security</i>
Chair	Prof. Vladimir BUMBAŠIREVIĆ , Rector, University of Belgrade, Serbia
Co-chair	Prof. George ZALIDIS , Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Vladimir BUMBAŠIREVIĆ, Rector, University of Belgrade, Serbia, <i>Space Technologies for Food Industry – Program on Agriculture at the University of Belgrade</i>• Dr. Karsten ZIMMERMANN & Prof. Eden MAMUT, Secretary General, Black Sea Universities Network, <i>Supervision of tailings by an integrated novel approach to combine ground-based and space-borne sensor data</i> <p><i>Discussion and closing remarks</i></p>
16:30 – 16:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>

3rd Parallel Session on SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

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12:00 – 14:00	<i>Blue Economy, Water Research & Climate Change</i>
Chair	Acad. Michael ZGUROVSKY , Rector, Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute, Ukraine
Co-chair	Prof. Nicolaos P. THEODOSSIOU , Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Dimitris DIMITRIADIS, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), <i>Blue economy in the Western Mediterranean</i>• Assoc. Prof. Prodromos ZANIS, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, <i>Challenges of regional climate change over the Black Sea and the Mediterranean</i>• Assoc. Prof. Mustafa YÜCEL, Vice Director Institute of Marine Sciences, Middle East Technical University (METU), Turkey, <i>A new blue growth vision for the Black Sea: Identifying marine and maritime research and innovation priorities in the frame of a new strategic research and innovation agenda</i>• Dr. Anton AFANASYEV, Southern Federal University, Russia, <i>Achieving sustainable development goals through international STI cooperation</i>• Assoc. Prof. Elpida KOLOKYTHA, Director, Centre for Integrated Water Resources Management, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki – UNESCO Centre for Water, Greece <i>The new AUTH UNESCO cat. II Water Center and SDGs. Managing and protecting freshwater resources and the well-being of people</i> <p><i>Discussion and closing remarks</i></p>
14:00 – 15:00	<i>Lunch</i>
15:00 – 16:30	<i>Sustainable Cities & Communities</i>
Chair	Prof. Gulchohra MAMMADOVA , Rector, Azerbaijan University of Architecture & Construction
Co-chair	Prof. Nicolas MOUSSIOPOULOS , Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Eftichios SARTZETAKIS, Vice Rector, University of Macedonia, Greece, <i>Climate change finance with emphasis on sustainable cities</i>• Prof. Nicolas MOUSSIOPOULOS, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, <i>Circular economy: Smart cities</i>• Ms. Konstantina KARYDI, Associate Director, City Resilience Delivery – Europe & the Middle East, 100 Resilient Cities• Mrs. Georgiana BERCARU, Expert, Black Sea Universities Network Secretariat, <i>Integrating renewable energy sources for sustainable transport systems in port cities</i> <p><i>Discussion and closing remarks</i></p>
16:30 – 16:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>

Plenary Session
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16:45 – 18:30	<i>Joint Degrees in BSUN</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience and the future of Staff and Students Exchange • Developing common postgraduate programs • New opportunities in distance and e-learning cooperation
Chair	Prof. Mircea DUMITRU , Rector, University of Bucharest, Romania
Co-chair	Assoc. Prof. Grigorios ZAROTIADIS , Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Political Sciences, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
Keynote Address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Mircea DUMITRU, Rector, University of Bucharest, Romania, <i>Sustainable education for happiness and well-being</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acad. Abel MAHARRAMOV, Rector, Baku State University, Azerbaijan • Prof. Dimitris KOVAIOS, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Environment, Aristotle University Thessaloniki, Greece, <i>A successful cooperation between the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and RUDN University of Moscow: a common Master Program in Organic Farming, Students and Staff Mobility and Conferences</i> • Prof. Eden MAMUT, Secretary General, Black Sea Universities Network, <i>Development of regional Master degree programs – Case study “EIT OPEN ESEE Regional Master for maintenance engineering”</i> • AIESEC and SDSN Youth, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, <i>Presentation of students’ activities in regard to the SDGs</i>

20:00	<i>Cocktail Reception & BSUN Networking Event</i>
21:00	<i>Welcome Dinner</i>

13th Conference of Rectors from the Black Sea Region

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Thessaloniki City Hall

09:00 – 10:00	Invited Guests Mr. Petar NIKOLOV , Deputy-Minister of Education and Science, Bulgaria Ms. Kollia –TSAROUCHA , Deputy Minister for Macedonia and Thrace, Greece (TBC) Ms. Meropi TZOUFI , Deputy Minister of Education, Research and Religious Affairs, Greece (TBC) Mr. Apostolos TZITZIKOSTAS , Governor of Central Macedonia, Greece (TBC) Mr. Yannis BOUTARIS , Mayor of Thessaloniki, Greece (TBC) Ms. Katerina NOTOPOULOU , Head of the Thessaloniki Prime Minister’s Secretariat Office, Greece (TBC)
10:00 – 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reports from the Parallel sessions• Adoption of the Declaration of the Conference of Rectors from the BSR on the implementation of the UN 2030 SDGs in the Black Sea Region Countries Chair Prof. Pericles A. MITKAS , Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
12:00 – 13:00	1st Session of the Conference of Rectors from the Black Sea Region <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Country Reports
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	2nd Session of the Conference of Rectors from the Black Sea Region <ul style="list-style-type: none">• University Presentations
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:00 – 17:30	3rd Session of the Conference of Rectors from the Black Sea Region <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Election of the new President
20:00	<i>Social Dinner</i>