

# BSUN 2018 Congress

## UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals in the Black Sea Region: From Science to Implementation

**Monday, June 18, 2018**

Aristotle University Research Dissemination Center

<b>08:30 – 09:00</b>	<i>Registration</i>		
<b>09:00 – 09:45</b>	<b>Welcome Speeches</b>		
<b>09:45 – 11:30</b>	<b>Plenary Session: UN 2030 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS</b>		
<b>11:30 – 12:00</b>	<i>Coffee Break and Press Conference</i>		
<b>12:00 – 13:30</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Parallel Session on EDUCATION</b> <i>Quality Assurance in Higher Education</i>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Parallel Session on TECHNOLOGY &amp; INNOVATION</b> <i>Industry Innovation and Infrastructure</i>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Parallel Session on SUSTAINABLE GROWTH</b> <i>Blue Economy, Water Research and Climate Change</i>
<b>13:30 – 14:30</b>	<i>Lunch</i>		
<b>14:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Parallel Session EDUCATION</b> <i>Inclusiveness and Cooperation in Higher Education</i>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Parallel Session on TECHNOLOGY &amp; INNOVATION</b> <i>Space Technology for Food Security</i>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Parallel Session on SUSTAINABLE GROWTH</b> <i>Sustainable Cities and Communities</i>
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b>	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
<b>16:30 – 18:00</b>	<b>Plenary Session: JOINT DEGREES IN BSUN</b>		
<b>20:00</b>	<i>Cocktail Reception &amp; BSUN Networking Event (Only invited guests)</i>		
<b>21:00</b>	<i>Social Dinner (Only invited guests)</i>		

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### Plenary Session I

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Auditorium I

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:45	Welcome Speeches
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prof. Pericles A. MITKAS</b>, Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece</li><li>• <b>H.E. Amb. Michael B. CHRISTIDES</b>, Secretary General of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization</li><li>• <b>Prof. Mahmud Erol KILIÇ</b>, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States</li><li>• <b>Prof. Giga ZEDANIA</b>, BSUN President, Rector, Ilia State University, Georgia</li><li>• <b>Acad. Abel MAHARRAMOV</b>, Former BSUN President, Rector, Baku State University, Azerbaijan</li><li>• <b>Acad. Jorgaq KAÇANI</b>, Former BSUN President, University of Tirana, Albania</li></ul>
09:45 – 11:30	<b>Plenary Session: UN 2030 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS</b> <b>Chair: Prof. Giga Zedania</b> , BSUN President, Rector, Ilia State University, Georgia
<b>Keynote Lectures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ms. Vanessa DEBIAIS-SAINTON</b> (videoconference), Head of Unit – Higher Education, DG Education and Culture, European Commission, Belgium <i>European Universities Initiative: Current status, next steps</i></li><li>• <b>Prof. Jeffrey SACHS</b> (video or live streaming), Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University and Director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, USA <i>UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals: A status report</i></li><li>• <b>Dr. Argyro KAVVADA</b>, Associate, Science Program Management NASA and Executive Secr. of EO4SDG Initiative, USA <i>EO4SDG: Current situation and future perspectives</i></li><li>• <b>Mr. László BORBELY</b>, State Counselor to the Prime Minister’s Office, Romania <i>Romania’s experience in implementing the 2030 Agenda</i></li></ul> <p><b>Discussion and closing remarks</b></p>
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee Break and Press Conference

