

Aid-Memoire of the Forum on Higher Education Congres of the Black Sea Universities Network

April 2nd -4th , 2008 - Kiev, Ukraine

Between 2nd and 4th of April, 2008 was organized in Kiev the Forum on Higher Education - Congress of the Black Sea Universities Network, with participants from Albania, Georgia, Greece, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Russia, Romania, Ukraine, Armenia.

The Congress was organized under impeccable conditions by the National Technical University “KPI”-Kiev, and occasioned the participation of rectors and vice-rectors of the universities members of the Network, professors, representatives of the Ministers, and decision makers that contributes to the development of academic cooperation in the Black Sea Region.

The works of the Congress were preceded by the Executive Board Meeting were there ware discussed the application forms of the universities that want to become members of the Network. At the end of the discussions the members of the Executive Board have approved the acceptance of:

- Zaporizhzhya National Technical University, Ukraine;
- Tbilisi Public University “Metekhi”, Georgia;
- Taurida Verdnaskaya National University, Ukraine;
- Crimean Engineering Pedagogical University Taurida V. Vernadsky National University, the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Ukraine;
- The South Russia State Technical University (Novocherkassk Polytechnical Institute), Russia.

In the Opening Session of the Congress there were presented the messages on behalf of the President of Ukraine, President of Romania, Ministry of Foreign Affaires of Ukraine and the Romanian Ministry of Education and the Bulgarian Ministry of Education.

The participants of the Congress have agreed on the followings:

- it was established that there is a great potential for cooperation in the field of higher education. In this direction the use of the cooperation frame proposed by Bologna Process will allow the initiation of regional programs that can

offer to the students from this area the access to the existing means, in laboratories, libraries, and the departments of the universities from the Black Sea Area.

The priority cooperation domains in the field of scientific research there were established as following:

- Sustainable Development
- Networking on Innovation and Knowledge Transfer
- Energy Security and Renewable Energy Sources
- Advanced and Multifunctional Materials
- IT&C Networking and High Performance Computing
- E-health & Telemedicine
- Social and Cultural Cohesion in the Black Sea Region.

On April 4th in the first part of the day took place the Conference of Rectors from the Black Sea Region – General Assembly of the Black Sea Universities Network. The main of the agenda were the followings:

- the participants have analyzed and approved the Activity Rapport presented by the Network President – Prof. Dr. Stefan Barudov, for mandate period 2006-2008;
- the election of the new President of the Network, for 2008-2010, Prof. Dr. Mychailo Zgurovsky, the Rector of National Technical University “KPI” Kiev;
- The nomination for the President mandate 2010-2012, of Prof. Dr. Valentin Shukshunov, the Rector of Novocherkassky Technical University;
- The discussion and signing of the Declaration of Rectors on the Sustainable Development in the Black Sea Area;
- The organization of a Extraordinary Session of the Conference of Rectors from the Black Sea Area, in September 2008, in Bucharest, to mark 10 years of activity of BSUN.

For special contributions to the promotion of interuniversitary cooperation in the Black Sea Area, there were conferred special prize of the Black Sea Universities Network to outstanding personalities as following:

- Prof. Dr. Victor Ciupina, Rector of „Ovidius” University of Constanta
- Prof. Dr. Sergy Smirnov, Rector of Sevastopol National University of Nuclear Energy and Industry
- Prof. Dr Mehmet Durman, Rector of Sakarya University
- Prof. Dr. Nurset Aras, Rector of Anakara University
- Prof. Erdogan Tezic,
- Acad. Ion Bostan, Rector of Technical University of Moldova

- Prof. Dr. Arthur Prakhovnyk, Director of the Institute for ENERGY Economy and Management – NTUU „KPI” – Kiev