

**AID MEMOIRE**  
**Second Conference of the Black Sea Universities**  
**Rectors**  
**Constantza, Romania**  
**9 - 12 July, 1998**

**PROGRAMME**

**Day 1 WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY**

**8.00**

Arrival of participants at the new Campus of "Ovidius" University Constantza

**19.00**

Welcome to the guests by Rector Adrian Bavaru at the Main Building of "Ovidius" University followed by Choral Concert at the "Ovidius" University Hall

**20.30**

Cocktail hosted by the Mayor of Constantza City at the Casino of Constantza.

**Day 2 THURSDAY, 9 JULY**

**9.00- 10.30**

Welcome addresses:

- BSEC, Secretary General, Mr. Vassil Baytchev;
- Romanian Minister of Education, Prof. Andrei Marga;
- Representative of UNESCO/CEPES, Director Leslie Wilson;
- Mayor of the Constantza City, Mr. Gheorghe Mihaesi;
- "Ovidius" University, Prof. Adrian Bavaru;
- President of the BSUF, Prof. Mircea Malitza.

**10.30- 11.00**

Coffee break

**11.00- 12.00**

Presentation of the Baltic Sea University Programme, Docent Lars Ryden, Uppsala University;

**12.30-14.30**

Lunch

**15.00- 17.00**

- "Cooperation Between EU, UNESCO and Black Sea Countries" - Mrs. Leslie Wilson, Director of the UNESCO European Centre for Higher Education (CEPES).
- "Changing Educational Structure and Training Patterns in Transition Economies: Learning from Comparative Data" – Prof. Anna Nedialkova, Rector of Free University, Varna, Bulgaria and Prof. Assen Nedev, Rector of Technical University Varna
- "Possible Forms and Fields of Cooperation among Universities in Black Sea Area. Main Proposed Components of the BSUN" - Prof. Gabriela Stanciulescu, Vice-rector of the BSUF

**17.00- 17.15**

Coffee Break

**17.15-18.30**

- "Designing and Testing the Most

Recent Educational Technologies Including Multimedia Systems, Hypermedia Data Systems, Collaborative and Distance Learning" - Prof. Viatcheslav Brioukhovetski, Rector of the Kiev-Mohyla Academy

- "Modern Communication Technology among Universities" (satellite - TV, booklets with each TV session, language) – Professor Mihalis Hatziprokopiou, Rector of the University of Macedonia, Greece

**18.30**

Wine tasting at Murfatlar vineyard

## **Day 3 FRIDAY, 10 JULY**

**9.00-10.30**

- The UNESCO World Conference on Higher Education (Paris, 1998)- Prof. Lazar Vlasceanu, UNESCO
- “ Modern Trends in Managing Marine Training Institutions” – Eng. Haralambie Beizadea, TRAINMAR Programme in Romania
- "The Black Sea Environment - Contribution of the Universities to the Network" (life in the Black Sea, pollution and legislative measures) - Prof. Valentin Smyntyna, Rector of the Odessa State University, Ukraine;
- "Modern trends in managing Universities in Black Sea countries" Prof. Haroutune Armenian, American University of Armenia

**10.30- 11.00**

Coffee break

**11.00 – 13.00**

- "The Black Sea Network and the Post-graduate Studies" - Prof. Corneliu Zidaroiu, University of Bucharest, Romania
- "Black Sea Economic Cooperation - What future?" – Mr. Calin Stoica, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- "Research Cooperation" - Prof. George Enchev, Varna Free University
- Integration of the East European Universities in the European Research Policy" – Prof. Adrian Bavaru, Rector of the "Ovidius" University, Constantza, Romania and Prof. Kemal Iskender, Mimar University, Istanbul, Turkey

**13.00- 15.00**

Lunch

**15.00- 16.30**

Workshop on:

- "Computer based technologies", moderator Prof. Adina Florea - “Politehnica” University Bucharest.
- "Management and environment”, moderator, Prof. Assen Nedev – Technical University Varna.
- "Organizing the Network", moderator Prof. Sergiu Chiriacescu, Rector of “Transilvania” University of Brasov.
- Project proposed by "Polytechnics" of Bucharest in order to increase the processing capabilities of the BSUN for communication, INTERNET access and computer assisted learning - Prof. Adina Florea.

**16.30**

Black Sea Coast sightseeing tour

**19.30**

Dinner with typical Romanian food offered by “Ovidius” University of Constanta at “Nunta Zamfirei”, Eforie Nord; folklore programme – mock Romanian wedding.

## **Day 4 SATURDAY, 11 JULY**

**9.00- 11.00**

Discussions:

- How will the Network function?
- Designing joint projects of overall interest; finding sources of financing and international assistance.
- Encouraging the mobility of professors, researchers and students.
- Stimulating bilateral and multilateral research teams.
- Exchange of data experience.
- Publishing an inventory of scientific and teaching resources of the area.
- Working with the interested universities outside the area.

**11.00 – 11.30**

Coffee break

**11.30 – 12.30**

- Discussion of and proposals for the Statute, Declaration and Resolution.
- New members of the Black Sea Universities Network.
- Election of the bodies of the Black Sea Universities Network.
- Adoption of the final documents
- Signing the documents

**12.30-13.00**

Press Conference

**13.00**

Lunch

**17.00-20.00**

Histria sightseeing tour

**20.30**

Dinner offered by the Rector of "Ovidius" University of Constanta, Prof. Adrian Bavaru at "Delta" Restaurant, Mamaia.

