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THE TRADITIONAL INTERNATIONAL ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE "SUSTAINABLE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES"

**Venue: Conference Room of the ISF "DRC"
Stjepana Ljubiše Street No. 23/ First Floor**

About the main organizer:



International scientific conferences "Danube - River of Cooperation" are held every year starting from 1989, based on the project of Dr. Edita Stojić, Scientific Adviser at the Institute of International Politics and Economy.

The first five successful conferences highlighted the great interest of not only scientific workers, but also of the wider professional public for a very wide range of topics related to the Danube and its tributaries. The need for establishing associations of citizens interested in international cooperation and for development projects in the sustainable use of natural and cultural and historical resources in the macro-region of the Danube basin was pointed out. Thus, in April 1994, the International Scientific Forum "Danube - River of Cooperation" (ISF "DRC") was established. Conferences "Danube - River of Cooperation" were scheduled for each fall. The only exception was in 1999, when there were no conditions for organizing a traditional annual conference due to the NATO bombing of the FRY.

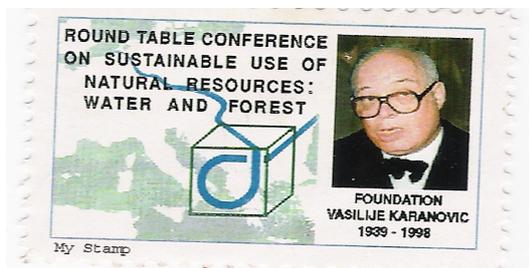
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However, that is why the first round-table-conference of the ISF "DRC" was held in the beginning of the next year when the effects of the bombardment on life in the Serbian Danube Region and the Danube River itself were considered and discussed. The annual autumn conferences have been resumed in 2000.

About co-organizers and supporters:



The Foundation "Vasilije Karanović" with a very modest annual fund, donated by the President of the ISF "DRC", works in order to preserve the memory of Vasilije Karanović, B.Sc. Eng. Forestry, who gave the idea of Round-Table conferences for raising awareness and sharing knowledge on sustainable use of natural resources.

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The Hungarian Foundation "Tiszta Formák" supports initiatives that promote community values, help people build trust and communities through cooperation, with the aim of enabling initiatives that would have less chance of achieving their goals in expanding cooperation without the support, and which are for the benefit of local and wider community.

THE FLOW OF THE CONFERENCE WORK

The work of the Conference began on June 23 with the registration of participants from 10:30 am. The list of participants (attached to this Report) shows that the Conference had a total of 22 participants, out of which 10 from Serbia and a total of 12 foreign participants from 5 countries, thus qualifying this Round Table Conference as an international scientific meeting.

After the registration, a formal opening of the event was moderated by Prof. Dr. Kristijan Ristić, President of the Program Council of the *International Scientific Forum "Danube - River of Cooperation"*. The gathering was welcomed by Dr. Edita Stojić Karanović, President-Founder of the International Scientific Forum "Danube - River of Cooperation" (ISF "DRC"), speaking about the tradition and the goals of the round-tables within the activities of this association.

Lászlo Pándi, President of the Federation of Water Tourism of the Danube Region, greeted the gathering on behalf of the co-organizer and supporter from Hungary, the "Tiszta Formák" (Clean Forms Foundation), explaining the importance of cooperation between ISF "DRC" and Hungarian associations dealing with priority themes of the Danube Strategy of the European Union.

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Monika Würtenberger, researcher from Germany and project manager of *ISF"DRC"* in the field of tourism, in her welcoming address to the participants of the conference, spoke about the cooperation with *ISF "DRC"* so far in promoting sustainable tourism development, and the expectations that this round table will contribute to the awareness about the need to take into account ecologically sound use of natural resources in tourism.

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The **First Panel** under the title "**Importance of Sustainable Use of Natural Resources for Sustainable Economic Development**" started at 12 o'clock.

Zoran Gavrilović, a professional engineer, project manager of *ISF"DRC"* for the field of environmental protection moderated this panel. In his introductory speech, he spoke about the need to understand the importance of preserving the balance and sustainability of natural resources and how to use those resources accordingly.

