



ХУМБОЛТОВ СЪЮЗ В БЪЛГАРИЯ HUMBOLDT UNION IN BULGARIEN

First Announcement

Dear colleagues - Humboldtians , dear young scientists,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation will fund the organization of an international conference (Humboldt Kolleg) that will take place in Sofia ("St. Kliment Ohridski" University) on November 16–18, 2017.

The conference topic is „Humboldtians and Scientific Progress in the Central and Eastern European countries". Attached herewith to this email, please find the concept of the Kolleg, which gives a more detailed perspective of its aims and content.

The conference is organized by the Humboldt Union in Bulgaria (HUB) with the active support of the Department "Science" of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Sofia.

In the frames of the Kolleg, the 25th anniversary of the Humboldt Union in Bulgaria will be celebrated. There will be conference lectures telling the story of the HUB and of the contributions of the Bulgarian Humboldtians to the development of the Bulgarian science and social progress.

It will be interesting for all of us, and mainly for the young scientists, to hear the lectures of outstanding German researchers, laureates of prestigious awards, including the Sofia Kovalevskaya Award. During the conference, there will be lectures given also by prominent researchers from Central and Eastern European countries, who represent their local Humboldt associations. We will further provide lectures on important topics for the young researchers – how to select the best, how to prevent brain drain, how to apply for scholarships of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation etc.

Young researchers are the main emphasis of the Kolleg. Approximately 50 young scientists from Bulgaria, Germany, Greece and Switzerland have applied for participation. They will have the opportunity to present their scientific results, achieved within the mentorship of or in collaboration with their Humboldtian colleagues. The conference format encourages participation of researchers from a variety of scientific fields, hence the presentations will be grouped in field-wise thematic sessions.

The working languages of the conference are English and German.

Submission of abstracts for the young researchers' participation in the Kolleg starts on June 15, 2017. The formatting instructions are attached herewith. The conference abstracts should be written in either English, or German per applicant's choice. The selection committee will review the submissions and will categorize them in thematic sessions.

The program of the Kolleg is under development and will be soon announced on the website of the Humboldt Union in Bulgaria (<http://humboldtunion-bulgaria.org/>).

Book of Abstracts and Conference Proceedings are to be published.

The form of communication is oral presentation. Poster sessions are not considered.

Submit your abstracts to: kollegavh2017@gmail.com

Deadline for abstracts submission: September 15, 2017.

Please, indicate in the accompanying email whether you like to publish your presentation in the Conference Proceedings.

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Humboldt Union in Bulgaria, I wish success to all the participants in the Humboldt Kolleg.

Prof. Ilza Pajeva,
President of the Humboldt Union in Bulgaria