

DANUBE REGION – THE RIVER AS AN EXPERIENCE
THE 3RD INTERNATIONAL DANUBE CONFERENCE ON CULTURE

PROGRAMME

TIMISOARA, 24 – 26 JUNE 2015

WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE 2015

- 15.00 – 16.00:** Guided city tour / Meeting point: Piața Victoriei, in front of the Opera House
18.00: JazzyBIT Concert / Baroque Hall of the Art Museum (Piața Unirii nr. 1)
Guided tour of the museum
Welcome reception offered by His Excellency, Mr. Rolf Maruhn, German Consul in Timișoara

THURSDAY, 25 JUNE 2015

- 8.30 – 9.00:** Registration / Multifunctional Hall of Timis County Council (B-dul
Revoluției din 1989 nr. 17)
- 9.00 – 10.30: OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE**
- Official welcome: **Nicolae Robu**, Mayor of Timisoara Municipality
Titu Bojin, President of the Timis County Council
Eugen Dogariu, Prefect of Timis County
Joachim Uhlmann, Head of department Ministry of
Science, Research and the Arts Baden-Württemberg
Ioan Vulpescu, Minister of Culture
Sergiu Nistor, Presidential Counsellor
Ioan Holender, Artistic Director of the *George Enescu*
International Festival
Alexandra Mardale, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
European Union Strategy for the Danube Region
Simona Neumann, Executive Director, Association
Timisoara – European Capital of Culture, candidate city
- Keynote speech: **Adrian Cioroianu**, Dean of the Faculty of History,
University of Bucharest
- Moderation: **Méhes Márton**, Danube Cultural Cluster, Vienna
- 10.30 – 12.00:** Introductory speeches: **Victor Neumann**, West University Timisoara and
Director of the Art Museum Timisoara
Peter Langer, General Coordinator, Council of
Danube Cities and Regions, Ulm

Jordi Baltà, Expert Committee on Culture, United Cities and Local Governments

- 12.00 – 14.00:** **Opening** of the photo exhibition: „Stuttgart by Night“ by Beatrice Zervas
Lunch offered by the Department for Inter-Ethnic Relations within the Government of Romania;
(La Stravaganza Clarinet Quartet **Concert**)
- 14.00 – 17.00:** **PANELS**

Panel 1: Danube House of Cultures, moderator Victor Neumann (West University Timisoara and Director of the Art Museum Timisoara) /
Baroque Hall of the Art Museum (Piața Unirii Nr. 1)

Speakers: Joachim Uhlmann (Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts Baden-Württemberg), **Nick Thorpe** (BBC), **Carsten Ramm** (Badische Landesbühne Bruchsal), **Miodrag Milin** (Romanian Academy – Timisoara Branch), **Swantje Volkmann** (Consultant for Cultural Affairs for South-East Europe at Donaueschinger Zentralmuseum Ulm)

Description: The Danube region represents an amalgamation of cultures, set by the cohabitation of several cultural-linguistic communities, the religious diversity and interferences, the “Austrian German”. In the regions of the aforementioned space, the social environment is singularized by technical experiences, but, especially, by music (opera and operetta), theatre, literature, fine arts and architecture. The Danubian Europe is a place where plurality was well experienced and where the identities thus created shall be reinvented by the civil society and by the awareness of the multiple cultural code inherited from a common history.

Panel 2: Creative Industries – Employment and Cultural Development Opportunities in the Danube Region, moderator Peter Langer (General Coordinator, Council of Danube Cities and Regions) / Multifunctional Hall of Timis County Council (B-dul Revoluției din 1989 nr. 17)

Speakers: Thomas Emmerling (EUROART Foundation Luxembourg), **Marius Giura** (Gărăna Jazz Festival), **Cornel Ungureanu** (Romanian Writers' Union – Timisoara Branch), **Diana Andone** (eLearning Center, Politehnica University Timișoara), **Attila Balázs** (Hungarian State Theatre “Csiky Gergely” Timisoara)

Description: During the last years, the artistic stage, in the field of creative industries, was filled by innovatory enterprises and diverse places of work. Either it was about galleries, design offices or marketing, artistic agencies or IT enterprises, all this represents, especially in the Danube countries, a major chance for the economic development and for the long term extension of the labour market. The panel shall inform on this evolution and shall contribute to creating networks.

Panel 3: Culture and Sustainable Development of Cities, moderator Jordi Baltà (Expert Committee on Culture, United Cities and Local

Governments) / Bastion Attic (Martin Luther Str. 4, Corp. B1)

Speakers: **Tamás Szalay** (Hungarian Cultural Centre Stuttgart), **Horia Şurianu** (University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), **Walter Putschögl** (Upper Austrian State Museum), **Darko Arabadzic** (ARBEGA Consultancy), **Momčilo Bajac** (Novi Sad European Capital of Culture 2021)

Description: In the economically dynamic Danube urban landscape, however highly marked by profound identity crises and by the lack of strong landmarks at the level of communities, rethinking a set of mutual values and taking a common destiny can only be generated by culture. The subject of this panel is represented by the projects able to rehabilitate urban centres or regions and the long term involvements of such projects, economically, socially and culturally speaking.

17.30 – 18.50: Book launches / Calina Gallery (Mărăşeşti Str. 1-4):
A Journey Upriver from the Black Sea to the Black Forest by Nick Thorpe, Yale University Press, 2014

Die Interkulturalität des Banats by Victor Neumann, Frank & Timme, Berlin, 2015

THEATRE PERFORMANCES

19.00: 7/7, Hungarian State Theatre “Csiky Gergely” Timisoara / Studio (Alba Iulia

19.30: Str. 2)

19.30: *Fuchsiada*, German State Theatre Timisoara / GSTT Hall (Alba Iulia Str. 2) Communist Consumer's Museum, *Animal Farm*, Aualeu Theatre / Scart, loc lejer (Arh. Laszlo Szekely Str. 1)

21.30: Dinner / Curtea Berarilor Timişoreana – La Han (Proclamatia de la Timişoara Str. 7)

FRIDAY, 26 JUNE 2015

8.30 – 9.00: Registration / Multifunctional Hall of Timis County Council (B-dul Revoluţiei din 1989 Nr. 17)

9.00 – 11.00: Plenary – Presentation of the results of the workshops
Adoption of declaration and establishing the place of the 4th International Danube Announcement Conference on Culture in 2016

11.00 – 12.00: Press conference

12.00 – 13.30: Lunch

13.30 – 17.00: **Annual Conference of the Working Group Culture and Science of the Working Community of the Danube Regions** / Multifunctional Hall of Timis County Council (B-dul Revoluţiei din 1989 Nr. 17)

15.30 – 16.30: Hodoni Manor / departure from Hotel Continental, time: 15.30; Hotel Central, time: 15.45; Hotel Timișoara, time: 16.00

17.00 – 19.00: Project and Partnership Laboratory / Hodoni Manor

A key-moment in the agenda of the 3rd International Danube Conference on Culture, the Project and Partnership Laboratory takes place in a relaxed atmosphere. Directors of cultural institutions, managers and cultural operators, artists, freelancers and the staff of the Association Timisoara – European Capital of Culture – Candidate City meet to find cooperation formulas, to build international networks and to work together on future projects.

19.00 – 21.30: Dinner / Hodoni Manor

21.30 – 22.00: Return to Timisoara

Conference languages:

Romanian / German / English
with simultaneous interpretation

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