

Dear CASEE Members,

The CASEE Presidency is pleased to inform you about the recent developments within the CASEE Network:

1) **Reminder Registration for the 6<sup>th</sup> CASEE Conference: "Latest trends in Bioeconomy in the Danube Region",**

May 24 - 26, 2015, Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra

We are looking forward to meeting you at the 6<sup>th</sup> CASEE Conference in Nitra. Please encourage your colleagues to register for the conference on time!

**Deadline for registration: April 15, 2015**

We kindly invite all CASEE participants to join the **General Assembly** on Tuesday, May 26, 12.00-13.00!

The agenda will be sent out to the member universities by e-mail. (If you did not receive it by next week, please contact the CASEE Secretariat: [casee@boku.ac.at](mailto:casee@boku.ac.at))

The CASEE Secretariat highly recommends to **have full papers of the oral presentations published**. Agreements have been made with

- the thematic edition of The Journal of Microbiology, Biotechnology and Food Sciences (JMBFS, SK) – for Biotechnology and Food Science section
- Contemporary Agriculture (CA, SRB) – for Agrobiology or Ecology Section
- the Journal of Central European Agriculture – for Agrobiology and Ecology Section

Please remind all oral presenters from your university to submit full papers documents to the respective journal by **April 15, 2015**.

[Conference website](#)

[Registration](#)

[Programme](#)

2) **Danube AgriFood Master:**

**Application Deadline EU candidates: June, 20, 2015**

We kindly ask you to promote the International Joint Degree Master Programme "Sustainability in Agriculture, Food Production and Food Technology in the Danube Region" among your students and your partners.

Application deadlines for starting in winter semester 2015/16:

- NON-EU candidates: late deadline for applicants holding an EU-residence permit: June 20
- EU candidates: June 20

[Further information](#) -> **CASEE Master**

### 3) **Call for applications: IMPULSE**

The new financial support programme IMPULSE is to support the development and consolidation of strategic partnerships of Austrian higher education institutions with at least one and a maximum of 5 partner institutions, of which at least one must be of one of the following countries: Albania, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia or Ukraine. (priority for Belarus and Ukraine!)

**Funding:** max. 100.000 € per partnership, per year for a maximum of 2 years

Project activities can include, among others:

- training measures for academic staff; travel costs for guest lecturers
- study and research stays (max. 4 months) for graduates and young researchers
- assurance of quality standards in teaching, methodology and research and improvement of academic management capacities
- development of curricula or learning material (innovative content)
- common research projects, joint study programmes and degrees, training partnerships
- costs for joint publications and advertising measures
- co-funding of workshops, strategy meetings, conference participation

**Application deadline:** 15.6.2015; projects can start in October 2015

This will probably be a unique call for applications, as the programme was established exclusively this year by the OeAD to commemorate 25 years of the fall of the iron curtain, so all CASEE members are encouraged to apply!

[Further information](#)

### 4) **EUREKA Danube Region Multilateral Call 2015 for Cross-border Co-operative Projects (EUREKA Danube Initiative Call 2015)**

EUREKA Danube Region multilateral call 2015 has been launched for cross-border co-operative projects by EUREKA Danube Region members states. The present call results from an initiative following the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR), endorsed by the European Council in 2011, which aims at a closer collaboration by creating "synergies and coordination between existing policies and initiatives taking place across the Danube Region".

The call addresses consortia of at least two independent enterprises from at least two of the participating countries who want to carry out a collaborative project. The proposed project must be an industry driven research and development project in which the project partners are collaborating to realize a new, innovative product, process or service.

**Participating Countries:** Austria (AT), Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA), Bulgaria (BG), Croatia(HR), Czech Republic (CZ), Germany (DE), Hungary (HU), Montenegro (ME), Romania (RO), Serbia (RS), Slovak Republic (SK).

Opening of the Call: March 9, 2015

Deadline for Project Outlines (not mandatory, but strongly recommended): April 30, 2015

Deadline for Project Submission: June 17, 2015

Labeling of successful Applications: October 2015 / January 2016

[Further information](#)

### 5) **International Summer School: Food Science and Business Studies**

Nitra, Slovakia; Budapest, Hungary and Vienna, Austria, June 22 to July 7, 2015

The International Summer School organized by the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, Slovakia in cooperation with Visegrad University Association member universities will be held in the period of 22.6. – 4.7. 2015. The topic of this year's summer school is FOOD SCIENCE AND BUSINESS STUDIES.

