

Annual Conference and meeting of the Bulgaria Chapter of MCAA – 2019 “Excellent Science facing the Challenges to Science-based Industries”

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

Time	Topic
Friday – 17 May	
9:30 – 10:00	Coffee and registration
10:00 – 10:30	<p>Opening and welcoming words: <i>Representative of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS):</i> Prof. Pavletta Shestakova, member of the Governing Council of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences</p> <p><i>Official guests:</i> Mrs Karina Angelieva, Deputy Minister of Education and Science Mrs. Veselina Angelova, member of the European Commission Representative Unit in Bulgaria</p>
10:30 – 12:00	<p>Our MCAA Awardees (<i>Chairperson: Dr. Anife Ahmedova</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Stefka Fidanova (Institute of Information and Communication Technologies, BAS) – “Intelligent methods for optimization and decision making” Assoc. Prof. Kristina Bliznakova (Technical University - Varna) – “Contribution of Marie-Curie Career Integration Grant for the Establishment of Biomedical Engineering research group at the Technical University of Varna“
12:00 – 13:30	<u>Networking Lunch</u>
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Panel 1: MSCA Individual Fellows present their research (<i>Chairperson: Dr. Velislava Terzieva</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Stanimira Taneva (University of Nottingham, UK) Dr. Mamun-ur Rashid (Manchester Metropolitan University, UK) Dr. Stoyan Karakashev (Sofia University, Bulgaria) Dr. Jovana Ruzic (Institute of Information and Communication Technologies, BAS)
15:00 – 15:30	<u>Coffee break</u>
15:30 – 16:20	<p>Presentations by potential partners and possibilities for joint activities with the Bulgaria Chapter of MCAA (<i>Chairperson: Mrs. Antoaneta Mateeva</i>)</p> <p>Presentation of Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) – Marin Pandev, CEO, Joint Innovation Center of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences</p> <p>Presentation of the Researchers’ Night Projects in Bulgaria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> REFRESH – Lyubov Kostova, Country Director - British Council K-TRIO 3 – Mirolyuba Madjarova, Programme Manager - Scientific Research Department (SRD-CIST) at Sofia University
16:20 – 18:00	<p>Chapter Meeting - to members of MCAA, only</p> <p>Meeting agenda - Hot topics: Management Board elections (Vice-Chairs; Treasurer and Communication Manager); Communication channels to be used – pros & cons; Updates from Policy WG</p>
18:30 – 21:00	<u>Social event</u> (<i>dinner for registered MCAA members</i>) and continuation of discussion on the chapter’s plan of activities

Time	Topic
Saturday – 18 May	
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Panel 2: <u>Academia-Industry Exchange – experience with RISE projects</u> (<i>Chairperson: Prof. Zhelyu Vladimirov</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Maya Dimitrova – Institute of robotics, BAS – "CybSPEED: Cyber Physical Systems for Pedagogical Rehabilitation in Special Education" H2020-MSCA-RISE-2017 Prof. Svetlana Simova – Director of the Institute of Organic Chemistry with a Center of Phytochemistry, BAS – The RISE projects in the Institute of Organic Chemistry – EXANDAS and its follow-ups.
11:00 – 11:30	<u>Coffee break</u>
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Panel 3: <u>Doctoral training and opportunities for research in ITN - Experience sharing</u> (<i>Chair: Dr. A. Ahmedova</i>)</p> <p>The view of the project/task managers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Tanya Tsoncheva – ITN-Project BIKE – Institute of Organic Chemistry with a Center of Phytochemistry, BAS; <p>The view of the ITN fellows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viktor Senderov and Maria Dimitrova present the Pensoft's ITN-Projects IGNITE and BIG4 in Bulgaria Anna Antonova shares the view of an ITN fellow from abroad
13:00 – 14:00	<u>Networking Lunch</u>
14:00 – 17:30	<p><u>Soft skills Academy</u></p> <p>open to members and non-members of MCAA; <u>Official language: Bulgarian</u></p> <p><i>Chairperson: Dr. Tatiana Stankova</i></p>
14:00 – 15:30	<p><u>Soft skills Academy – Panel A</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Individual fellowships, H2020-MSCA-IF-2019 Call and Introduction to the Bulgarian National Science Program "Petar Beron" – Mrs. Gabriella Tchouprenska, MSCA NCP, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and Mrs. Antoaneta Mateeva, MCAA Member, BG Chapter. "European Research Council (ERC) – Activities and Funding in 2019 and Introduction to Bulgarian National Science Program for Cutting-Edge Research (Vihren)" – Assoc. Prof. Mihail Iliev and Prof. Zara Zheleva, ERC-NCPs.
15:30 – 16:00	<u>Coffee break</u>
16:00 – 17:30	<p><u>Soft skills Academy – Panel B</u></p> <p>Team Management & Leadership – the hottest topics in business today – Mr. Viktor Balabanov, Founder and professional trainer of www.icanbe.eu</p> <p>I. Self-management: 1. Stress management; 2. Strategies for emotional self-control</p> <p>II. Communication: 1. Verbal effect of communication; 2. 5 dimensions of para-verbal communication; 3. Body language influence</p>
17:30 – 18:00	Closing the conference

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We support, and contribute to, the advancement of knowledge for a global, diverse, and informed society.

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3. Serve as a forum of debate for researchers and citizens

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