

«Bulgaria Chapter» CONFERENCE AGENDA

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

Meeting Date: May 17-18th 2019

Location: Info center of the **Joint Innovation center** of the Bulgarian Academy of sciences – “Acad. G. Bontchev” street – bl. 26B, Sofia - 1113

Commencement Time: May 17th 2019, 9:30

Open to members and non-members of MCAA; Official languages: English and Bulgarian

Time	Topic
<u>Friday - 17 May</u>	
9:30 – 10:00	Coffee and registration
10:00 – 10:30	Opening and welcoming words: Representative of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences – Prof. Pavletta Shestakova, member of the Governing Council of BAS; Representatives of MCAA Board; Official guests – Mrs. Veselina Angelova - member of the European Commission Representative Unit in Bulgaria
10:30 – 12:00	Our MCAA Awardees ➤ Prof. Stefka Fidanova (BAS - Sofia) – “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“ <i>Chairperson: Dr. Anife Ahmedova</i>
<u>12:00 – 13:30</u>	<u>Networking Lunch</u>

13:30 – 15:00	<p>Panel 1: <u>MSCA Individual Fellows present their research</u></p> <p>Speakers:</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) ➤ Dr. Jovana Ruzic (BAS - Sofia) <p><i>Chairperson: Dr. Velislava Terzieva</i></p>
15:00 – 15:30	<u>Coffee break</u>
15:30 – 15:50	<p>Presentation of Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) – Marin Pandev, CEO, Joint Innovation Center of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences</p>
15:50 – 16:20	<p>Presentation of the Researchers' Night Projects in Bulgaria and possibilities for joint activities with the Bulgaria Chapter of MCAA:</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 "St. Kliment Ohridski"
16:20 – 17:50	<p><u>Chapter Meeting - to members of MCAA, only</u></p> <p>Meeting agenda - Hot topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Management Board elections (Vice-Chairs; Treasurer and Communication Manager); ➤ Communication channels to be used – pros & cons – Viktor Senderov ➤ Updates from Policy WG – Antoaneta Mateeva
18:00 – 20:00	<p><u>Social event</u> (<i>dinner for registered MCAA members</i>) and continuation of discussion on the chapter's plan of activities</p>

<u>Saturday - 18 May</u>	
9:30 – 10:30	<p>Panel 2: <u>Academia-Industry Exchange – experience with RISE projects</u></p> <p>Speakers:</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 Institute of Organic Chemistry – BAS – The RISE projects in the Institute of Organic Chemistry – EXANDAS and its follow-ups. <p><i>Chairperson: Prof. Zhelyu Vladimirov</i></p>
<u>10:30 – 11:00</u>	<u>Coffee break</u>
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Panel 3: <u>Doctoral training and opportunities for research in ITN - Experience sharing</u></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 – 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 <p><i>Chairperson: Dr. Anife Ahmedova</i></p>
<u>12:30 – 14:00</u>	<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> <p>➤ “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.</p> <p>➤ “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.</p>
15:30 – 16:00	<p><u>Coffee break</u></p>
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>I. Self-management:</i> 1. Stress management; 2. Strategies for emotional self-control</p> <p><i>II. Communication:</i> 1. Verbal effect of communication; 2. 5 dimensions of para-verbal communication; 3. Body language influence</p>
17:30 – 18:00	<p>closing the conference</p>