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The Conference „The Researcher – a factor for the development of the knowledge society” took place on 28-29 November in Sofia within the European Day of the Entrepreneur, which was organized by Sofia University and Sofia Municipality for a third successive year. The conference was organised by a consortium of five universities: Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" acting as a coordinator, and Plovdiv University "Paisij Hilendarski", Trakia University, Technical University - Varna, Rousse University "Angel Kanchev" in collaboration with the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria, and with the financial assistance of the European Commission within the 2005 Researchers in Europe Initiative.

The aim of the conference was to raise the awareness of the Bulgarian society on the profession and the role of researchers in the knowledge society and economy. The conference was open for participation of researchers, lecturers, teachers, businessmen, public servants, students, doctoral students, etc. It was announced on the Internet on:

- <http://www.eracareers-bg.net/>
- <http://www-it.fmi.uni-sofia.bg/reks/news.html>
- http://www-it.fmi.uni-sofia.bg/ede2005/home_en.htm
- <http://www.phdgate.net>
- <http://www.nsfb.net>
- <http://www.usb-bg.org>
- <http://www.democrit.com>

The main topics of the conference included:

- EC and Bulgarian policy for researchers
- International mobility of researchers
- Science, education and business - ways for collaboration
- Women and young people in science
- The research profession in Bulgaria

At the conference was presented a survey on the researchers' profession carried out within project REKS.

Conference with international participation
„The Researcher – a factor for the development of the knowledge society”

28-29 November 2005
Inter Expo Centre, Congress Centre Vitosha , Sofia

Final Program

Monday, 28 November 2005

13.00 – 14.00 Registration of conference participants

14.00 Opening of the conference

- Mr. Ljutvi Mestan, Chairman of the Commission on Education and Science, 40th National Assembly
- Prof. Dr. Georgi Bakalov, Vice Rector, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”
- Prof. Dr. Damjan Damjanov, Chairman of the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria

14.30-15.30 *First session “Aspects of the Researchers’ Policy”, moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Roumen Nikolov*

- Towards a European labour market for researchers: Research training, mobility and career development, Mr. Emmanuel Boudard, European Commission, DG Research
- The New Law on scientific ranks and scientific degrees, Acad. Peter Kenderov, President of the Presidium of the Higher Attestation Commission

15.30 coffee break

16.00 – 18.00 *Second session “Researchers’ mobility – new opportunities”, moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Galya Kozhuharova*

- European Researchers: What do we know about their mobility and career?, Dr. Olivier Da Costa, EC – DG JRC, IPTS
- Opportunities for the mobility of Bulgarian researchers, Ms Albena Vutsova, Director, Ministry of Education and Science
- Researchers on the move: incentives, drivers and constraints, Dr. Mariagrazia Squicciarini, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, Finland
- European Technology Platforms and Joint Technology Initiatives: Fostering Public-Private R&D Partnerships to Boost Europe’s Industrial Competitiveness. Case study: E-Mobility Strategic Research Agenda., Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elena Shoikova, Director of e-Learning R&D Laboratory, Technical University - Sofia
- Instruments for mobility of researchers in Europe, Dr. Elissaveta Gourova, CIST, Sofia University

Tuesday, 29 November 2005

9.00-10.30 Third session „Research, education and business – in unity”, moderator: Dr. Kamelia Stefanova

- Researchers and their role in the knowledge-based society with a special focus on the triangle of knowledge, education and business, Prof. Dr.-Eng. Kostadin Kostadinov, Deputy Director of the Institute of Mechanics – BAS, President of the Managing Board of Foundation “GIS – Transfer Center”
- Knowledge Management: What is it and how it should be applied in academic and business environments-An empirical study from Greece, Mr. Nikos Katsiadakis, Technology Park Thessaloniki, Greece
- Strategy of Lithuanian Energy Institute - unity of R&D and business, Dr. Rimantas Levinskas, Deputy director, Lithuanian Energy Institute, Lithuania
- The university-industry research collaboration, Mr. Peter Petrov, Point L, Managing director, Point L-Bulgaria Ltd.

10.30 coffee break

11.00 – 13.30 Forth session “Women and young people in research”, moderator: Prof. Dr. Snejanka Grozdanova

- The women scientists in physics, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ana Proykova, Sofia University
- National Club ‘Women in industry’ at Science-technical Union on Machinery and its activities for effective linkage innovation-entrepreneurship, Prof. Snejanka Grozdanova, member of the National Steering Council, Science-technical Union on Machinery (in cooperation with Yana Logofetova, HIRON MC – “New technologies in knowledge management process”)
- Opportunities for the young people in science and business at the beginning of 21st century, Assoc. Prof. Rossitza Chobanova, Economics Institute, BAS
- Problems of the PhD students in Bulgaria and opportunities provided them by the Association of PhD students in Bulgaria, Nadja Kolcheva, Association of PhD students in Bulgaria
- Svetlin Nakov – The way of a young scientists and actor for the education and the information society, Mr. Svetlin Nakov, Sofia University

13.30 lunch break

14.30 – 16.00 Fifth session “A look at the researchers profession in Bulgaria”, moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rossitza Chobanova

- The Bulgarian scientists and the national scientific potential, Prof. Dr. Angel Popov, Vice President of the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria
- The Bulgarian researchers in the transition: organizational and structural changes, Prof. Dr. Georgi Angelov, Centre for scientific studies and history of science, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
- The university lecturer – a leading scientist, Prof. Rusko Shishkov, Head of Department, Rousse University “Angel Kantchev”
- Results of the survey on the profession of researcher, Assoc. Prof. Lina Anastassova, Bourgas Free University
- Resume of the regional seminar “Profession Researcher” – Stara Zagora, Dr. Elena Lavrentsova

16.00 coffee break

16.30 – 18.00 Closing session

- Reports on the sessions of the conference
- Discussion

18.00 Close of the conference