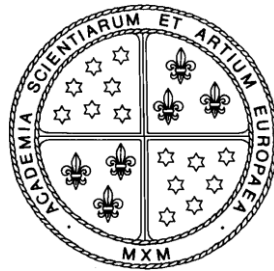


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In order to contribute to the European Common Good, the Academy's transnational and interdisciplinary network of experts in sciences and arts and its interactions with experts of governance and representatives of religions envisions the multiple roles of science to address and help to manage current- and long term complex European issues.

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Whenever EASA because of its core competencies and network capabilities can offer critical expertise, it intends to:

- acquire leadership in selected scientific sectors which are transnational and cross-sectoral
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- consider related ethical issues
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PREFACE

I appreciate that many excellent meetings of the Academy are organised by our members. Anyway, we should keep in mind that interdisciplinarity is one of our key principles, and foster meetings with an interdisciplinary approach. I am looking forward to the meetings organised by our members in 2018. On this occasion, I would like to mention the endeavours of our member Hans Christoph Zeidler, who is organising several round tables each year in Hamburg. Such initiatives could serve as model for future activities.

In March 2017, we presented the report on *Food Scarcity Unavoidable by 2100?* by Raoul Weiler to the FAO in Rome (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations).

At present, we have around 2.000 members from 71 different countries across the world. In 2017, several visits to other Academies took place, which were very fruitful for learning about different problems and approaches. In general, I have observed that all Academies have to readjust their activities to modern concepts.

The main programme we are currently dealing with, is *Next Europe*. In 2017, we had successful meetings in Munich, Berlin, and Budapest. The plan for 2018 foresees the release of the Manifesto for Europe at the Giardini of the Biennale in Venice.

We would like to thank all our members and supporters for their constant endeavours and contributions. The current situation in Europe underlines the significance of Academicians, especially for creating visions for the future of Europe. At present, Europe is causing headaches, but with a vision it is possible to overcome all those problems.

As we have seen in the past, each report gives a stimulus for future activities.

Felix Unger
President





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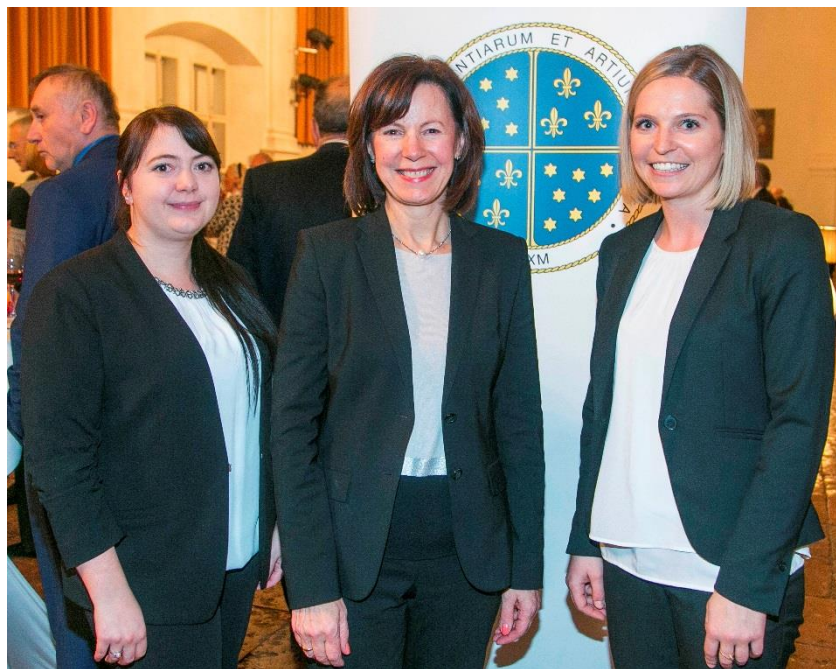
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The European Academy of Sciences Arts holds a foundation in Austria entitled “**Europäische Akademie der Wissenschaften und Künste- Privatstiftung**”. The foundation has the specific goal to identify additional funds for projects of the Academy. Of course we are working very hard to raise funds, which is quite difficult at this time.

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The main objective of the “**Europäische Akademie der Wissenschaften und Künste – Stiftung Schweiz**” is to initiate and realize projects of European relevance. The Stiftung Schweiz is very closely linked to the Swiss Delegation.

