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Report on BulRMCNet Final Conference

The Conference 'Researchers' Mobility and Career' was held on 6-7 November 2006 in the Inter Expo Center in Sofia. Co-organizers of the conference were: Sofia University, Ministry of Education and Science, Union of Scientists in Bulgaria, University of National and World Economy, University of Rouse, Technical University – Varna, Trakia University – DIITT, Club "Young Scientists".

The main goal of the conference was to present to the research community the Bulgarian Network of Research Mobility Centers and ERA MORE. It aimed also to discuss the researchers' career opportunities and the mobility between academia and industry.

The program of the conference was as follows:

Monday, 6 November, Plenary hall Vitosha

14.00 Opening session, Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Roumen Nikolov, Vice Dean of FMI

- Prof. Boyan Biolchev – Rector of Sofia University
- Prof. Damyan Damyanov – President of the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria

14.30-16.00 Plenary session 1 „Framework for researchers mobility and career development”, Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Marko Todorov, Rector of University of Rouse

- European framework to researchers career and mobility, [Kitty Fehringner](#), European Commission, DG Research
- Researchers Mobility Policy - EU Objectives and National Preparation, [Karina Anguelieva](#), Ministry of Education and Science, Directorate "Scientific Research"
- From brain-drain to brain circulation, Assoc. [Prof. Roumen Nikolov](#), SU-FMI
- Obligatory insurance of foreign lecturers in Bulgaria and of Bulgarians abroad, [Hristina Mitreva](#), General Director of GD 'Analysis, planning and forecasting', National Insurance Institute
- Control of the migration flows in Bulgaria, Assoc. Prof. Ljubomir Timchev, Academy of the Ministry of Interior

16.30-18.00 Plenary session 2 „Researchers' Mobility in European countries”,

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Hristo Hristov, Vice Rector, Technical University - Varna

- Development of the Bulgarian Research Mobility Network through collaboration with national and international institutions, [Assoc. Prof. Galja Kojouharova](#), Director, DIITT, Trakia University
- WEB-MOB project: Development of Mobility Guidelines for the West Balkan Countries in order to prevent brain drain and to achieve brain gain, [Dimitrios Sanopolous](#), CERTH, Greece
- FP7 program – social-economic activities and developing of a scientific capacity, [Ms Miroljuba Madjarova](#), European Commission, DG Research
- Why to invest in the young talents?, [Dimitar Groudev](#), Club 'Young scientists'

Tuesday, 7 November

JOINT SESSION WITH THE EUROPEAN DAY OF THE ENTREPRENEUR

Plenary hall Vitosha

9.00 – 9.30 Welcome address

- Prof. Boyan Biolchev – Rector of Sofia University
- Mr. Nikolai Vassilev, Minister of State Administration

9.30 – 11.00 Part 1: „The challenges to the business and local authorities for absorption of the Structural funds of the EU”

- The national strategic reference framework/ Financial Control of the EU Structural Funds, [Ms. E. Manolova](#), Ministry of Finance
- Operational Programme “Regional Development”, [Ms. V. Chervenкова](#), Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works
- Priorities of OP “Development of the competitiveness of Bulgarian Economy”, [Mr. N. Nedkov](#), Ministry of Economy and Energy
- Capacities of the Local Authorities for participation in planning and Implementation of the Structural Funds projects, [Mrs. Ginka Chavdarova](#), National Association of Municipalities
- PPP for Structural and Cohesion Fund absorption, [Ms. Elza Grigorova](#), National Business Development Network

11.30 – 13.00 Part 2: „Knowledge and innovation for economic growth”

- European Commission activities in the field of knowledge, innovation and entrepreneurship, [Mr. S. Shenev](#), EC, DG Enterprises and Industry
- National Innovation Strategy and Creation of Technology Transfer Centres, [Agency for Small and Medium Enterprises](#)
- Academia-Industry Co-operation: The Greek experience, [Artemis Saitakis](#), Managing Director, Science and Technology Park of Crete, Greece
- Enterprise, knowledge and innovation – conditions for success of SMEs in ICT sector, [Mr. Peter Statev](#), Bulgarian ICT Cluster
- On-line Communities and People Networking for Projects Opportunities at the EU level, [Mr. Marc Pallot](#), European Society of Concurrent Enterprising Network

14.00-15.30

Panel 1: The challenges of the knowledge-based economy – technology transfer and innovation, Moderator: Kamelia Stefanova, hall Mussala EN/BG

