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Press release

Regarding the official visit of Academician Jorgaq Kacani in Romania, at the invitation of Minister Mihnea Costoiu

On the 29th of April 2013, the President in Office of the Black Sea Universities Network and Rector of the Polytechnic University of Tirana, Academician Jorgaq Kacani, visited Romania at the invitation of Mr. Mihnea Costoiu, Minister-Delegate for Higher Education and Scientific Research. The meeting was attended by Prof. Tiberiu Apostol, Director of International Relations at the Ministry, and Prof. Eden Mamut, Secretary General of BSUN and Director of the Romanian National Secretariat of BSUN.

In the opening of the meeting, Acad. Kacani expressed his gratitude for the support given by the Romanian Government for the development of the BSUN activities. This organisation was founded in 1998 as an initiative of Romanian universities and has been developed over the years to the current status with the number of 117 member universities from 12 countries. In 2006, the Romanian National Secretariat has been established as a public institution under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Education, obtaining subsidies from the budget of the Ministry which, along with its own revenues, assure the development of current projects and activities. Thanks to the developed projects, BSUN is now largely recognized internationally, with activities and projects implemented in partnership with the United Nations, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, the European Commission and NATO Science Programme. Acad. Kacani emphasized that all these achievements wouldn't have been possible without the support of the Romanian Ministry of Education.

Minister Costoiu expressed his thanks for the kind appreciations and confirmed the support that the Romanian Government, through the Ministry of Education, will continue to give to the BSUN activities, stating that he personally has a special consideration for this organization.

The priority projects of BSUN, as defined by the General Assembly of the BSUN that took place in Tirana in 2012, were then analysed. Special attention was given to the projects developed under the United Nations Academic Impact initiative, to the projects in the field of Security in the Black Sea Region, developed in partnership with NATO Science Programme, and to the projects for the support of innovation, agreed upon with the representatives of the European Commission.

In this context, a series of problems that have arisen recently in the activity of BSUN were presented to Minister Costoiu: the problem of the hosting of the office of the BSUN Secretariat, the regional MSc programme in the field of renewable energy sources, a priority project on the establishment of a high performance computing and cloud computing network in the Black Sea Region, and the threatening of the activity of the BSUN Secretary General, Prof. Eden Mamut.

Minister Costoiu mentioned that he was not aware of all the details of these problems and requested a period of two weeks to discuss with the management of “Ovidius” University of Constanta the above mentioned problems and to present the official position of the Ministry on these issues.

Acad. Kacani reiterated its gratitude for the efforts made by the Romanian Universities in the development of this Network and his conviction that His Excellency, the Minister will identify the adequate solutions.

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