# 1<sup>st</sup> Parallel Session on EDUCATION

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Auditorium I

12:00 – 13:30	<b>Quality Assurance in Higher Education</b>
<b>Chair</b>	<b>Prof. Anastas GERDJIKOV</b> , Rector, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Bulgaria
<b>Co-chair</b>	<b>Prof. Ariadni STOGIANNIDOU</b> , Vice Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prof. Ariadni STOGIANNIDOU</b>, Vice Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece <i>Quality Assurance: Universal and culture-specific challenges</i></li><li>• <b>Prof. Grygorii KALETNIK</b>, President, Vinnitsa National Agrarian University, Ukraine <i>The formation of a science-innovation-based economic space. The combination of educational opportunities of the University and scientific and practical potential of the Consortium.</i></li><li>• <b>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sorin COSTREIE</b>, Vice Rector, University of Bucharest, Romania <i>Current trends on Quality Management in Higher Education</i></li><li>• <b>Prof. Giga ZEDANIA</b>, Rector, Ilia State University, Georgia <i>Education reforms in the context of modernization</i></li><li>• <b>Prof. Aurel PAPARI</b>, President, and <b>Prof. Andra SECELEANU</b>, Vice Rector, Andrei Saguna University, Romania <i>Quality Assurance: Comparative research on higher education institutions from the Black Sea Region</i></li></ul> <p><b>Discussion and closing remarks</b></p>
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	<b>Inclusiveness and Cooperation in Higher Education</b>
<b>Chair</b>	<b>Prof. George SHARVASHIDZE</b> , Rector, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia
<b>Co-chair</b>	<b>Prof. Chryssi VITSILAKI</b> , Rector-Elect, University of the Aegean, Greece
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Acad. Jorgaq KAÇANI</b>, Former BSUN President, Polytechnic University of Tirana, Albania <i>The BSUN Approach to Inclusiveness and Cooperation with other Regional and Global Academic Networks</i></li><li>• <b>Prof. Bogdan YEGOROV</b>, Rector and <b>Prof. Maryna MARDAR</b>, Vice Rector, Odessa National Academy of Food Technologies, Ukraine <i>Making new international contacts and developing international collaboration within the activities of Odessa National Academy of Food Technologies</i></li><li>• <b>Prof. Giorgi SOSIASHVILLI</b>, Rector, Gori State Teaching University, Georgia <i>Internationalization of higher education in Georgia: Building on European experience</i></li><li>• <b>Prof. Volodymyr ONYSHCHENKO</b>, Rector, Poltava National Technical Yuri Kondratyuk University, Ukraine <i>Dual education as an effective form of qualitative staff assistance of oil and gas companies</i></li><li>• <b>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat TÜRKYILMAZ</b>, Trakya University, Turkey <i>Presentation of the Balkan Universities Association</i></li></ul> <p><b>Discussion and closing remarks</b></p>
<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Prof. Ariadni STOGIANNIDOU</b> , Vice Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Parallel Session on TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

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Auditorium II

<b>12:00 – 13:30</b>	<b><i>Industry Innovation and Infrastructure</i></b>
<b>Chair</b>	<b>Acad. Jorgaq KAÇANI</b> , Former BSUN President, Polytechnic University of Tirana, Albania
<b>Co-chair</b>	<b>Prof. Nikolaos Ch. VARSAKELIS</b> , Vice Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Sergiy BYELIKOV</b>, Rector, Zaporizhzhya National Technical University, Ukraine <i>ZNTU: International activities as key factor for progress in education</i></li> <li>• <b>Prof. Armen DER KIUREGHIAN</b>, President, American University of Armenia, Armenia <i>Teaching, learning and practice of entrepreneurship within a university</i></li> <li>• <b>Prof. Konstantin MARKELOV</b>, Acting Rector, Astrakhan State University, Russia <i>Integration of possibilities of academic organizations into innovation and technological needs of the economy</i></li> <li>• <b>Prof. Eden MAMUT</b>, Secretary General, Black Sea Universities Network, Romania <i>Knowledge transfer models for university-industry cooperation centered on scientific research infrastructures</i></li> <li>• <b>Prof. Emil CAZACU</b> and <b>Prof. Cristina SĂRĂCIN</b>, Politehnica University of Bucharest, Romania <i>Evaluation of the operating parameters of power distribution transformers: Operating under special environmental conditions</i></li> </ul> <p><b><i>Discussion and closing remarks</i></b></p>
<b>13:30 – 14:30</b>	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>14:30 – 16:00</b>	<b><i>Space Technology for Food Security</i></b>
<b>Chair</b>	<b>Prof. Sergiy BYELIKOV</b> , Rector, Zaporizhzhya National Technical University, Ukraine
<b>Co-chair</b>	<b>Prof. George ZALIDIS</b> , Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. George ZALIDIS</b>, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, <i>Regional challenges and prospectives of SDG's using EO data in the Black Sea and Balkan Mediterranean Region</i></li> <li>• <b>Prof. Michael ZGUROVSKY</b>, (videoconference) Rector, Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute, Ukraine <i>Education, scientific research and innovation on Space Technologies</i></li> <li>• <b>Acad. Ioan BOSTAN</b> (videoconference), Technical University of Moldova, <i>Cooperation on Space Technologies in the Black Sea Region</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Karsten ZIMMERMANN</b>, Deputy Head of Business Segment Surveying and Geomonitoring at DMT, Germany <i>Supervision of tailings by an integrated novel approach to combine ground-based and space-borne sensor data</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Razvan MATEESCU</b>, Coordinator of the COSMOMAR Center, Constanta, Romania <i>Monitoring the good environmental status of the Black Sea coastal area using satellite data</i></li> <li>• <b>Prof. Peter ZEIL</b>, (videoconference) University of Salzburg, Department of Geoinformatics Z_GIS, Austria <i>The Copernicus Academy: A network in support of knowledge sharing</i></li> </ul> <p><b><i>Discussion and closing remarks</i></b></p>
<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Prof. Nikolaos Ch. VARSAKELIS</b> , Vice Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b>	<i>Coffee Break</i>

