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Press release

Between 16th and 19th of May 2012, takes place in Tirana the Forum for “Academic Cooperation for Peace & Welfare in the Mediterranean & Black Sea Region”. The event is organized by the Black Sea Universities Network, Réseau Méditerranéen des Écoles d’Ingénieurs, the Community of Mediterranean Universities and the UN "Academic Impact" Initiative. The Forum brings together rectors and representatives of the academic community from Albania, Serbia, France, Italy, Morocco, Israel, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Turkey and Romania.

During the works, there were organized debates on current issues in the region and on how the academic community could help to re-launch cooperation. The conclusions of the discussions were summarized in the text of a joint declaration adopted on behalf of the members of the organizations represented at the Forum. The declaration shows the view of the universities from the region over the documents to be discussed at the UN Conference on Sustainable Development that will be held between 20th and 22nd of June, 2012, in Rio de Janeiro. For this purpose, at the works of the conference UN was represented by Mr. Maher Nasser, Director of UN Public Relations, to whom the document was officially presented.

On May 18th, in the program of the Forum, was organized the BSUN Congress and the 10th Session of the Conference of Rectors from the Black Sea Region. On this occasion, it was evaluated the BSUN activity performed between 2010 and 2012 and were established the priorities for the period 2012 - 2014. The rectors of the member universities agreed to strengthen the cooperation in the direction of high performance research in universities, involvement in projects that could generate jobs and promotion of closer cooperation with local communities and businesses sector.

The Conference of Rectors from the Black Sea Region elected Acad. Jorgaq Kacani as President of BSUN for the mandate 2012 - 2014. Acad. Kacani is the Rector of the Polytechnic University of Tirana and scientific personality with wide international recognition.

Also, the Conference of Rectors from the Black Sea Region which represents the BSUN General Assembly, elected Prof. Eden Mamut as Secretary General of BSUN.

At present, BSUN is a well-known regional organization with 117 member universities from the 12 member countries of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation. More details about the activities of the Network can be found on www.bsun.org.

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