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II. EVENTS 2017

January

- Tagung Quantenphysik und Philosophie, Salzburg

February

- Top Think #15 – Innovation durch Interdisziplinarität, Graz
- Falkensteiner Gespräche: Mystik und Spiritualität, Hamburg
- 8. Kurs über Anatomische Grundlagen in der Neurochirurgie, Salzburg

March

- Symposium Nanotechnology, Salzburg
- Festive Plenary Session 2017, Salzburg
- Next Europe – Auf der Suche nach einer Sicherheitsstrategie, Munich

April

- Herausforderungen Terrorismus und illegale Migration – Wege im Spannungsfeld zwischen Freiheit und innerer Sicherheit, Hamburg, Germany
- Symposium “Science and Religion – 2,000 Years of Cooperation and Controversies”, Zagreb

May

- Leiblichkeit und Seele im Spannungsfeld der Kräfte, Mannheim
- European and Global Conference and Exhibition for Clinical Nanomedicine and Targeted Medicine, Basel

June

- Conference “Next Europe”, Berlin
- 9th International Symposium on Neurocardiology, Belgrade

July

- Summer School „Human Change Processes“, Seelon

August

- Munich International Summer University – European Studies, Salzburg

September

- International Summer School: Let's face complexity: New bridges between physical and social sciences, Como
- Advanced Ceramics and Applications VI: New Frontiers in Multifunctional Material Science and Processing, Belgrade
- Europe's hope is religious, Rome
- Chiemgauer Kardiologie Tage 2017, Chieming
- 8th Danube Academies Conference, Belgrade

October

- Felix Prize, Riga

November

- Rings of Tolerance, Cologne
- 100 Jahre Russische Revolution, Salzburg

December

- Next Europe – Cooperation and Convergence
- 16th Christmas Symposium of Physicists, Maribor



III. NEXT EUROPE

“Next Europe – auf der Suche nach einer Sicherheitsstrategie”

March 28, 2017

Together with the Bavarian State Chancellery, EASA organised a panel discussion on “Next Europe – auf der Suche nach einer Sicherheitsstrategie” within the framework of the event series of the project “Next Europe”. Following the welcome addresses of Minister Dr. Beate Merk and EASA President Prof. Dr. Felix Unger, Prof. Dr. Werner Weidenfeld gave an introduction to the topic. After the key note speeches by Stefan Kornelius, Prof. Dr. Klaus Gretschnmann, Prof. Dr. Julian Nida-Rümelin, Prof. Dr. Clemens Fuest and Dr. Erich Vad, the panelists discussed the issue of security from different perspectives, such as economic stability, and security and defence policy.

We would like to thank our co-organizer and host – the Bavarian State Chancellery.



F.l.t.r.: Felix Unger (President EASA), Werner Weidenfeld (Director CAP), Dr. Erich Vad (former Brigadier-General), Beate Merk (former Bavarian Minister for European Affairs and Regional Relations), Clemens Fuest (President ifo Institute), Julian Nida-Rümelin (Chair for Philosophy and Political Theory, LMU Munich), Prof. Dr. Klaus Gretschnmann (President CATE)

**„Next Europe“ – Conference at the Austrian Embassy in Berlin**

June 8, 2017

The European Academy of Sciences and Arts organised in cooperation with the Aspen Institute Germany a conference at the Austrian Embassy Berlin, focussing on the topics „European Governance“ and „digital transformation“.

After the welcome addresses by Ambassador Dr. Nikolaus Marschik and Prof. Dr. Felix Unger, President of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, Mr. Elmar Brok – member and former chairman of the foreign committee of the European Parliament – opened the conference with a key note speech. In the first panel, – moderated by Bettina Vestring (Managing Director, United Europe) – Elmar Brok, Bernd Hüttemann (Secretary General Europäische Bewegung Deutschland), Prof. Dr. Peter Jambrek (European Faculty of Law, Nova Univerza, Ljubljana) and Prof.em. DDr. Heinz Mayer (former dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Vienna) discussed governmental and constitutional issues in the European Union.

