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STRATEGIC WORK PLAN **2014 - 2018**

The Croatian Humboldt-Club is planning to implement the following activities in the period 2014 - 2018.

1. MEETINGS AND COOPERATION OF CLUB MEMBERS

Meetings and cooperation of the Croatian Humboldt-Club members will be realized in the form of regular sessions and occasional meetings, colloquia, panel discussions, lectures and symposia.

The assembly of the Club is planned to be held in April 2016 and in April 2018.

Sessions of the Steering Committee will generally be held four times a year.

Sessions of other bodies of the Club will be held in accordance with the statutory rules.

2. COOPERATION WITH THE ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT FOUNDATION

Within the regular cooperation with the Humboldt Foundation, the following activities will be in focus in the next period:

- The Foundation promotion and presentation activities at universities and scientific institutions in Croatia as well as encouraging young scientists to participate in the Humboldt network of scientific excellence. In cooperation with the Foundation staff, a series of presentations on the principles and activities of the Foundation are planned to be held for younger scientists and PhD students at universities and scientific institutions.
- In addition to intensifying cooperation with the Humboldt Foundation and the international Humboldt network, the Club plans to organize regional meetings with the aim of promotion of European integration and further establishment of scientific cooperation.
- The regional meeting of the Humboldt network will be organized in the Republic of Croatia in collaboration with the Foundation. As a new member of the European Union, Croatia has a special role in establishing and building regional networks within the Humboldt scientific community.

3. COOPERATION WITH THE EMBASSY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE GOETHE INSTITUTE

Public lectures of scientists from Germany, commemorative scientific meetings and research projects will be organized in cooperation with the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Goethe Institute in Zagreb.

4. DEBATES AND PUBLIC LECTURES

In cooperation with related associations and organizations including, among others, the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, the University of Zagreb, the University of Split, the University of Rijeka, the Ruđer Bošković Institute, the Goethe Institute, the DAAD Club, the Croatian Pan-European Union, the

Club plans to hold public lectures/debates in the Club of University Teachers or in other relevant scientific institutions in order to promote interdisciplinary scientific cooperation and networking.

The plan is to hold 3-4 public lectures/debates per year on the current scientific themes in Croatia and abroad, and on the legislative and organizational issues of scientific work in Croatia.

Prof. Valerije Vrčec, a member of the Governing Board of the Club, was appointed a organizer of public lectures/debates. The following public lectures/debates are planned:

- Prof. Igor Čatić, The Effects of Technology in Modern Medicine (in collaboration with the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture and the Croatian Bioethics Society)
- Prof. Zoran Jašić / Prof. Pavo Barišić, The European Union in the Process of Globalization (in collaboration with the Croatian Pan-European Union)
- Dr. Mile Ivanda (moderator), Modern Cosmology in the Light of Recent Astrophysical Discoveries (in collaboration with the Ruđer Bošković Institute)
- Prof. Milan Pelc / Prof. Pavo Barišić (roundtable leader): Humboldt Principle of Balance Between Teaching and Research at Croatian Universities Today (with representatives from universities, the Ministry and the Academy)
- GMOs - a Meeting Place of Social Sciences/ Humanities and Natural Sciences (candidates for the "roundtable" are: Prof. Hrvoje Fulgosi, Dr. Tomislav Krznar, Dr. Katica Knezović, Prof. Ante Čović)
- Prof. Živko Staničić, Prof. Valerius Vrčec, Prof. Sandra Babić) Medicalization of Society and Environment
- Dr. Mile Ivanda, Materials Science as a Potential Generator of High-Technology Development in Croatia
- Prof. Zoran Jašić, Financial Crisis as a Challenge to Reflect on the Interaction of Real and Financial Phenomena in Terms of Globalization.

5. CLUB'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The 25th anniversary of the Club is planned to be marked on 11 May, 2017 by organizing a commemorative international interdisciplinary conference. By this jubilee, the commemorative book of Croatian Humboldtians will have been printed. Dr. Marina Ilakovac Kveder and Dr. Jasna Čapo have been appointed for the book editing, i.e. they will prepare scientific profiles and biographies of the Club members for the book.

6. COOPERATION WITH THE DAAD CLUB AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS

The Club plans to enhance cooperation with related clubs and associations, primarily with the DAAD club.

7. CLUB'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CROATIAN SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY AND THE SOCIETY

The Club plans to participate in building and improving science policy and strategy development in Croatia. The present time is a period of major transformations and reforms of the scientific and higher education system in Croatia and the Club has to give its contribution. The brothers Alexander and Wilhelm Humboldt, each in his own way and also by serving as the government ministers and advisers, contributed to the formation of the European model of universities and science. In this spirit, the Club would like to contribute by its cooperation with universities and scientific institutions in Croatia within different joint programs.

8. PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Club plans to update the web site with the data on members and activities of the Club.

The persons entrusted with setting up and maintaining the web site are Dr. Mile Ivanda, the secretary and Dr. Larisa Jonke, a member of the Club.

Public presentations of the Club activities are planned in the form of occasional shows and programs in the mass media.

9. INFRASTRUCTURE

A computer and a server are planned to be purchased for the Club.

The restoration and refurbishment of the office space of the Club is also planned.

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ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN

2014-2015

In the period from April 2014 to April 2015, the Croatian Humboldt-Club plans to implement the following activities.

1. MEETINGS AND COOPERATION OF CLUB MEMBERS

In this period the Steering Committee meetings have to be held four times.

2. COOPERATION WITH THE ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT FOUNDATION

Presentations of the activities of the AvH Foundation are planned at the University of Zagreb, the University of Split and the University of Rijeka in October or November 2014. The aim of these meetings is to encourage young scientists to participate in the Humboldt network of scientific excellence. The presentations on the principles and activities of the Foundation will be given for PhD students and younger scientists of

universities and scientific institutions by the representatives of the Foundation and members of the Croatian Humboldt-Club. Members of the Steering Committee will participate in the work of the regional meetings of the Foundation.

3. COOPERATION WITH THE EMBASSY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE GOETHE INSTITUTE

A few public lectures and/or roundtables will be organized in cooperation with the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Goethe Institute in Zagreb, where some scientists from Germany will be invited. For example, the academician Prof. Dr. Henning Ottmann will be invited to give a lecture on the topic of Cosmopolitan Democracy.

4. DEBATES AND PUBLIC LECTURES

In order to promote interdisciplinary scientific cooperation and contacts, the Club plans to organize a number of public lectures and debates in The Society of University Teachers, Scholars and Other Scientists – Zagreb the Club of University Teachers. The activity will be coordinated by Prof. Valerije Vrčec:

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5. PREPARATION OF INFORMATION AND MATERIALS FOR THE 25TH CLUB'S ANNIVERSARY

The materials containing scientific profiles and biographies of the Club members will be collected and prepared by Dr. Marina Kveder Ilakovac and Dr. Jasna Čapo.

6. COOPERATION WITH THE DAAD CLUB AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS

The Croatian Humboldt-Club will participate in the DAAD Club's activities such as "the German Hour" and joint trips.

7. CLUB'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CROATIAN SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY AND THE SOCIETY

The club will participate in creation, improvement and strategy development of science policy in the Republic of Croatia. The Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, the Agency for Science and Higher Education, Croatian Science Foundation the National Science Foundation and others will be informed about this activity .

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Zagreb, July 18, 2014

President

Prof Pavo Barišić, PhD