He then gave the floor to Dr. **Mátyás Cserhádi**, who presented the results of the research of the team made up of associates from the Department of Environmental Safety and Ecotoxicology, the University of St. István, and the Directorate for Water Management of the Central Tisza Valley, on the topic of the ecotoxicological condition of the river and streams into which wastewater is being discharged.

Prof. Dr. **Zoran Radmilović**, member of the Serbian Academy of Engineering, presented the results of his research on the ecological status of navigation through the Đerdap 1 conduit after the adaptation, especially from the aspect of noise and air pollution.

Then Dr. **Árpád Ferincz** presented the results of the research carried out by a nine-member team composed of scientists from the Institute of Agriculture at the University of St. István, the Limnological Institute, the Center for Ecological Research of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and the Institute for Research of the Danube and the Geographic Institute at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. One of the participants of this team, Dr. Adam Stasny, also participated in the work of our international scientific conference of the Round Table.

The participants used the opportunity to post questions after each presentation, and at the end of the panel a joint discussion on all topics of this panel was conducted. After that, during the buffet lunch, the participants conducted an informal continuation of the debate.

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With the **Second Panel**, titled "**Sustainable Tourism and Agriculture in Accordance with the Principles of Environmental Protection**" the work of the Conference was continued, starting at 14:30.

Moderator of the Second Panel, Prof. Dr Kristijan Ristić first gave the floor to **Monika Würtenberger** from Germany, who talked about tourism as a significant economic branch, where it is also very necessary to take into account the sustainable use of water and other natural resources, analyzing the example of the capital of Slovenia, Ljubljana.

The paper by doctoral candidate **Davor Ljubičić** from Croatia – presented in English by Sonja Prodanović, Msc, Alumni of the University College London-Bartlett School of Architecture – gave an analysis of the conditions and possibilities for sustainable development of tourist destinations in accordance with environmental principles. The example of the Elafiti islands in Dubrovnik was considered, with the criteria of access to water, i.e. the sustainable development of infrastructure in accordance with the goals of the UN Agenda 2030.

Akash Bhatt, BSc. Engineer of Architecture and space planning from India in his research-work is dealing with sustainable tourism around naturally available water resources in India, with examples of Sabarmati River and Lakes in the vicinity of Ahmedabad, the largest city in the state of Gujarat, that has huge touristic potentials.

Dr **Nenad Vasić**, from the Institute of International Politics and Economics, from Belgrade, analyzed in his paper the possibilities that the construction of the *Danube – South-Morava – Vardar – Thessaloniki Channel* could provide to the countries through which it would go, especially to Serbia, but also reflected on the technical challenges of construction, as well as on the interest of foreign investors for this great venture.

In her paper, Dr. **Edita Stojić Karanović**, focused on the modern development of cross-border, regional and interregional forms of cooperation in which the countries of the Western Balkans and the Danube basin participate, from the aspect of sustainable economic development in accordance with the principles of environmental protection.

With a joint discussion on the topics of the Second Panel the first conference day of the Round Table was concluded.

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The Third Panel under the title "Economic Aspects of Sustainable Development" started the next day, at 10:00 am.

The third panel moderator, Dr. Edita Stojić Karanović, first transferred to the participants the information (by phone call) from the hosts of the planned field visit on June 25th – Dragoslav Đorđević in Slanci and prof. Dr. Zoran Marković, director of the Center "The Small Danube" in Radmilovci – that due to the floods at these localities caused by heavy rains - the tomorrow's field program must be canceled.

Then she gave the floor to the first speaker of this panel:

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Prof. Dr. **Imre Garaczi**, in an interesting presentation on economic and ethical challenges in contemporary geopolitical processes and on the state of sustainability in the Euro-Atlantic world, began from the hypothesis that the ethics in the sphere of economic activity and morals in the modern welfare society are necessary. It's no coincidence - he thinks - that the era of modernity is called economic times, because society can not avoid the influence of the economy. The characteristics of this are: the economy is already present in every aspect of existence, so that welfare economics is trying to become independent of the code of ethics of the society. Peaceful coexistence of economy and ecology is the last great task of nation-states, which can not be fulfilled and realized in the current global modernity.

