

**5th DRC (Danube Rectors' Conference) Summer School on Regional Co-operation
29 June – 06 July 2008
Krems, Austria**

***“Changing Dynamics of the Danubian Region –
New Neighbourhood Policy in the EU”***

CALL FOR APPLICATION

Dear Colleagues,

**The Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM), Vienna,
IDResearch Ltd (IDR), Pécs,
the Danube University of Krems and
the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Pécs,
are organising the fifth Summer School on Regional Co-operation
under the intellectual sponsorship of the Danube Rectors' Conference
(www.drc2008.idresearch.hu).**

Aims of the project:

- to enhance the awareness for the significance and possibilities of regional co-operation;
- to discuss and to develop strategies for the improvement of co-operation in the region;
- to bring young scientists from countries of the Danube Region and Central Europe together to establish a regional scientific network within the European Research Area;
- to foster relations between the partner universities of the Danube Rectors' Conference and with other regional actors;
- to prepare a sustainable series of events to be able to meet the tasks mentioned above.

Initiators and main organisers:

Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM), Vienna
Dr. Susan Milford, Managing Director

IDResearch Ltd. (IDR), Pécs
István Tarrósy, M.Sc., Managing Director

Co-organiser:

Danube University of Krems (DUK), Krems
Dr. Attila Pausits, Head of the Center for University Continuing Education and Educational Management

Target group:

- Max. 30 young scientists from the Danube Region and Central Europe who have records in Political Science or other social science disciplines.
- Graduates who want to present their research projects to the students of the Summer School in the lectures.
- Interested persons from regional organisations, public administration and scientific institutions.

Time frame and location:

The Summer School will take place between 29 June and 06 July 2008 at the Danube University of Krems, Austria.

The European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) was developed in 2004, with the objectives of avoiding the emergence of new dividing lines between the enlarged EU and its neighbours as well as strengthening stability and security in all involved countries. Furthermore, the ENP also addresses the strategic objectives set out in the European Security Strategy of December 2003.

In view of the relevance of the issue – especially regarding the implications of the ENP for the Danube Region – this year's general topic of the DRC Summer School on Regional Co-operation deals with the European Neighbourhood Policy from the perspective of the Danubian Region. Within this framework the organisers selected the following four subtopics for the workshops:

Workshop items:

1. European Neighbourhood Policy as Efficient Tool for Conflict Management?
2. Economic and Social Perspectives of the European Neighbourhood Policy
3. Potentials for the Civil Society in the European Neighbourhood Policy
4. Relations of the European Union to the Black Sea Region

Working methods:

- Lectures by high level scientists, young graduates and experts (politicians, civil servants, representatives of regional organisations, NGOs, EU officials);
- Presentation of Best Practice projects;
- Presentation of papers prepared by the participants;
- Discussion in parallel workshops;
- Presentation of the results of each working group and plenary discussion.

The working language is English.

Applications:

Applications for participation may be handed in by e-mail or fax until **28 April 2008** and should include the application form (see: **www.drc2008.idresearch.hu**), the CV of the applicant and an abstract max. 2 pages of the paper that shall be presented in the Summer School.

The participants are selected by a jury taking into account the guidance of the presidency of the Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC).

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Programme (6 working days):

Sun, 29 June	Arrival, Afternoon Programme, First Meeting
Mon, 30 June	Opening Session, Keynote Addresses, Introduction to the Workshops
Tue, 01 July	Plenary Lectures, Workshops
Wed, 02 July	Boat Trip through the “Wachau Valley” (UNESCO Cultural Heritage)
Thu, 03 July	Plenary Lectures, Workshops
Fri, 04 July	Field Trip (in Vienna: Round Table Discussion, then Sightseeing Trip)
Sat, 05 July	Presentation of the Workshop Reports, Closing Session and Farewell Party
Sun, 06 July	Departure

Follow Up

The best papers of the Summer School will be published in an annual proceedings volume, which we have been publishing since the launch of the project in 2004.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Krems,

István Tarrósy, M.Sc.

Dr. Susan Milford

Dr. Attila Pausits