

BSUN 2018 Congress

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

Monday, June 18, 2018

Aristotle University Research Dissemination Center

08:30 – 09:00	<i>Registration</i>		
09:00 – 09:45	Welcome Speeches		
09:45 – 11:30	Plenary Session: UN 2030 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS		
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Coffee Break and Press Conference</i>		
12:00 – 13:30	1st Parallel Session on EDUCATION <i>Quality Assurance in Higher Education</i>	2nd Parallel Session on TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION <i>Industry Innovation and Infrastructure</i>	3rd Parallel Session on SUSTAINABLE GROWTH <i>Blue Economy, Water Research and Climate Change</i>
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>		
14:30 – 16:00	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 and Communities</i>
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
16:30 – 18:00	Plenary Session: JOINT DEGREES IN BSUN		
20:00	<i>Cocktail Reception & BSUN Networking Event (Only invited guests)</i>		
21:00	<i>Social Dinner (Only invited guests)</i>		

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Plenary Session I

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Auditorium I

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:45	Welcome Speeches
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Pericles A. MITKAS, Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece• H.E. Amb. Michael B. CHRISTIDES, Secretary General of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization• Prof. Mahmud Erol KILIÇ, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States• Prof. Giga ZEDANIA, BSUN President, Rector, Ilia State University, Georgia• Acad. Abel MAHARRAMOV, Former BSUN President, Rector, Baku State University, Azerbaijan• Acad. Jorgaq KAÇANI, Former BSUN President, University of Tirana, Albania
09:45 – 11:30	Plenary Session: UN 2030 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS Chair: Prof. Giga Zedania , BSUN President, Rector, Ilia State University, Georgia
Keynote Lectures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Vanessa DEBIAIS-SAINTON (videoconference), Head of Unit – Higher Education, DG Education and Culture, European Commission, Belgium <i>European Universities Initiative: Current status, next steps</i>• Prof. Jeffrey SACHS (video or live streaming), Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University and Director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, USA <i>UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals: A status report</i>• Dr. Argyro KAVVADA, Associate, Science Program Management NASA and Executive Secr. of EO4SDG Initiative, USA <i>EO4SDG: Current situation and future perspectives</i>• Mr. László BORBELY, State Counselor to the Prime Minister’s Office, Romania <i>Romania’s experience in implementing the 2030 Agenda</i> <p>Discussion and closing remarks</p>
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee Break and Press Conference

1st Parallel Session on EDUCATION

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12:00 – 13:30	Quality Assurance in Higher Education
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. Ariadni STOGIANNIDOU, Vice Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece <i>Quality Assurance: Universal and culture-specific challenges</i>• Prof. Grygorii KALETNIK, President, Vinnitsa National Agrarian University, Ukraine <i>The formation of a science-innovation-based economic space. The combination of educational opportunities of the University and scientific and practical potential of the Consortium.</i>• Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sorin COSTREIE, Vice Rector, University of Bucharest, Romania <i>Current trends on Quality Management in Higher Education</i>• Prof. Giga ZEDANIA, Rector, Ilia State University, Georgia <i>Education reforms in the context of modernization</i>• Prof. Aurel PAPARI, President, and Prof. Andra SECELEANU, Vice Rector, Andrei Saguna University, Romania <i>Quality Assurance: Comparative research on higher education institutions from the Black Sea Region</i> <p>Discussion and closing remarks</p>
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	Inclusiveness and Cooperation in Higher Education
Chair	Prof. George SHARVASHIDZE , Rector, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia
Co-chair	Prof. Chryssi VITSILAKI , Rector-Elect, University of the Aegean, Greece
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acad. Jorgaq KAÇANI, Former BSUN President, Polytechnic University of Tirana, Albania <i>The BSUN Approach to Inclusiveness and Cooperation with other Regional and Global Academic Networks</i>• Prof. Bogdan YEGOROV, Rector and 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. 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>• Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat TÜRKYILMAZ, Trakya University, Turkey <i>Presentation of the Balkan Universities Association</i> <p>Discussion and closing remarks</p>
Rapporteur	Prof. Ariadni STOGIANNIDOU , Vice Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break

2nd Parallel Session on TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

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Auditorium II

12:00 – 13:30	<i>Industry Innovation and Infrastructure</i>
Chair	Acad. Jorgaq KAÇANI , Former BSUN President, Polytechnic University of Tirana, Albania
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. Armen DER KIUREGHIAN, President, American University of Armenia, Armenia <i>Teaching, learning and practice of entrepreneurship within a university</i>• Prof. Konstantin MARKELOV, Acting Rector, Astrakhan State University, Russia <i>Integration of possibilities of academic organizations into innovation and technological needs of the economy</i>• Prof. Eden MAMUT, Secretary General, Black Sea Universities Network, Romania <i>Knowledge transfer models for university-industry cooperation centered on scientific research infrastructures</i>• Prof. Emil CAZACU and 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>
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 16:00	<i>Space Technology for Food Security</i>
Chair	Prof. Sergiy BYELIKOV , Rector, Zaporizhzhya National Technical University, Ukraine
Co-chair	Prof. George ZALIDIS , Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. George ZALIDIS, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, <i>Regional challenges and prospectives of SDG's using EO data in the Black Sea and Balkan Mediterranean Region</i>• Prof. Michael ZGUROVSKY, (videoconference) Rector, Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute, Ukraine <i>Education, scientific research and innovation on Space Technologies</i>• Acad. Ioan BOSTAN (videoconference), Technical University of Moldova, <i>Cooperation on Space Technologies in the Black Sea Region</i>• Dr. Karsten ZIMMERMANN, Deputy Head of Business Segment Surveying and Geomonitoring at DMT, Germany <i>Supervision of tailings by an integrated novel approach to combine ground-based and space-borne sensor data</i>• Dr. Razvan MATEESCU, Coordinator of the COSMOMAR Center, Constanta, Romania <i>Monitoring the good environmental status of the Black Sea coastal area using satellite data</i>• Prof. Peter ZEIL, (videoconference) University of Salzburg, Department of Geoinformatics Z_GIS, Austria <i>The Copernicus Academy: A network in support of knowledge sharing</i> <p><i>Discussion and closing remarks</i></p>
Rapporteur	Prof. Nikolaos Ch. VARSAKELIS , Vice Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>