## **Day 5 SUNDAY, 12 JULY**

**7.00**

Departure to Danube Delta

**9.00**

Danube Delta trip with breakfast, lunch and dinner on the boat

**21.30**

Arrival in Constantza

## **UNIVERSITIES OF THE BLACK SEA AREA HAVE ESTABLISHED AN OPEN REGIONAL NETWORK**

Gathered in Constantza, on the initiative of the "Ovidius" University and the Black Sea University Foundation, the Rectors of the universities from the Black Sea Area have set up a regional network, open to other universities in the world and to some research institutes having related preoccupations.

The 67 participants from 12 countries drew up the Statute, which the 26 present universities endorsed, while the other universities expressed their wish to join in the network. The adopted structures are flexible and modern, emphasis being laid on efficiency and practical projects.

The presence of the representative of the Baltic University, Professor Lars Ryden was beneficial, as it enabled participants to become acquainted with a valuable experience.

Also, the representatives of the California State University and Northern University of Iowa, who are associated member of the BSUN, have attended the works of the Conference.

The Black Sea regional bodies, BSEC and PABSEC expressed their interest and support. The General Secretary of BSEC emphasized the contribution that is expected from the new institution in the zonal cooperation effort of the 11 countries of the organization.

The Ministry of National Education of Romania expressed the support of Romanian authorities and the satisfaction with which Higher Education in the host country welcomed the initiative.

The Director of CEPES/UNESCO made a presentation of the coming UNESCO World Conference of Higher Education (Paris, October, 1998), which stimulated the participants' wish to have the network entered in the international issues circuit, as a connected complex of excellence and reflection centers, particularly in shaping a coherent view of modernization and the new methods of the coming century. The network is established on the ground of a notable academic experience in the Black Sea Area, has many connections and a large scope facilitated by regional, continental and international organisms.

During its 5 years of activity the Black Sea University Foundation organized more than 150 postgraduate courses, with an audience of 5000 people from 40 countries.

The other initiator is the "Ovidius" University of Constantza, which will contribute to the network development both through its national and international relationships and through its financial support.

All the members of the network bring a remarkable contribution to the Network, which in its turn offers them a new support for permanent contacts and common projects.

A primary objective of the network's work plan is the introduction of informational technology for prompt communication and the knowledge of the intellectual resources of

the area and also for introducing distance education through postgraduate courses (Master courses, Doctoral Programs) with diplomas acknowledged by all the members of the network.

From the beginning the ecological problems of the Black Sea have pushed forward the environmental issues among the priorities. A large family of current issues in the countries in the Black Sea Area: economy, finances, tourism, trade, new technologies, the materials revolution, modern agriculture, afforestation, sustainable development, transport and communications, development of infrastructure ensure a close link of the network with the society and its acute subjects: employment, fight against poverty, human development.

The network will offer a better approach of the common history of the cultural and natural heritage, of conflict prevention and the theory of negotiations.

Situated in an area with numerous tensions, litigation and asperities, at the meeting point of many religions, ethnical communities, cultures and groups of various traditions, the Network intends to study and to debate on the best ways to bring in harmony the variety of cultures, striving for the constitution of an area of civilization and human solidarity.

The universities represented agreed that the subject of university management would help their efforts to organize efficient Higher Education Institutions, socially relevant and open to novel ideas. In an era of knowledge and of bridging distances, they think of themselves as partners of all whom share their aspirations across the world.

As the year's President was elected Professor Adrian Bavaru, Rector of the host University. The next conference shall be held in June 1999, in Varna.

Black Sea University Foundation and "Ovidius" University of Constantza are preparing the new issue of the Newsletter. This will be dedicated, in principal, to the works of the Conference and will issue at the beginning of September. The following issue (the beginning of November) will consist of news about the activity of the network members. A web page is under preparation, presenting information about courses, founder universities, affiliated universities and institutions.

Together with the Black Sea University Foundation (BSUF), the "Ovidius" University decided to include under the aegis of the Black Sea University Network (BSUN) for all the international manifestations which are organized on this purpose.

Regarding the Black Sea University Foundation the subject consists in the following 15 courses and workshops organized in 1998.

"Ovidius" University of Constanta seeks to encourage and develop specific Excellence Centers as resources of the Network.

"Ovidius" University of Constanta together with the National Program "School Laboratory" from the US, initiated a pilot project for the development of a "School Laboratory" at the "Ovidius" University of Constanta as a resource for the future network. The aim of the project is to improve the teaching skills of the undergraduate students focusing on the practical aspects of teaching and learning.

University "Ovidius" of Constantza signed a Memorandum of Understanding of the representatives of City University of New York in order to develop a long-term program with following objectives:

- development of courses and workshops related to management administration of universities and two year education program;
- to set up an International Studies Institute on a Higher Education;
- the orientation of University Curricula in connection with the priorities of the region.

University "Ovidius" of Constantza has agreed with Technical University of Varna to start collaboration in the field of diagnosis and reliability of mechanical systems with the special emphasis on shipboard equipment.

During the works of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference of BSU Rectors it was signed a protocol between University "Ovidius" of Constantza and Azerbaijan Technical University in order to develop research on the optimization of internal combustion engines processes.

Between 13-24 of July 1998, "Ovidius" University of Constantza and Duke University organized a NATO Advanced Study Institute on Thermodynamics and Optimization of Complex Energy Systems . One of the conclusions of this Institute, with about one hundred participants from the NATO and partner countries, was the demand of setting up an International Research Center on Thermomechanical Systems. This Center could be also connected to ICHMT of Middle East Technical University from Ankara and ICAT of Istanbul Technical University.

University "Ovidius" of Constantza invites all the members of the network to enjoy these projects.