This season, the first week of the summer school will be organized in Nitra, Slovakia. The second part of the programme will take place at the Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary and it will be concluded at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna, Austria. Lectures, organized in Nitra will be delivered as parallel sessions in English and Russian. Lectures in Budapest and Vienna will be in English only. Active participants will be awarded a certificate and 2 ECTS.

**Application:** Send your application form to [vladislav.valach@uniag.sk](mailto:vladislav.valach@uniag.sk) by May 15, 2015.

**Teachers** are asked to send an application indicating the topic they are able to teach in English and/or Russian (4 hour lecture).

It is expected that approximately 25-30 students and 5 teachers will take part in the summer school. Due to the limited availability, the quality of applicants and the contribution of the lecture topic to the summer school will be considered.

[Further information and application form](#)

#### 6) **Invitation: International Congress – Soil and Food, Resources for a Healthy Life**

Iasi, Romania, October 22-24, 2015

Annually, for more than fifty years, the "Ion Ionescu de la Brad" University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine University has brought together experts in the fields of agriculture and food industry, with a view to finding the best solutions that will lead to increased output, improved food quality and safety, enhanced environmental protection.

Organized under the auspices of the Ministry of Education and Research, the International Congress - Soil and food, resources for a healthy life - which will take place in Iasi, Romania, from 22 to 24 October 2015, aims to promote the latest results of research, development and innovation in various fields of study related to life sciences as it also encourages the set-up of research centres of excellence in the field.

The fact that 2015 is the International Year of Soil prompted us to pay special attention to this issue, which accounts for its presence in the very title of this year's Congress.

##### **Sections:**

- I. Water and Soil
- II. Agricultural Technologies
- III. Economic Sciences and Humanities
- IV. Food Engineering

**Deadline for abstract submission:** June 15, 2015

[Further information and abstract submission](#)

#### 7) **XXIV International Scientific Students' Conference: "Contemporary Aspects of Production Engineering"**

Warsaw, May 26-28, 2015

Students of the Faculty of Production Engineering (FPE), the Students' Scientific Association and the Dean of the Faculty of Production Engineering of the Warsaw University of Life Sciences are organizing the Days of Faculty of Production Engineering (26 – 28 May 2015) and would like to kindly invite representatives of your Department.

During the Days of the Faculty of Production Engineering the XXIV International Scientific Students' Conference on the "Contemporary Aspects of Production Engineering" will take place. Students will give presentations on ongoing research. The second day ends with a traditional bonfire.

Please invite the students from your university!

[Further information](#)

**8) 19th IROICA Conference 'International Alumni Networks'**

University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Cluj-Napoca, June 8-11, 2015

Iroica and USAMV Cluj-Napoca are very pleased to invite you to the 19th IROICA Annual Conference entitled "International Alumni Networks" that will be hosted this year by the University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Cluj-Napoca. The conference also focuses on the Erasmus+ Programme and updates concerning other EU Programmes. Two vocational trainings – "Intercultural Communication" and "How to prepare a good project proposal" are included in the programme as well.

**Registration deadline:** May 15, 2015

[Further information and registration](#)

**9) Trainee Position**

A trainee position on ship emissions from inland waterways has been published by the Joint Research Centre as part of the Danube Air Nexus project.

The reference call no is 2015-IPR-H-000-4895/JN227578.

[Details on how to apply and description of the traineeship](#)

**10) Danube-INCO.NET Portal**

Danube-INCO.NET is an FP7 funded coordination and support action for the official EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) in the field of research and innovation (R&I). The project portal publishes the latest RTD and Innovation dynamics related to the Danube Region, in terms of news, event announcements, call, documents, etc.

**11) DRC Newsletter, March 2015**

**12) EFICEEC-EFISEE Newsletter March 2015**

**13) Information CASEE Website:**

The CASEE Secretariat has established a private area at the CASEE website [www.ica-casee.eu](http://www.ica-casee.eu), where you can find information about:

- General Assembly
- Fund for Incentives
- Projects
- Corporate Design
- Newsletter
- Board

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In case you want to announce conferences, workshops or similar events organized by your university via the CASEE Network, or should you have any questions or comments about planned CASEE activities, please do not hesitate to send this information to the CASEE Executive Secretary ([casee@boku.ac.at](mailto:casee@boku.ac.at)) – it will be included in the next CASEE Newsletters.

With kind regards,

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