3rd Parallel Session on SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Monday, June 18, 2018

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Auditorium III

12:00 – 13:30	Blue Economy, Water Research and Climate Change
Chair	Prof. Eden MAMUT, “Ovidius” University of Constanta, Romania
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), Greece <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, Center 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>Discussion and remarks on The Burgas Vision Paper: A Blue Growth Initiative for Research and Innovation in the Black Sea</p>
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	Sustainable Cities and Communities
Chair	Prof. Gulchohra MAMMADOVA, Rector, Azerbaijan University of Architecture and 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, UK <i>Urban resilience: Adopting a new approach to city development and policy making</i>• Mrs. Georgiana BERCARU, Expert, Black Sea Universities Network Secretariat, Romania <i>Integrating renewable energy sources for sustainable transport systems in port cities</i> <p>Discussion and closing remarks</p>
Rapporteur	• Prof. Eftichios SARTZETAKIS , Vice Rector, University of Macedonia, Greece
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break

Plenary Session II

Monday, June 18, 2018

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16:30 – 18:00	<i>Joint Degrees in BSUN</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experience and the future of staff and student mobility - Developing common postgraduate programs - New opportunities in distance and e-learning cooperation
Chair	Prof. Pericles A. MITKAS , Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
Co-chair	Assoc. Prof. Grigorios ZAROTIADIS , Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Political Sciences, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acad. Abel MAHARRAMOV, Former BSUN President, Rector, Baku State University, Azerbaijan <i>The Integration of Baku State University in regional and global academic networks. The role of Joint degree programs and international cooperation.</i> • Prof. Dalina DUMITRESCU, Vice Rector, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania <i>Joint degree programs and international cooperation on education program development at the Bucharest University of Economic Studies</i> • Prof. Dimitris KOVAIOS, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Environment, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece <i>A successful cooperation between the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and RUDN University of Moscow: A common Master Program in organic farming, student and staff mobility and joint conferences</i> • Prof. Atanas KOVACHEV, Varna Free University “Chernorizets Hrabar”, Bulgaria <i>Knowledge and skills for sustainable development: The impact of the new Master program on Circular Economy at Varna Free University</i> • Prof. Eden MAMUT, Secretary General, Black Sea Universities Network, Romania <i>Development of regional Master degree programs: Case study “EIT OPEN ESEE Regional Master for maintenance engineering”</i> • Mr. Panagiotis DAVID, AIESEC Student Chapter, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece <i>AIESEC activities related to the SDGs</i> • Ms. Maria LYKOGIANNI, SDSN Youth, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece <i>SDSN Youth activities related to the SDGs</i> <p><i>Discussion and closing remarks</i></p>

20:00	<i>Cocktail Reception and BSUN Networking Event (Only invited guests)</i>
21:00	<i>Social Dinner (Only invited guests)</i>

13th Conference of Rectors from the Black Sea Region

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Thessaloniki City Hall

City Council Assembly Hall

09:00 – 10:00	Invited Guests
	<p>Mr. Petar NIKOLOV, Deputy-Minister of Education and Science, Bulgaria</p> <p>Ms. Maria KOLLIA –TSAROUCHA, Deputy Minister for Macedonia and Thrace, Greece</p> <p>Prof. Meropi TZOUFI, Deputy Minister of Education, Research and Religious Affairs, Greece (TBC)</p> <p>Mr. Apostolos TZITZIKOSTAS, Governor of Central Macedonia, Greece</p> <p>Mr. Yannis BOUTARIS, Mayor of Thessaloniki, Greece</p> <p>Ms. Katerina NOTOPOULOU, Head of the Thessaloniki Prime Minister’s Secretariat Office, Greece</p>
10.00 – 11:30	Summary of the 2018 BSUN Congress Proceedings
Chair	Prof. Pericles A. MITKAS , Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
Keynote Lecture	<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"> Reports from the Parallel Sessions Adoption of the Declaration of the Conference of Rectors from the Black Sea Region on the implementation of the UN 2030 SDGs in the Black Sea Region Countries
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"> BSUN Member Universities: Projects and Initiatives on Education Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Havar MAMMADOV, Rector, Baku Engineering University, Azerbaijan Prof. Emil PANUSHEFF, Varna Free University “Chernorizets Hrabar”, Bulgaria Prof. Victor MAZUR, Rector, Vinnitsa National Agrarian University, Ukraine Dr. Armen DER KIUREGHIAN, President, American University of Armenia Prof. George SHARVASHIDZE, Rector, “Ivane Javakhishvili” Tbilisi State University, Georgia Prof. Larisa EFREMOVA, Vice Rector, People’s Friendship University of Russia (RUDN), Russia
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"> BSUN Member Universities: Projects and Initiatives on Scientific Research and Innovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Mustafa BABANLI, Rector, Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University, Azerbaijan Prof. Rozalina DIMOVA, Vice Rector, Technical University of Varna, Bulgaria Prof. Konstantin MARKELOV, Rector, Astrakhan State University, Russia Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sorin COSTREIE, Vice Rector, University of Bucharest, Romania Prof. Theodore LAOPOULOS, Vice Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
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 BSUN President
20:00	<i>Farewell Dinner (Only invited guests)</i>