

GEOPOETIC OF DANUBE BASIN

Danube as midpoint of economic, cultural and tourism cooperation

INVITATION

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25th to 26th September 2009/ Novi Sad/ Serbia



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The Conference Geopoetic of Danube Basin

INVITATION LETTER

If you are a student, teaching assistant or young professional in the field of environmental protection, tourism or media, we would like to invite you to attend the International Conference Geopoetic of Danube Basin (Danube as mid-point of economic, cultural and tourism cooperation), which will take place from 25th to 26th September 2009, in Novi Sad, Serbia.



The main objectives of the Conference are:

- Gather together people from different European Countries to exchange experiences and best practices;
- Connect universities to contribute at improving higher education in the region;
- Set the bases for future cooperation and projects planning;
- Improve the existing network from country to the European level.

The language of the meeting is English and people from Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Hungary, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine are especially welcomed to participate.



Thus, if you are in love, as we are, with this great river, the Danube, and would like to discuss the means of preserving it and exploiting its touristic potential in eco-friendly way, please register online to saintdanube@europe.com by September 16th. Besides all the discussion of the first day of the Conference, on the second day, all participants will have the opportunity to see for themselves the beauty of this river and its canals when they join the participants of World Canals Conference for a tour down the Danube's Canals.

Please note that there is no participation fee to take part in the Conference. Instead, all the costs are covered by the organizers.

Twenty six (26) participants will be accepted to the Conference. Accommodation (meals included) and up to 150 euros for travel costs are covered by the organisers. We do require proof of the travel costs incurred. Accommodation will be in Student Centre of the University of Novi Sad.

Since we have only limited number of participants for whom all the costs are covered, we do need a short motivation letter (max. 300 words) and CV from applicants. The selection of participants will be on the basis of the quality of these two documents. The notification of acceptance or refusal will be sent by e-mail with other relevant information for those that have been chosen on Friday 18th.

PARTICIPATION FEE:

No participation fee

ACCOMMODATION:

Accommodation and meals covered by the organisers

Accommodation in Student Centre

TRAVEL COSTS:

Up to 150 euros covered by the organisers.

We do require proof of the travel costs incurred

APPLICATION:

DEADLINE:

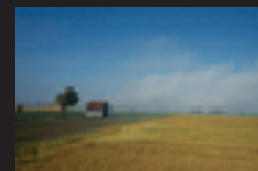
September 16th 2009

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- application form with short motivation letter (max. 300 words)
- CV

SUBMISSION:

- Online, email them to saintdanube@europe.com



24/Sep/		
	Registration	Reception
8:00-9:00 pm	Dinner	
25/Sep/		
8:30-09:00	Registration	
9:00 - 9:30 am	Ceremony	Opening of the conference
	ISSUES OF THE FIRST GROUP Economic development in international common waters. Is it possible to achieve harmony with environmental protection?	ISSUES OF THE SECOND GROUP Tourism as an important sector to be developed as a possible tool to face the economic crises and to favor the economic and local development.
9:30 - 10:30 am	Economic development and water protection Good practice (GTZ/ WBF, Serbia)	Cross border traffic Tourism infrastructure & services Danube Delta Active tourism (hiking – bicycle-tours) GTZ

~CB 10:45 am - 12:00 pm	Cross border co-operation, particularly in the water sector (OSCE) Behaviors in the glance of Lisbon Treaty Banking System SEE Trade And Finance. (EBRD)	Danube cycle route from Budapest to the Black Sea (major asset for local development) Multiculturalism Life on the Water and at the Waterside
12:15 - 2:00 pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
2:00 - 3:30 pm	Panel: General status of Directive of waters (ICPDR) Implementation, especially in countries in transition	Panel: real situation Database- Danube basin? Cruise ship operation issues
~CB 3:45 - 5:00 pm	European Agency for reconstruction Challenges and opportunities in Danube basin	Art making and ecology in tourism aspect The role of an Industrial Designer is to create and execute design solutions towards problems of form, usability, user ergonomics, engineering, marketing, brand development and sales.



~CB		Panel: Culture-Making and Tourism
5:15 - 7:00 pm	Public dialogue: Media and NGOs supporting the environmental protection	TOURISM IN DANUBE BIOSPHERE RESERVE
	NGOs and media have played an important role in a number of issues on the project such as engaging water basin end users, lobbying for new legislation and developing regulation on public participation in water decision-making.	- to develop standards to be applied and approved by all countries in order to save time and avoid discussions.
		to improve infrastructure along the Danube: Harbour facilities, supply chains for cruise ships: Waste & sewage management, drinking water, food supply
		Benchmarking regarding charging schemes
		About Danube River information System (DORIS)
8.00 pm	<i>Dinner</i>	
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**Post conference tour with participants of 22 nd
World Canal Conference**

Departure for Klek lock on the Bega Canal, a beautiful maintained lock with unique heritage buildings and Facilities. Return to Zrenjanin. Visit the brewery overlooking the navigable Bega River. Lunch. Continue to the large modern lock on the Tisa River at Novi Bečej, where the weir will be under repair. Short transfer to Bečej, to visit the “Eiffel” lock, now disused and replaced by a higher-capacity lock on the Veliki Canal. Returning to Novi Sad, pause at the crossing of the Jegrička River, which offers a remarkably preserved Environment, popular for fishing and canoeing.

**The working day of
Conference will be held in
Formal Hall
“Vode Vojvodine”
21000 Novi Sad
Bulevar Mihajla Pupina No25**

WELCOME IN NOVI SAD

*On behalf of host
President of NGO World and Danube
Daniela S.Jovanović*