In the second panel – moderated by Cornelius Wendel (founder Policynavigation), Tyson Barker (Program Director Aspen Institute Germany), Prof.em. Dr. Klaus Mainzer (Emeritus of Excellence, Technical University Munich), Madeleine Gummer von Mohl (co-founder Betahaus) and Prof.em. Dr. Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker (Co-President Club of Rome and former President of the environment committee of the German Bundestag) discussed how digital transformation will challenge Europe's economy and society.

The conference was closed with a final statement by Mag. Richard Kühnel (representation of the European Commission in Germany).

We would like to thank our host – the Austrian Embassy Berlin, and our co-organizer The Aspen Institute Germany.



Conference at the Austrian Embassy Berlin



„Next Europe – Cooperation and Convergence“

December 1, 2017

As part of the project Next Europe, EASA organized in cooperation with the Hungarian Ministry of Human Capacities a conference focussing on the topics Cooperation and Convergence in Europe.

After the welcome addresses by EASA-President Prof. Dr. Felix Unger and Minister Zoltán Balog, Prof. Dr. Werner Weidenfeld (Director of the Center for Applied Policy Research, Munich), Prof. Dr. Norbert Króó (Hungarian Academy of Sciences), Dr. Paul Jankowitsch (Founding Chairman of the Board of Directors of the RESAVER Consortium), and Dr. Loránd G. Erőss (Sovereign Military Order of Malta) discussed the challenges of political and cultural cooperation in Europe.

In the second panel, Prof. Dr. Paul Zulehner (University of Vienna), Prof. Dr. Ferenc Miszlivetz (Director of the Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg), Prof. Dr. Zoltán Végh (University of Salzburg), and Prof. Dr. Sylvester Vizi (Hungarian Academy of Sciences) discussed the key challenges for social and economic convergence among EU member states.

We would like to thank our host – the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and our co-organizer – the Ministry of Human Capacities.



Conference at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences



IV. DANUBE ACADEMIES CONFERENCE

The Danube Academies Conference is a project of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, bringing together all national Academies of the Danube region and focusing on the development in the Danube area. It is a platform for the informal dialogue between the Presidents of the national Academies from Central and Eastern Europe. The purpose is the mutual exchange to profit from different experiences.

The basic idea of the Danube Academies Conference goes back to 1991 when the former Foreign Minister of Austria, Dr. Alois Mock – honorary senator of the Academy, asked the European Academy of Sciences and Arts to convene a meeting bringing together the academies of the former Yugoslavia.

This meeting, for which EASA invited the Academies of Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Hercegovina, Kosovo and Montenegro, took place in Salzburg in February 1992.

In 2010, a new project by the EU – The EU Strategy for the Danube Region – was established, with the aim of improving the coordination of relevant actors and programmes to promote the development of the Danube region.

Based on this project, the European Academy of Sciences and Arts organised the first Danube Academies Conference in Vienna in 2011.

The following conferences were hosted by:

Bratislava, Slovakia (März 2012)
Budapest, Hungary (September 2012)
Bucharest, Romania (April 2013)
Chisinau, Moldova (April 2014)
Ulm, Germany (April 2015)
Ljubljana, Slovenia (May 2016)
Belgrade, Serbia (September 2017)

The 8th Danube Academies Conference (DAC) took place from September 21 until September 22 in Belgrade and was hosted by the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts. This year's conference dealt with issues related to the Danube River and the challenges Universities in the Danube Region are facing in the period of transition.

Academician Vladimir Kostić, President of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, and Prof. Dr. Felix Unger, President of EASA, welcomed around 60 guests from 15 different countries. We would like to thank everybody contributing to the success of this conference, especially the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts for their excellent organisation.



8th Danube Academies Conference, Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts



