# 2nd Danube Conference for Higher Education Management In search of excellence in higher education

Jointly organized by Corvinus University of Budapest and Ulm University

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In 2017 Ulm University organized the 1st Danube Conference for leaders, policy makers and researchers of higher education from the Danube countries. The Corvinus University of Budapest carries on this initiative by organizing the 2nd Danube Conference in cooperation with Ulm University and with the generous support of Péter Horváth Foundation.

Higher education systems and institutions have been under constant pressure of performance and efficiency since their considerable expansion in the 1990s. This pressure increased in the last decades as a result of the financial crisis, the spreading of international and national rankings and the growing competition for international students.

The main focus of the conference is to identify and present good management and policy practices which could be interesting for other countries and institutions. The cultural proximity of the Danube countries could provide an opportunity for the successful adaptation of such good practices.

#### **Call for Papers**

The call invites papers dedicated to the higher education sector in the Danube and Central and Eastern European region, but relevant contributions from other regions are also welcome, including comparative studies. The intended audience of the conference is practitioners. Therefore, we expect empirical papers and analysis of good practices. Theoretical and conceptual papers are also considered if they fit into the theme of the conference.

Papers should be submitted in one of the following tracks:

- 1) Management
- 2) Funding and governance
- 3) Teaching and learning
- 4) Research and development

1st July 2018	Conference registration & Abstract submission starts
21th October 2018	Submission of abstracts ends
28th October 2018	Results of abstract reviews announced
15th November 2018	Registration ends

#### **Important deadlines**

### **Confirmed keynote speakers**



Friedrich Faulhammer, President, Danube Rectors' Conference



Carola Jungwirth, President, University of Passau, Germany



Alfred van Zyl, President, Duale Hochschule Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany



**Andrzej Kurkiewicz**, Deputy Director, Department of Innovation and Development, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Poland



**Dominik Antonowicz**, Head of Sociology of Science Unit, Nicolas Copernicus University, Poland



Toomas Haldma, Head of department, University of Tartu, Estonia

## Abstract submission

Abstracts (one page, 3 000 characters with spaces) can be submitted at the <u>conference</u> <u>website</u> by the 21th October 2018 or via the following link: <u>https://goo.gl/forms/vyiOvG4Q7z0qBSDR2</u>.

Submitted abstracts will be evaluated by the scientific committee of the conference.

#### **Conference proceedings and full paper submission**

Full Papers can be submitted to <u>cihes@uni-corvinus.hu</u> by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (preliminary date). Papers will be published in a conference proceeding with an ISBN number in Summer 2019.

#### Fees, Allowances, and Registration

**The conference is free for registered participants**. Registration is possible on the <u>conference website</u> or on the following link: <u>https://goo.gl/forms/mLbIAz4PNpJzwByu1</u>

Interested individuals may participate in all the events of the conference without submitting a paper for presentation provided they registered until the deadline.

**Participants with accepted abstracts may apply for travel and accommodation allowances.** The number of grants is limited. Participants with abstracts of higher quality will be preferred. Preliminary demands for grants have to be submitted together with the abstract. The grant will not necessarily cover all the costs.

#### **Further Information**



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#### **About Corvinus University of Budapest**

Corvinus University of Budapest defines itself as a research university oriented towards education, where the scientific performance of the academic staff measures up to the international standard and the

students can obtain a competitive degree having a standard and knowledge content identical to similar-profile universities and acknowledged on the European Union's labour market and on a global scale. The University admitting more than 14,000 students offers educational programmes in agricultural sciences, business administration, economics, and social sciences, and most these disciplines assure it a leading position in Hungarian higher education. At the same time, its key ambition is to display the institution's uniqueness and to exploit the synergies resulting from professional diversity and from studying multiple disciplines.



# About Higher Education Research at Corvinus University of Budapest

The Center for International Higher Education Studies (CIHES) was established in May 2008. The Center is an umbrella organization for those researches who are teaching and pursuing research in various

fields of higher education at different faculties of CUB. One of the goals of the Center is to join European research consortia and to contribute to their results in the analysis of the educational processes with suggestions and proposals. Research topics include: analysis of the three-cycle system and the introduction of Bologna-type study programs, internationalization of higher education, mobility in higher education, funding reforms in higher education, social dimension of higher education, pedagogical methods, quality assurance, institutional management.