



The Eurodoc Annual General Meeting 2009

Banská Bystrica, Slovakia

At the General Assembly, which took place directly after the annual Eurodoc conference in Banská Bystrica (SK) a new Eurodoc board was elected. The new President of Eurodoc is Nikola Macharová, doctoral candidate at Nitra, Slovak Republic. Nikola, coming from a position in the Slovak Doctorands Association's board, is working on her doctoral thesis on "Life Long Learning in Management of Cultural Institutions".

The composition of the newly elected Board is the following:

- President: Nikola Macharová (Slovakia)
- Vice president: Nadia Koltcheva (Bulgaria)
- Secretary: Elena Xení (Cyprus)
- Treasurer: Darius Köster (France)
- General Board Member: Ing-Marie Ahl (Sweden)
- General Board Member: Zaza Nadia Lee Hansen (Denmark)
- General Board Member: Sverre Lundemo (Norway)

The most important aim of this year's Eurodoc board will be the strengthening of the position of Eurodoc as well-recognised stakeholder in the European Research Area and the European Higher Education Area by representing the voice of Europe's doctoral candidates and young researchers. The General Assembly showed resolve by taking up a resolution to the board to aim at the harmonisation of doctoral programs across Europe.

Currently, Eurodoc is conducting what can be considered the most elaborate survey until now on the situation of young researchers in Europe. The results will be presented at the Eurodoc Conference in 2010. Furthermore, the General Assembly agreed to make a strong statement to claim the importance of investing into the future by investing in education and research, also and especially in times of economic crisis.

The relevance of Eurodoc and of the community it represents was witnessed by the increasing recognition of young researchers as core stakeholders and partners in policy debates and actions at the national and European level during the last period, and is expected to rise significantly over the next years.

The next General Assembly will take place right after the Eurodoc Conference on "Stocktaking and Prospects: Doctoral Training and Research – the Link between EHEA and ERA". It will take place in Vienna on March 11-15, 2010.

EURODOC background:

EURODOC was founded in Girona (Spain) on 02/02/02. It is the European Council of doctoral candidates and young researchers. It takes the form of a federation of national associations of PhD candidates and young researchers.

EURODOC's objectives are:

- To represent doctoral candidates and junior researchers at the European level in matters of education, research, and professional development of their careers.



- To advance the quality of doctoral programmes and the standards of research activity in Europe.
- To promote the circulation of information on issues regarding young researchers; organize events, take part in debates and assist in the elaboration of policies about Higher Education and Research in Europe.
- To establish and promote co-operation between national associations representing doctoral candidates and junior researchers within Europe.

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