DANUBE ACADEMIES CONFERENCE



PROGRAMME

September 21, 2017

10.30 – 11.30	Meeting of the representatives of Danube Academies
12.00 – 13.00	<p>Opening and welcome messages</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Vladimir Kostić (President of the SASA)</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Felix Unger (President of EASA)</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Ludvik Toplak (President, Alma Mater Europaea – European Center Maribor)</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Viktor Nedović, (Assistant Minister for the Sector of International Cooperation and European Integration)</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Andrej Kranjc (Representative of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts)</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Miroslav Vesković (Project Officer, Joint Research Centre, European Commission)</p> <p>Video message of Dr. Johannes Hahn (Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement Negotiations: <i>Video message</i>)</p>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 18.00	<u>TOPIC I: Endangered Danube: What can we do - Moderation: academician Vladimir Stevanović</u>
14.00 – 14.20	Prof. Dr. Thomas Hein (University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, AT) <i>Rivers under threat – challenges for biodiversity conservation in the Danube River</i>
14.20 – 14.40	Academician Vladimir Stevanović (Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, RS) <i>HIPPO effects on biodiversity changes in Danube accumulations</i>
14.40 – 15.00	Prof. Dr. Jasmina Šinžar-Sekulić (Faculty of Biology, University of Belgrade, RS) <i>Preliminary research of macrophyte production in Danube reservoirs – case study of two invasive plant species - native <i>Trapa natans</i> and alien ones <i>Paspalum paspalodes</i></i>
15.00 – 15.20	Dr. Momir Paunović (Institute for Biological Research „Siniša Stanković“, University of Belgrade, RS) & Prof. Dr Béla Csányi (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Center for Ecological Research, Danube Research Institute, HU) <i>Southern Corridor of Aquatic Invasive Network – the Danube River paradigm</i>
15.20 – 15.40	Prof. Dr. Rumen Kalchev (Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research - Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, BG) <i>Changes in trophic and other ecological characteristics of Bulgarian Danube River section and adjacent wetlands during the last decades</i>
15.40 – 16:00	Coffee break
16.00 – 16.20	Prof. Dr. Jovan Despotović, Prof. M. Ivetić, Mr M. Gavrić, Dr A. Sotić (Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Belgrade, RS) <i>Integrated evaluation of hydrologic, hydraulic and psamology processes on the Danube influenced by the Djerdap dam and reservoir, aiming at projection of system safety accounting for local, global and climatic threats</i>
16.20 - 16.40	Academician Nicolae Panin and Academician Cristian Hera (Romanian Academy, RO) <i>The Strategy of Romania Development, proposed by the Romanian Academy, for the following 20 years, including the Lower Danube Problems</i>



16.40 – 17.00	Academician Boris Bourkinsky and Prof. Dr.Sc. Oleg Rubel (Institute of Market Problems and Economic-Ecological Researches of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, UA): <i>Economic-ecological priorities of innovation development of Ukrainian Danube Region</i>
17.00 – 17.20	RNDR. Dr.Sc. Pavol Šajgalík (President of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, SK) <i>WATERS initiative "People and water" coexistence in the Slovakian Danube region</i>
18.00 – 21.00	Social event

September 22, 2017

9.00 – 13.00	<u>TOPIC II: Universities in Transition - Moderation: Academician Dejan Popović</u>
9.00 – 9.20	Prof. Dr. Sybille Reichert (Reichert Consulting, DE): <i>Facing Industry 4.0 – The Challenges of the Highly Connective University</i>
9.20 – 9.40	Prof. Dr. Ivanka Popović (University of Belgrade, RS): <i>The role of high-level education to the innovation spirit</i>
9.40 – 10.00	Prof. Dr. Alojz Kralj (Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, SI) <i>Danube region universities in transition: The issues and challenges</i>
10.00 – 10.20	Dr. Marijana Vidas-Bubanja (Belgrade Business School, RS) <i>Education as a way to prepare Serbia for digitally connected world</i>
10.20 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 11.20	Prof. Dr. Georgi M. Dimirovski (Dogus University, TR) <i>Chinese approach in globalization era: information based revolution of education, science and technology</i>
11.20 – 11.40	Prof. Dr. Vojislav Mitić (Faculty of Electrical Engineering, University of Niš, RS) <i>Transdisciplinary Danube university education, research, innovation structures</i>
11.40 – 12.00	Prof. Academician Dejan B. Popović (Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, RS) <i>For whom are the PhD schools today?</i>
13.00	Closing



V. TOLERANCE PROJECT

Rings of Tolerance and School Prize "Toleranz macht Schule", Cologne

On 15 November 2017, the European Academy of Sciences and Arts awarded the Rings of Tolerance to Prof. Dr. Avishay Braverman (Tel Aviv, former President of Ben-Gurion University and former Minister of Minority Affairs), Imam Rabeya Müller (Cologne, Manager of the Institute for International Pedagogy and Didactics) and Reverend Dr. Mitri Raheb (Bethlehem, Founder and President of Dar al-Kalima University College of Arts and Culture). The event took place at the Wallraf-Richartz-Museum in Cologne and was attended by around 200 guest from cultural and educational institutions, the local government, and from industry. The Festive Speech was delivered by the Prime Minister of Nordrhein-Westfalen Armin Laschet, who is also a member of the Academy.