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Parallel Session on SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

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Auditorium III

12:00 – 13:30	<b>Blue Economy, Water Research and Climate Change</b>
Chair	Prof. Eden MAMUT, “Ovidius” University of Constanta, Romania
Co-chair	Prof. Nicolaos P. THEODOSSIOU, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Dimitris DIMITRIADIS</b>, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Greece <i>Blue economy in the Western Mediterranean</i></li><li>• <b>Assoc. Prof. Prodromos ZANIS</b>, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece <i>Challenges of regional climate change over the Black Sea and the Mediterranean</i></li><li>• <b>Assoc. Prof. Mustafa YÜCEL</b>, Vice Director Institute of Marine Sciences, Middle East Technical University (METU), Turkey <i>A new blue growth vision for the Black Sea: Identifying marine and maritime research and innovation priorities in the frame of a new strategic research and innovation agenda</i></li><li>• <b>Dr. Anton AFANASYEV</b>, Southern Federal University, Russia, <i>Achieving sustainable development goals through international STI cooperation</i></li><li>• <b>Assoc. Prof. Elpida KOLOKYTHA</b>, Director, Center for Integrated Water Resources Management, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki – UNESCO Centre for Water, Greece <i>The new AUTH UNESCO Cat. II Water Center and SDGs – Managing and protecting freshwater resources and the well-being of people</i></li></ul> <p><b>Discussion and remarks on The Burgas Vision Paper: A Blue Growth Initiative for Research and Innovation in the Black Sea</b></p>
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	<b>Sustainable Cities and Communities</b>
Chair	Prof. Gulchohra MAMMADOVA, Rector, Azerbaijan University of Architecture and Construction
Co-chair	Prof. Nicolas MOUSSIOPOULOS, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prof. Eftichios SARTZETAKIS</b>, Vice Rector, University of Macedonia, Greece <i>Climate change finance with emphasis on sustainable cities</i></li><li>• <b>Prof. Nicolas MOUSSIOPOULOS</b>, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece <i>Circular economy: Smart cities</i></li><li>• <b>Ms. Konstantina KARYDI</b>, Associate Director, City Resilience Delivery – Europe &amp; the Middle East, 100 Resilient Cities, UK <i>Urban resilience: Adopting a new approach to city development and policy making</i></li><li>• <b>Mrs. Georgiana BERCARU</b>, Expert, Black Sea Universities Network Secretariat, Romania <i>Integrating renewable energy sources for sustainable transport systems in port cities</i></li></ul> <p><b>Discussion and closing remarks</b></p>
Rapporteur	• <b>Prof. Eftichios SARTZETAKIS</b> , Vice Rector, University of Macedonia, Greece
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break

## Plenary Session II

### Monday, June 18, 2018

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<b>16:30 – 18:00</b>	<b><i>Joint Degrees in BSUN</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Experience and the future of staff and student mobility</li> <li>- Developing common postgraduate programs</li> <li>- New opportunities in distance and e-learning cooperation</li> </ul>
<b>Chair</b>	<b>Prof. Pericles A. MITKAS</b> , Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
<b>Co-chair</b>	<b>Assoc. Prof. Grigorios ZAROTIADIS</b> , Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Political Sciences, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Acad. Abel MAHARRAMOV</b>, Former BSUN President, Rector, Baku State University, Azerbaijan <i>The Integration of Baku State University in regional and global academic networks. The role of Joint degree programs and international cooperation.</i></li> <li>• <b>Prof. Dalina DUMITRESCU</b>, Vice Rector, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania <i>Joint degree programs and international cooperation on education program development at the Bucharest University of Economic Studies</i></li> <li>• <b>Prof. Dimitris KOVAIOS</b>, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Environment, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece <i>A successful cooperation between the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and RUDN University of Moscow: A common Master Program in organic farming, student and staff mobility and joint conferences</i></li> <li>• <b>Prof. Atanas KOVACHEV</b>, Varna Free University “Chernorizets Hrabar”, Bulgaria <i>Knowledge and skills for sustainable development: The impact of the new Master program on Circular Economy at Varna Free University</i></li> <li>• <b>Prof. Eden MAMUT</b>, Secretary General, Black Sea Universities Network, Romania <i>Development of regional Master degree programs: Case study “EIT OPEN ESEE Regional Master for maintenance engineering”</i></li> <li>• <b>Mr. Panagiotis DAVID</b>, AIESEC Student Chapter, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece <i>AIESEC activities related to the SDGs</i></li> <li>• <b>Ms. Maria LYKOGIANNI</b>, SDSN Youth, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece <i>SDSN Youth activities related to the SDGs</i></li> </ul> <p><b><i>Discussion and closing remarks</i></b></p>

