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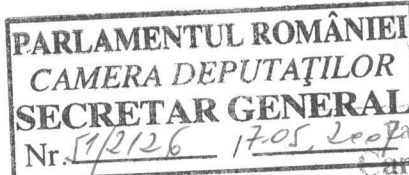
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Stimate doamnă Secretar General

Comisia Națională a României pentru UNESCO, în colaborare cu Centrul European UNESCO pentru Știință și Cultură de la Veneția (BRESCE), cu Autoritatea Națională pentru Cercetare Științifică și cu Parlamentul României organizează în perioada 27 – 30 iunie 2007 primul Forum Est - European de Știință, Politică și Inovare.

Obiectivul declarat al acestui Forum este crearea unei platforme inter – parlamentare privind politicile de știință și inovare din țările din Sud – Estul Europei, cu sediul în România.

Au fost invitați Președinții Comisiilor Parlamentare de Știință și înalți funcționari parlamentari din 14 state din Sud Estul Europei, Secretarii Generali ai Comisiilor Naționale UNESCO din aceste state, înalți funcționari și experți ai UNESCO și ai BRESCE, oameni de știință.

Având în vedere importanța deosebită pentru România a acestei manifestări internaționale, ne exprimăm speranța că veți putea sprijini organizarea evenimentului prin câteva măsuri organizatorice de mare importanță, după cum urmează :

- Organizarea primirii participanților de către conducerea Parlamentului României, urmată de un cocktail (aproximativ 50 de persoane) ;
- alocarea unui spațiu adecvat pentru Sesiunea inaugurală, aproximativ 70 de participanți, traducere simultană franceză, engleză;
- organizarea unui scurte vizite în Palatul Parlamentului pentru invitații străini;
- alocarea a două turisme și un microbus pentru deplasarea înalților funcționari UNESCO de la București la Tulcea și retur .

Anexăm în acest sens programul previzionat al manifestării.

În speranța unui răspuns favorabil, vă rog să primiți, Stimate doamnă Secretar General, expresia sentimentelor mele cele mai deosebite,

Secretar General,
Prof. Alexandru Mironov

Doamnei GEORGETA ELISABETA IONESCU
Secretar General
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SEE Science Policy Forum

Science for the Future, Science for Society. The Parliamentary Perspective
27-29 June 2007

*A Conference of representatives of S&T Parliamentary Committees of
South-Eastern European Countries*

Rationale:

In today's world, characterized by intense global competition and rapid technological change, national policy-makers need to have the capacity to understand the challenges and opportunities flowing from the global economy and to devise appropriate policies. South Eastern European (SEE) countries are facing the challenge of catching up with the enlarged EU and the constitution of the European Research Area. Within this context, parliaments face increasing difficulties in addressing and dealing with the growing complexity of science and technology (S&T) and in defining research priorities addressing both the needs of population and the overall national development goals.

Background

UNESCO is developing a worldwide action to engage government policy-makers, parliaments, scientists, industry, the media and representatives of the civil society in an active dialogue for a better governance of science and technology civil. Previous UNESCO's initiatives includes the organisation of the International Round table on 'Science, Technology and Innovation Policy: Parliamentary Perspective' (Finland, January 2003) and subsequent sub-regional fora of Arab countries (Egypt December 2004), Latin American countries (Argentina, March, 2005), South Asia (India, March 2005), World Science Forum (Hungary, November 2005), Central and South West Asia Forum (Iran, January 2006).

An international Conference and ministerial Round table organized by UNESCO in co-operation with Austrian and Slovenian authorities in Ljubljana, Slovenia, 27-29 September 2006, has emphasized the need for SEE countries to work together towards the recognition of the role of science, technology and innovation for economic growths and socio-economic development. The Final Communiqué underlines that specific measures are necessary with a view to: "continuing or initiating overdue development and enhancement of S&T policy and innovation systems by: improving the overall status of S&T in governmental policy priorities and creating the legislative and institutional framework to foster R&D.

Objectives

The Conference will bring together representatives of Parliamentary Committees responsible for S&T of SEE countries in order to:

- explore ways and exchange experience of strengthening the parliament's role in enhancing the importance of Science, Technology and Innovation in SEE Countries;
- stimulating and setting-up an Inter-Parliamentary Permanent Forum on Science and Technology in SEE Countries;
- providing parliamentary S&T Committees with a platform for dialogue with scientists, the media, public and private sectors and civil society.

Participation:

Representatives of the Committees responsible for Science and Technology from each SEE Parliament will be invited to participate at the conference and to contribute to the programme. It is hoped that the participating Parliaments will assist UNESCO and BRESCE in identifying speakers on the specific issues from the region.

UNESCO/BRESCE will help each participating Parliament in covering participation costs, towards the local costs, as well as in covering some of the expenses involved in bringing a number of non - SEE Parliaments.

Organizers:

- UNESCO Office in Venice (BRESCE)
- The National Commission of Romania for UNESCO
- The Romanian Ministry of Education and Research – The National Authority for Research.

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Preliminary Programme

Wednesday, 27 June, Bucharest

8.00 - 13.00 – Arrival of participants

13.00 -14.30 - Visit of Romanian Parliament, Reception at Bogdan Olteanu, Chairmen of Romanian Parliament, Cocktail

15.00 – 17.30 – *Inaugural Session*
Romanian Parliament

Keynote Speech : Prof. David Cope, Director Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology, Houses of Parliament, UK (confirmed)

18.00 – 22.00 – Transfer to Tulcea, Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve

Thursday, 28 June, Tulcea

9.30 – 13.00

Session 1: Science, technology and innovation policy-making. The role of the Parliaments in SEE

What are the mechanisms to ensure that both government decision -makers and those in the parliament responsible for STI can operate effectively on S&T issues?

What are the models and modalities for addressing science, technology and innovation in SEE parliaments?

What mechanisms for monitoring governments in implementing science, technology and innovation policies.

What are the major constraints the Parliaments encounter in S&T legislation?

13.00–14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 18.30

Session 2: Boosting Science, Technology and Innovation for Socio-Economic Development in SEE. Parliamentary Challenges

What ways and means adopted or needed to be adopted in coping with the complexities of today's science and the formulation of quality science policy?

What is the role of the scientific community in the S&T legislative process?

How to create or improved constructive dialogue between scientists and parliamentarians?

How is the role of science journalists in communicating faithfully latest breakthroughs in sciences? How science legislation can include long-term perspective, risk analysis, value based considerations and limitations of S&T into the S&T policy decision? How to ensure that Members of Parliaments have access to reliable, rapid and impartial information on science and technology-related issues in order to help them in the legislation process? How to involve different component of society, including the public, the media, the private sector (industry) in the science legislation process?

Friday

29 June, Tulcea

9.00 – 11.00

Session 3: Towards an S&T Inter-Parliamentary Platform in SEE

What governance is necessary at national, regional and international level to make innovation policies more effective in our societies?

How to ensure a long-term approach, based on prospective studies addressing both national and regional developmental issues in the S&T decision-making process.

What are the mechanisms for strengthening the networking and cooperation among countries, to exchange experiences and expertise?

Panel Discussion

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30 – 13.00 *Creation of a S&T Inter – Parliamentary Platform in SEE*

In what way and by what means should a permanent S&T Inter-Parliamentary Platform in SEE be established and operate? How to assure the sustainability of the S&T Inter-Parliamentary Platform in SEE? What should be the role of UNESCO in assuring the establishment and sustainability of the S&T Inter-Parliamentary Platform in SEE?

Adoption of a Final Declaration

13.00 – 19.00 Lunch & Visit of the "Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve"

Saturday 30 June – Departure of participants