

Celebration Event

**50 Years Austrian Committee of the IAD (ÖK-IAD)
70 Years International Association for Danube Research (IAD)**



“Danube Research – yesterday, today, tomorrow”

26th June, 2026, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

BMLUK, Vienna, Stubenring 1, Marmorsaal

PROGRAMME

Morning Session (in German)

09:00 - 09:45 Eröffnung

(Moderation Birgit Dalheimer)

Begrüßung und Einführungsvorträge

- IAD - 70 Jahre Zusammenarbeit und Vernetzung im Donaueinzugsgebiet - Bernd Cyffka (ehem. Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, IAD)
- Die Donauforschung in Österreich - Thomas Hein (BOKU, ÖK-IAD)
- Die Donau gestern und heute - Martin Dokulil (ehem. Univ. Innsbruck; ÖK-IAD)

09:45 - 09:55 Impulsvortrag

- Kooperation im internationalen Donaukontext – vielfältige Interessen, geteilte Verantwortung, gemeinsame Lösungen - Birgit Vogel (ICPDR)

09:55 - 10:40 Podiumsdiskussion

Die Donau als sozio-ökologisches System - Perspektiven für ein integriertes Gewässermanagement

Teilnehmer*innen:

- Andreas Farnleitner (TU Wien, Karl-Landsteiner Universität Krems, ÖK-IAD)
- Robert Fenz (Abteilung Wasserwirtschaft, BMLUK)
- Ursula Scheiblechner (viadonau)
- Birgit Vogel (ICPDR)
- Marija Zunabovic-Pichler (IAWD, Wiener Wasser - Magistratsabteilung 31)

10:40 - 11:00 Pause

11:00 - 11:10 Impulsvortrag

- Zukunftsfähigkeit des Gewässerschutzes im aktuellen sozio-politischen Kontext des Donauraums - Irene Lucius (WWF-CEE)

11:10 - 11:55 Podiumsdiskussion

Die Zukunft des Lebensraums Donau: Alles "öko" oder nicht?"

Teilnehmer*innen:

- Katharina Bauer (BOKU, ÖK-IAD Young Danube Research)
- Bernd Cyffka (ehem. Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, IAD)
- Irene Lucius (WWF-CEE)
- Stefan Schneeweih (Nationalpark Donauauen)

11:55 - 12:20 Verleihung des Liepoltpreises

12:20 - 13:20 Mittagspause - Buffet

Afternoon Session - Scientific interventions (13:20 - 17:00)

13:20 - 13:30 Opening presentation:

- IAD - the way ahead: vision for shaping a greener future in the Danube Region - Cristina Sandu (IAD)

13:30 - 14:15 Joint Danube Survey 5 - New perspectives

Chair: Alexander Kirschner (MedUni Wien, KL Krems, ÖK-IAD); Co-Chair: Franz Wagner (BMLUK, ÖK-IAD)

13:30 - 13:45 Monitoring and Risk Assessment of Chemicals in the Danube River Basin: the NORMAN Network Approach - Jaroslav Slobodnik (Environmental Institute Slovakia)

13:45 - 14:00 Integrating eDNA into the Joint Danube Survey: Basin-Wide Insights into Aquatic Biodiversity - Paul Meulenbroek (BOKU, ÖK-IAD)

14:00 - 14:15 A current overview of the status of faecal pollution in the Danube River and its major tributaries - Iris Schachner-Groehs (Stadt Wien - MA 39, ÖK-IAD)

14:15 - 14:30 Break

14:30 - 15:15 Science in dialogue with society

Chair: Susanne Brandstetter (BMLUK), Co-Chair Hélène Masliah-Gilkarov (ICPDR)

- Opening video: Water in Austria and its importance for ICPDR communications and the Danube
- "Danser" song performance by Prisma4, followed by a conversation with Ronald Pöppl (BOKU, ÖK-IAD)
- JDS5 Citizen Science Programme ("Gems of Water"), followed by a conversation with Caterina Cacciatori, Scientific Project Officer (EC JRC, Ispra)
- Video presentations - ICPDR "Danube Art Master" Initiative and Austria's Danube Day 2026 activities
- Science in the classroom – a Video statement by Bernhard Schober (AHS Franklinstraße, Vienna)
- Interactive word cloud with the audience and closing of the session

15:15 - 16:00 Session 3 - Major scientific challenges in the DRB

Chair: Katrin Teubner (Universität Wien, ÖK-IAD, IAD); Co-Chair: Cristina Sandu (IAD)

15:15 – 15:30 The impacts of social traps of climate change mitigation on water bodies in the Danube Basin - Vera Istvánovics and Márk Honti (formerly Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Hungary, IAD)


15:30 – 15:45 The game has been changing: three decades of invasive gobies in the Danube - Vladimír Kováč (AQ-BIOS, s.r.o., formerly Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia, IAD)

15:45 – 16:00 Invasive alien species in the Danube River Basin - research, cooperation and management in the frame of IAD - Teodora Trichkova (IBER, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, IAD)

16:00 - 17:00 Poster session

Chair: C. Novotny (Universität Wien, ÖK-IAD)

Soft drinks, beer, wine and fresh bread rolls are offered

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