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Minutes of the Conference

Between May 28 and 29th 2019, it was held at the University of Bucharest, Romania, the International Conference on "INTER UNIVERSITY COOPERATION FOR OPEN SCIENCE", an event dedicated to the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Baku State University. The Conference was organized based on the decision of the General Assembly of the Black Sea University Network (BSUN), taken in Thessaloniki, Greece, in 2018, and represents the beginning of similar events dedicated to mark the most relevant events of the member universities. The theme of the Conference was proposed as a result of the collaboration between BSUN and UNICA. At the end of the workshop organized in May 2018 by BSUN and UNICA in Belgrade, Serbia, the two organizations agreed to collaborate for involving member universities in promoting the principles of the "Open Science" movement.

The Conference was organized together with the University of Bucharest, Baku State University and with the support of UNICA - The Universities Network of the Capitals of Europe.

The Conference was structured on several panels. In the first day, a Plenary Session on the current stage and trends in the "Open Science" movement was organized, followed by thematic sessions highlighting the philosophical aspects and implications from the perspective of humanities, impact on frontier research topics, the free access of citizens to the results of scientific research. On the second day, at the Romanian Parliament, the participants met the members of the Parliamentary Delegation of the Romanian Parliament to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC). The organizers presented the importance of the Conference theme and agreed upon the collaboration between BSUN and PABSEC to promote this theme in the PABSEC member states.

The Conference was attended by specialists from the European Commission, rectors, researchers and professors from the universities from Romania, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Italy, Turkey, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo and Ukraine.



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The main results of the debates consisted on the exchange of ideas regarding the issues of concern for the academic community in promoting the “Open Science” movement, clarifying concepts and tools that can be used by universities, researchers and teachers.

The next actions agreed for the following period are as following:

- BSUN will set-up a dedicated website and a program of activities designed to support member universities in promoting and using concepts, tools and approaches in promoting the “Open Science” movement.
- BSUN will collaborate with UNICA, EUA and the European Commission to follow developments in the EU in this field.
- BSUN will collaborate with PABSEC to launch a regional evaluation report of the situation of the “Open Science” movement in BSEC member countries, preparing recommendations to the Member States.
- BSUN will launch a pilot project on promoting free access to the results of scientific research related to the risks and vulnerabilities associated with the use of manufactured nanomaterials and integrated into various products available on the market. In this respect, BSUN will organize in Constanta between June 27 – 28th, 2019, an International Conference on "Safety and Risk Governance of Manufactured Nanomaterials in South-East Europe and the Black Sea Region".
- The next issue of BSUN International Journal “Letters from the Black Sea” will be dedicated to “Open Science” movement.