- Cyprus Innovation System and IRC Cyprus action plan and structure, [Antonis Antoniou](#), Technology Advisor, Cyprus Institute of Technology
- The innovation policy of the Technical University – Varna for making the university as a place for business, [Assoc. Prof. Hristo Hristov](#), Vice Rector, Technical university – Varna
- WESTBIC – In support of academic-industry collaboration, [Ultan Faherty](#), WESTBIC, Ireland
- Establishment of IP University Points in Bulgaria, [Zdravka Gjozlieva](#), Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria
- Research and development activity and IPRs, [Miglena Molhova](#), UNWE

Panel 2: Opportunities of the EU programs and the Structural funds for research and business , Moderator: Daniela Chonkova, hall Rodopi (in Bulgarian)

- FP7 and the Structural Funds- new opportunities for cooperation, Albena Vutsova, National Coordinator of FP7, Director ‘Scientific research’, MES
- Structural funds – instrument for encouragement of research and innovation in the area of ICT, [Georgi Prangov](#), Senior expert, Directorate ‘Information society and information technology’, State Agency for IT and communications

Panel 3: Career and mobility of young people in research , Moderator: Valentina Sharlanova, hall Pirin EN/BG

- The National research programs – a precondition for mobility and career of researchers, [Prof. Iskra Arsenova](#), BAS
- Mobility Portals in Europe and in Bulgaria, [Eugenia Kovatcheva](#), SU-CIST
- The career centers – a cross point between universities and businesses, [Assoc. Prof. Dimiter Roussev](#), TU-Varna
- Concept and targets of the Europeanwide survey of PhD doctorates, [Max Reinhardt](#), Eurodoc survey workgroup coordinator
- Opportunities for career and mobility of young researchers: virtual network PhDGate, [Nadia Koltcheva](#), Marina Encheva, Fani Koleva

16.00-18.00

Panel 5: Challenges to the Bulgarian Network of Research Mobility Centers, Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Galja Kojouharova, hall Mussala EN/BG

- Opportunities offered by Robert Bosch Foundation for mobile researchers to Bulgarian universities. My experience as a mobile researcher at the University of Rouse, [Katharina Lampe](#)
- Is it difficult to be a mobile researcher in Bulgaria, [Nikolay Vitanov](#), BAS
- How to keep the brains in Bulgaria, senior researcher [Rossiza Chobanova](#), BAS
- Management of the career development of researchers, Ass. Prof. [Valentina Sharlanova](#), DIITT, Trakia University
- Sustainability of the Bulgarian RMC Network, Assoc. Prof. [Roumen Nikolov](#), SU-CIST

Panel 4: Round table on ‘Knowledge management’, Moderator: Nikos Katsiadakis hall Rila (in English)

- The challenges of Knowledge management, [Albena Antonova](#), SU – CIST
- The K.M perceptions of Greek employees, [Nikos Katsiadakis](#), TTP, Greece
- The K.M Audit process, A case study in a consulting company, [Nikos Katsiadakis](#), TTP, Greece
- What do companies want to know for KM – A survey on KM training needs in 7 countries, [Ultan Faherty](#), tbc.

Open Discussion on: What a training package in KM should include

Panel 6: Career and mobility of women in research, Moderator: Penka Lazarova hall Pirin (in Bulgarian)

- The women in science: The European policy and the Bulgarian reality, senior researcher [Nikolina Sretenova](#), BAS and [Assoc. Prof. Ana Proykova](#), SU
- Self-employment among women – specific problems and policy, [Prof. Katia Vladimirova](#), UNWE

- The academic career of women in Sofia University during the period 1945-2006, senior researcher [Gorgeta Nazarska](#), Bulgarian association of academic women
- The women in nanotechnologies, [senior researcher D.Sc. Rumiana Kotsilkova](#), BAS
- Club 'Women in industry' in support of SMEs in industry by the accession of Bulgaria to the EU, [Prof. Snejana Grozdanova](#)

At the conference participated more than 150 researchers and representatives of industry and business associations. During the conference was disseminated for first time the Guide for Foreign Researchers in Bulgaria on a CD specially prepared for the conference. The CD contained as well other materials related to mobility of researchers and the available presentations of the conference speakers.

After the conference all presentations were uploaded on the National Research Mobility Portal in order to be accessible to much broader audience (<http://www.eracareers-bg.net/test5.php?cid=6&pcid=6&newsId=529>).