Serbian-Bavarian Higher Education Day

September 23rd and 24th, 2019 at the University of Bamberg

The Organizers

University of Bamberg

The University of Bamberg is both the newest and one of the oldest universities in Bavaria. In the 17th and 18th centuries, Prince Bishop Melchior Otto Voit von Salzburg and Prince Bishop Friedrich Karl von Schönborn transformed the town’s former Jesuit College into a fully fledged university. In honor of these two main supporters, the university still bears their names. After a tumultuous period of secularization and closure during the era of National Socialism, the university was re-opened in 1972. Over 13,000 students are currently enrolled, taught by 160 professors. The University of Bamberg is known for its focus on the humanities and the social sciences, economics and business administration. The corresponding two faculties are the largest on campus. They are complemented by the Faculty of Human Sciences and Education and the Faculty of Information Systems and Applied Computer Sciences.

From 2013 to 2016 the TEMPUS project FUSE “Fostering University Support Services and Procedures for Full Participation in the European Higher Education Area” took place the goal of which was to fully integrate Serbia into the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

The project was coordinated by the University of Niš in Southern Serbia. It served for adapting the services and procedures at Serbian universities related to international cooperation and mobility to EU standards.

On the Serbian side, 5 universities (University of Niš, University of Belgrade, University of Novi Sad, University of Kragujevac, State University of Novi Pazar) and the College of Tourism in Belgrade were involved in the project.

Together with 4 universities from Great Britain, Poland, Spain and the Czech Republic the University of Bamberg belonged to the EU partners of the project. The University of Bamberg advised the participating Serbian institutions on administrative and legal framework conditions and various mobility support services. The range of topics included application procedures for foreign exchange students, mobility of lecturers and researchers, recognition of exams passed abroad, advice on accommodation and getting acquainted, funding programs for outgoings, internships abroad etc.

Following the project, the University of Bamberg successfully applied for ERASMUS+ funding and invited more than 80 Serbian students from the 6 involved Serbian institutes of higher education for a study sojourn in Bamberg. Furthermore, lecturers and staff from Serbia came to Bamberg for teaching and training. Staff Weeks took place in 2017 and 2018.

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The Bavarian Academic Center for Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe (BAYHOST) promotes academic exchange between Bavaria and countries in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe. BAYHOST supports Bavarian universities and universities of applied science through its specific competencies; by supporting their collaboration with academic organizations in its partner countries and by establishing new partnerships.

The promotion of cooperation in research and teaching as well as the distribution of knowledge about the higher education system in the Western Balkan Countries form a focus of BAYHOST’s work.

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Sunday, September 22nd, 2019

07:00 p.m. COMMON DINNER

Program

The conference language is English

Monday, September 23rd, 2019

9:00 a.m. Beginning of registration

OPENING. PLENARY SESSION

10:00 a.m. Welcoming addresses and opening speeches on cooperation with Serbia in different fields:

Prof. Dr. Dr. habil. Godehard Ruppert, President of the University of Bamberg, Speaker of the BAYHOST board of directors

Ursula Heinzel, Bavarian Ministry of Economic Affairs, Regional Development and Energy

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The system of science and higher education in Serbia
Center for the Promotion of Science of the Republic of Serbia
The system of higher education and science in Bavaria: Mission, Expertise and Services of BAYHOST
Nikolas Djukić, Executive Director, BAYHOST

Information on funding programs:

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)

EUREGIO EGRENSIS, grants consultancy on transnational INTERREG programs
to be continued

12:30 a.m.  Lunch break

1:30 p.m.  Sections (simultaneously)

SECTION 1: ENGINEERING AND NATURAL SCIENCES

1:30 p.m.  Good practice examples and proposals for cooperation in the fields of students’ exchange, research and cooperation of academia and business

Research cooperation with the University of Belgrade
Prof. Dr. Agnes Görlach, TUM School of Medicine, Experimental and Molecular Pediatric Cardiology, Technical University of Munich

Innovation for Dementia in the Danube Region – INDEED / INTERREG-Danube Transnational Programme
Prof. Dr. Alexander Kurz, Clinic for psychiatry and psychotherapy, University Hospital rechts der Isar, Technical University of Munich

The Concept of Dual Study Programs in Bavaria
André Meidenbauer, hochschule dual, Umbrella brand for the dual cooperative study system in Bavaria

The work of the Career & International Center WIAI
Dr. Laura-Christiane Folter, Career & International Center WIAI, Faculty of Information Systems and Applied Computer Sciences, University of Bamberg

Further contributions by the participants will be added.

4:00 p.m.  End of the section

SECTION 2: HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

1:30 p.m.  Good practice examples and proposals for cooperation in the fields of students’ exchange, research and cooperation of academia and business

4:00 p.m.  End of the section

4:00 p.m.  Coffee break

4:30 p.m.  Final plenary session

5:00 p.m.  Cultural program

7:00 p.m.  COMMON DINNER
Tuesday, September 24th, 2019

Counseling on funding possibilities in one-on-one-interviews by arrangement

Dr. Philip Pfaller, Scientific Officer, Socio-economic Sciences & Humanities / Security Research, Bavarian Research Alliance (BayFOR)*

*The Bavarian Research Alliance (www.bayfor.org/en) provides comprehensive advisory services on EU research and innovation funding such as EU policies. BayFOR supports researchers in the proposal development process and in the search for suitable project partners.

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) (tbc)

Individual meetings, possibly visits to other Bavarian institutes of higher education

*After your online registration, you will be offered to submit a form with your proposals for cooperation. An overview of all proposals will be sent to the participants before the conference, so you can get in touch with each other directly in order to arrange individual meetings. If you need support for organizing individual meetings, please contact us.

Wednesday, September 25th, 2019

Individual meetings, possibly visits to other Bavarian institutes of higher education

Conference language

The conference language is English.

Registration

Please use the following link to register: Registration

Registration as a speaker is possible until June 17th 2019. Registration as a visitor is possible after this deadline as well.

Directions

Directions to the University of Bamberg:

https://www.uni-bamberg.de/en/university/directions-locations/kapuzinerstrasse-16-k16/