F.l.t.r.: Myrle Dziak-Mahler (CEO of the Center of Teacher Education of the University of Cologne), Rabeya Müller (Imam, Manager of the Institute for International Pedagogy and Didactics), Avishay Braverman (former President of Ben-Gurion University and former Minister of Minority Affairs), Felix Unger (President of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts), Armin Laschet (Prime Minister of Nordrhein-Westfalen), Axel Freimuth (Rector of the University of Cologne), Mitri Raheb (Founder and President of Dar al-Kalima University College of Arts and Culture), Stefan Zimmermann (chairman of the Cologne committee of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts)

It was the first time that the Academy honoured, in cooperation with the Center for Teacher Education of the University of Cologne, three schools for their services and contributions to respect and tolerate each other.

The School Prize was awarded to:

- Gemeinschaftsgrundschule Erlenweg
- Katholische Hauptschule Großer Griechenmarkt
- Tages- und Abendschule Köln



Stefan Zimmermann, Felix Unger, Myrle Dziak-Mahler and Axel Freimuth together with representatives of the schools



Ceremony at the Wallraf-Richartz-Museum in Cologne



VI. REPORTS

Report by Univ.-Prof. Dr. Günter Schiepek, Vice Dean of Class II (Medicine)

7th International Nonlinear Science Conference, Salzburg

In April, 6th-8th, the 7th International Nonlinear Science Conference of the Society for Chaos Theory in Psychology & Life Sciences (SCTPLS) was realized at the Paracelsus Medical University Salzburg. The conference chair was Prof. Dr. Günter Schiepek, vice-dean of the medical class of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts. Co-organizers were Prof. Dimitrios Stamovlasis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece), Prof. Stephen Guastello (Marquette University, USA), and Prof. Sara Ross (SCTPLS President, Neurotricional Sciences Education Pty., USA). The invited keynote speaker was Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Hermann Haken (University of Stuttgart, Germany).

The Salzburg conference provided an environment conducive to promoting exchanges among an array of disciplines to facilitate research and related academic and practical activities in collaboration with colleagues worldwide. The topics included applications of nonlinear dynamics theory and techniques to problems of the behavioral, social, and life sciences including psychology, sociology, education, economics, econophysics, computer science, management sciences, anthropology, art, biology, physiology, ecology, neurosciences and medicine. About 70 participants from all over the worlds contributed to a successful scientific exchange and enjoyed the hospitality of our city.

10th Summer School „Human Change Processes“

In July, 26th-27th, the 10th Summer School on „Human Change Processes“ was realized at the former Benedictine Monastery Seeon, the beautifully sited conference center of the Upper Bavarian governance. The aim of the Summer School series is to bridge the gap between research and practice in psychology, psychotherapy, neuroscience, and organizational development within the frame of complexity sciences. Since 10 years, researchers and practitioners discuss the actual developments in nonlinear dynamics, complexity science and self-organizing systems (Synergetics). The Summer School of the year 2017 was dedicated to the 90th birthday of Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Hermann Haken. Since 2009, the Summer School series is organized together with the European Academy of Sciences and Arts and the Alma Mater Europaea. Beginning with 2018 the Summer School will be organized as an international scientific education and research forum for doctoral students, scientists, and scientist-practitioners in English language (save the date: July 2018, 25th – 27th).