In her inspiring speech, Professor Dr. **Gyöngyi Major** emphasized that if we can bring the economy of welfare and their national states to the supranational level of the ecological economy, and keep it as a starting point, we can avoid the consequences of social explosions and ecological disasters. If that fails, we will return to a natural state in which, according to Hobbes's definition, "everyone is fighting against everyone". Therefore, the preferred way would be through responsibility, tolerance and solidarity, which are the most important creators of the dimensions of renewable ethics. If these three principles are creative in solving the problems of a globalized world, then a set of values can be developed to ensure sustainable development by guaranteeing a sustainable environment and developing appropriate networks for doing so.

Dr. **Jelena Predojević-Despić** from the Belgrade Institute of Social Sciences spoke about the challenges of migration and the need for political action, pointing to the fact that over the last few decades there have been significant changes in the nature of international migration trends and spatial mobility of the population on a world level. Migration flows and trends are becoming more progressive, more pronounced and more complex, and it can be said that Europe and countries in the Danube basin today may be at the heart of such a migration dynamics.

Prof. Dr. **Kristijan Ristić** from University "Union - Nikola Tesla" in his report on financing business and entrepreneurship, on internationalization of production and monetarization of market transactions proves that these processes contribute to the emergence of the state as a modern entity of directing and coordinating the development of entrepreneurship. In the restructuring of the contemporary economy, the state can, through selective and stimulating tax policy, treat innovations as an integral part of development programs.

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This was followed by a joint discussion on the topics of the Third Panel in which a particularly lively discussion of the issues of contemporary migration was developed. Then, guidelines for the Final Document of this Conference of the *International Scientific Forum "Danube - River of Cooperation" (ISF"DRC")* were adopted, bringing the conference to conclusion:

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CONCLUSIONS OF THE ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE AND THE TASKS AHEAD

At the end of the Conference, the President of the interdisciplinary association of experts and researchers dedicated to improving international cooperation in the field of sustainable development and sustainable use of natural and cultural and historical resources in the Danube Basin, Edita Stojić Karanović, proposing Conclusions, stressed first that the *ISF"DRC"* always communicates to the government authorities and organizations at all levels the results of its activities, pointing out the problems that need to be addressed in the sustainable use of natural and cultural and historical resources in the Danube basin – which will be done on this occasion, too. She also pointed out that the cooperation with international organizations took place over all past years through the participation of representatives of these organizations in the activities of *ISF"DRC"*, as well as the participation of *ISF"DRC"* in the activities of these organizations, whereby *ISF"DRC"* constantly strengthens its existing cooperation with non-governmental organizations of the countries in the Danube Region and initiates new forms of cooperation. It also cooperates with civil society organizations in other regions. She emphasized that *ISF"DRC"* will continue to operate in this direction, in the future.

ISF"DRC" will therefore continue to pay special attention to interdisciplinary programs and projects, promoting research results and project proposals through holding international conferences "*Danube - River of Cooperation*", which are held regularly every year. Also it will find new forms of education programs, expanding and sharing knowledge in the field of sustainable use and protection of natural resources and cultural and historical heritage.

All participants of this event were also invited to participate in the jubilee 30th International Scientific Conference, which will take place on September 23-25, 2019. The conference will be co-organized with the *Institute of International Politics and Economics*, and the central day of the conference will be held in the conference hall of the Institute on Tuesday, September 24th.

Co-organizing with the Hungarian Cultural Center in Belgrade was also proposed at the Round-Table, so a conference-day on September 23 would be held in the Center's palace. A request for permit for this will be submitted to the Hungarian Ambassador in due time.

For the third day, a field trip to Veliko Gradište and along the Danube is proposed. Further agreement on this is expected in the summer period, and for the realization of this part of the program it is still necessary to find financial support.

As part of the preparation of this conference, a bibliography of all papers and presentations at previous *ISF "DRC"* conferences should be prepared. On the basis of this bibliography, thematic collections of works will be published in the areas that over the last 30 years were the most represented at the "*Danube - River Cooperation*" conferences.

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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