<b>20:00</b>	<i>Cocktail Reception and BSUN Networking Event (Only invited guests)</i>
<b>21:00</b>	<i>Social Dinner (Only invited guests)</i>

# 13<sup>th</sup> Conference of Rectors from the Black Sea Region

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Thessaloniki City Hall  
City Council Assembly Hall

09:00 – 10:00	<b>Invited Guests</b>
	<p><b>Mr. Petar NIKOLOV</b>, Deputy-Minister of Education and Science, Bulgaria</p> <p><b>Ms. Maria KOLLIA –TSAROUCOA</b>, Deputy Minister for Macedonia and Thrace, Greece</p> <p><b>Prof. Meropi TZOUFI</b>, Deputy Minister of Education, Research and Religious Affairs, Greece (TBC)</p> <p><b>Mr. Apostolos TZITZIKOSTAS</b>, Governor of Central Macedonia, Greece</p> <p><b>Mr. Yannis BOUTARIS</b>, Mayor of Thessaloniki, Greece</p> <p><b>Ms. Katerina NOTOPOULOU</b>, Head of the Thessaloniki Prime Minister’s Secretariat Office, Greece</p>
10.00 – 11:30	<b>Summary of the 2018 BSUN Congress Proceedings</b>
<b>Chair</b>	<b>Prof. Pericles A. MITKAS</b> , Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
<b>Keynote Lecture</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Prof. Mircea DUMITRU</b>, Rector, University of Bucharest, Romania <i>Sustainable education for happiness and well-being</i></li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reports from the Parallel Sessions</li><li>Adoption of the Declaration of the Conference of Rectors from the Black Sea Region on the implementation of the UN 2030 SDGs in the Black Sea Region Countries</li></ul>
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
12:00 – 13:00	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference of Rectors from the Black Sea Region</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>BSUN Member Universities: Projects and Initiatives on Education Programs</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Prof. Havar MAMMADOV</b>, Rector, Baku Engineering University, Azerbaijan</li><li><b>Prof. Emil PANUSHEFF</b>, Varna Free University “Chernorizets Hrabar”, Bulgaria</li><li><b>Prof. Victor MAZUR</b>, Rector, Vinnitsa National Agrarian University, Ukraine</li><li><b>Dr. Armen DER KIUREGHIAN</b>, President, American University of Armenia</li><li><b>Prof. George SHARVASHIDZE</b>, Rector, “Ivane Javakhishvili” Tbilisi State University, Georgia</li><li><b>Prof. Larisa EFREMOVA</b>, Vice Rector, People’s Friendship University of Russia (RUDN), Russia</li></ul></li></ul>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Conference of Rectors from the Black Sea Region</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>BSUN Member Universities: Projects and Initiatives on Scientific Research and Innovation</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Prof. Mustafa BABANLI</b>, Rector, Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University, Azerbaijan</li><li><b>Prof. Rozalina DIMOVA</b>, Vice Rector, Technical University of Varna, Bulgaria</li><li><b>Prof. Konstantin MARKELOV</b>, Rector, Astrakhan State University, Russia</li><li><b>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sorin COSTREIE</b>, Vice Rector, University of Bucharest, Romania</li><li><b>Prof. Theodore LAOPOULOS</b>, Vice Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece</li></ul></li></ul>
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:00 – 17:30	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Conference of Rectors from the Black Sea Region</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Election of the new BSUN President</b></li></ul>
21:00	<i>Farewell Dinner (Only invited guests)</i>