2nd Training Program in Understanding and Managing Complex Systems

In 2017, the 2nd training program for the application of the Synergetic Navigation System (SNS) in psychotherapy, counselling, and neurology was realized. A series of 5 workshops (2 days each) were realized in cooperation with the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, the Alma Mater Europaea, the Paracelsus Medical University Salzburg and the St. Irmgard Clinic for Psychosomatics (Prien and Seebruck, Bavaria). The aim of the training program was to deliver competencies in using the SNS as a feedback tool for human change processes in psychotherapy, psychosomatics, counselling, team development, and also for identifying precursors of epileptic seizures. The trainers together with a group of excellent and experienced attendants contributed to the success of this training program

Future Cooperation of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts with the German-Japanese Society of Integrative Science

Actually an intensified cooperation of the EASA with the German-Japanese Society of Integrative Science (GJSIS) is planned. The annual conference 2017 (Nov, 30th to Dec, 1st) of the GJSIS was realized at the Technical University of Munich (TUM), together with the German Academy of Technical Sciences (acatech) and the TUM School of Governance. The topic of the conference was on „Governance in the Digital Age“. Conference chairs were Prof. Eugénia da Conceicao-Heldt (dean of the TUM School of Governance), Prof. em. Klaus Mainzer (president of the GJSIS and fellow of the EASA), and Prof. em. Naoshi Yamawaki (vice-president of the Seisa University, Tokyo). Prof. Günter Schiepek is member of the scientific directory of the GJSIS. Beginning with 2019, the annual conferences of the GJSIS should take place in Salzburg, two days before the annual plenary of the EASA.



Report by Dr. Elmar Kuhn, Dean of Class VII (World Religions)

„Europe's hope is religious“, Rome September 22, 2017

European integration through spirituality and faith. Religions united against terror and injustice. A cooperative initiative of KAICIID and Class World Religions

A) Summary of the results

We agreed to identify four major fields, in which religions are capable of influencing civil society (social, political, economic, cultural ea.). These fields are linked also together, but to start working on concrete projects it is helpful to identify main topics.

We named religions fields of influence in civil society:

- Mystic order as a heritage of the religions in Europe. The transcendental dimension of human beings and the spiritual practice lead to the inner dimension of humanity. The traditional rhetorical theme of mystics will help us to a better understanding of the common values of religions and may open the way for an understanding of a greater truth than those derived through a discourse that is shaped by majority-rule decision making.
- Value-oriented civil society as an answer to nihilism and economic overkill. This calls religions to take part in a value-oriented dialogue in public. We have to give an added value to the societal discussions and help creating a book of narratives of life. This will enforce our will for compromises and open the field for a true and open minded discussion between state law and religious values as fields of cooperation. Value orientation means offering helpful orientation negating a V-Zero (standing for Zero values in a society, everything is allowed) society.
- Educational level. This field of intercultural and educational work has to lead to a better insight into the other as partner, not enemy. Such an education for tolerance and respect has to start in the kindergarten, to be followed in the school and leads to university education (keyword studium generale). Especially the genuine aspect of the European history including persecution of religious minorities, religious wars, enlightenment, Nazism and communism, world war and holocaust is needed for a holistic understanding of the secular democratic system as a value also for religious practice.
- Migration problem – if Europe's civil society exercises no ethical and religious values towards the treatment of immigrants, migrants coming from countries of a mostly low level of religious education and searching for respect for their religious and value-oriented life are confronted with a spiritual emptiness in Europe's society which they reject. So they turn back to their fundamental and non-educated level of religiosity and try to form a separate community inside the civil society. This makes them vulnerable for fundamentalists (Christians and Muslims suffer from this self-isolation in the same manner).

Three fundamental topics (topoi) will generally be integrated in every working field:

- The integration of local religious leaders
- A holistic view of added religious values to policy will be intended
- Narratives of life will be told and hate speech countered

B) Strategic decisions

- 1) The educational field will be concretely worked out by Imam Pallavicini and Dr Kuhn by organizing a working group with the responsible chair persons for Catholic, Protestant and Muslim education in Europe.
- 1) A booklet about the guidelines of this conference will be published (Kuhn, Kaiser, Brunnhuber, Krienke) and the educational workgroup will present their ideas and pre decisions together with the booklet by June 2018.
- 2) A next meeting of the group will be organized in Vienna. Together with KAICIID and EASA there will be a decision about further workgroup initiatives and implementation planning in interacting with civil society.
- 3) The concrete cooperation between the EASA and the KAICIID will be fixed in advance.



F.l.t.r.: Prof. Basanese (Pont. Univ. Gregoriana); Prof. Brodeur (KAICIID); Imam Pallavicini (COREIS); Prof. Brunnhuber (Senate EASA); Dean Kuhn (EASA); H.E. Sec. Gen. Faisal Bin Muaammar (KAICIDD); Mrs. Pallavicini; Sister Maura (Abbey St. Hildegard, EASA); Mr. Kaiser (KAICIID); Prof. von Schnurbein (European Commission); Dr. Weninger (EASA). Not in the picture are Prof. Krienke (Lugano, EASA) and H.E. Kloss (Ambassador of Austria to the Holy See)



VII. ALMA MATER EUROPAEA



Board meeting at the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, October 11, 2017

F.l.t.r.: Dr. Gerald Reisinger (University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria), Prof. Dr. Gerhard Blechinger (Salzburg University of Applied Sciences), Dr. Tanja Angleitner Sagadin (Alma Mater Europaea – ECM), Georg Riedl (European Campus Rottal-Inn), Prof. Dr. Werner Weidenfeld (Center for Applied Policy Research), Prof. Dr. Felix Unger (European Academy of Sciences and Arts), Prof. Dr.-Ing. Ennio Cortellini (International School on Safety and Environmental Protection), Prof. Dr. Horst Kunhardt (Deggendorf Institute of Technology)

Alma Mater Europaea – European Center Maribor (AMEU-ECM)

Activities 2017

In the calendar year 2017, AMEU ECM was in the 8th year of offering study programmes.

Programmes offered in the academic year 2016/2017, saw two novelties: the first generation of master students of Health Studies and the first generation of PhD students of Strategic Communication management.

A Summer school on the topic of Active and Healthy Aging was held at the end of August under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Judith Bacchay from St. Thomas University Miami, Florida.

Accreditation was received for the PhD study programme in Project Management and the first generation of doctoral candidates was enrolled in October.

Alma Mater Europaea ECM hosted the 5th international scientific conference that welcomed participants from 11 countries, presenting over 200 papers in 2 days filled with sections, round tables, discussion and focus groups and of course the plenary session. This year's guests included the Dean of the Faculty of Archival Studies within the Russian University of Humanities, who co-hosted the section on Archival studies; the Vice-rector and the Dean of the Lebanese International University, who also co-chaired the round table on Migration issues; representative from the Board of directors of IEMI -International Business School Paris,



Prof. Dr. Ivo Šlaus, Honorable president of the World Academy of Sciences and Arts, Mr. Lojze Peterle, Slovene member of the European Parliament, Dr. Elmar Kuhn from the European Academy of Sciences and Arts and many more. During the plenary session, an agreement of cooperation was signed between the Russian University of Humanities and Alma Mater Europaea ECM enabling academic and scientific exchange as well as joint projects in the field of Archival studies.

In January 2017 the Alma Mater group initiated a new project proposal for a joint master of Nursing which will be further developed within the European Territorial Cooperation Programme under the leadership of the TH Deggendorf, Europacampus Rottal/Inn, with Alma Mater offering support with the already accredited master study programmes in Health Studies.

In March 2017 Alma Mater started carrying out a EU-funded project that includes guest professors from universities all around the world to participate in the implementation of the study programmes in Slovenia. Within the call, 10 professors from Europe and the USA came to Slovenia for shorter or longer teaching periods, leaving the remaining 6 places for the year 2018.

Within the 5th International conference (held on March 08-11, 2017), a joint project was initiated between Lebanese International University and Alma Mater on developing a master study programme on Migration studies, based on examples of good practice from Lebanon.

In September 2017, AMEU ECM submitted a project proposal within the cross-border programme Slovenia-Austria, that suggests an interdisciplinary approach of physiotherapy and social gerontology.

A new academic year started in October. The student numbers remained at approximately the same level as the year before, with more students, enrolled in the undergraduate programmes than in the graduate ones.

As of October 2017, the study programme Physical therapy for the Italian students is now carried out at a newly accredited location in Koper. Koper/Capodistria is the bilingual area of Slovenia with Italians officially recognized as minority. The area provides education at all levels, from kindergarden onwards, in the Italian language. AMEU ECM is the first higher education institution that started offering a complete study programme in the Italian language. Thus the move of the programme to Koper, to complement the existing offer.



VIII. PUBLICATIONS

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