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#### WWVPF SVB-FORUM OF WORLD WOMEN UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS FORUM "ADAPTABILITY & BREAKTHROUGH: UNIVERSITY'S REFORM AND INNOVATION IN THE NEW ECOLOGY OF HIGHER EDUCATION"

Between 1-5 June 2017 "Dimitrie Cantemir" Christian University, Bucharest, has hosted and co-organized together with Communication University of China, from Beijing, China very special event, namely the subforum of WWUPF, on the topic of "Adaptability & Breakthrough: University's Reform and Innovation in the New Ecology of Higher Education", which rallied a number of more than 60 participants from over 15 countries.

The opening Ceremony was honoured by the participation of distinguished guests, such as Ms. Corat Saniye Gulser, Director of the Division for Gender Equality, Office of the Director-General UNESCO, Ms. Sağlamer Gülsün, President of European Women Rectors Association, Zhao Hui, Vice-President of Communication University of China, Tian Shulan, former Vice-Minister of Education, China, as well as special guests from Romanian academic world, who presented various problems and challenges that confront today's world of education.

The proceedings of the forum were organized under the following panels:

- University's Challenges and Opportunities in New Ecology.
- University's Innovation on Education and Teaching in the Era of "Internet+"
- University and Women Rector's Roles and Mission in New Ecology.

A very important Chinese delegation, headed by distinguished Professor Liu Jinan, assured the co-chair of the panels, as well as precious contributions on the conference topics, describing the problems facing education in China as well as the innovative solutions which assured the extraordinary success of Chinese higher education in the contemporary world.

Other participants, like Ms. Chancellor of Dong Soon Park, of the Dongseo Educational Foundation, Republic of Korea, presented the latest innovations in the technology of education, the online courseware platform called GAA (Global Access Asia), where 59 member institutions from 16 countries participate since 2015.

The role, responsibilities and challenges faced by women university presidents in various countries like Georgia, China, Russia, etc., were presented by women Presidents like Prof. Giuli Alasania, President of the University of Georgia, Georgia, Dr. Ren Fang, President of Xijing University, China, Zhang Qin, Vice-President of Guizhou University, China, Olga Burukina, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Svetlana Aronova, Orel State University, Russia, or Askin Asan, Rector of Avrasya University, Former Minister of Family, Ankara, Turkey.

Distinguished Professor Chen Naifang, former President of Beijing Foreign Studies University presented the challenges and innovations in the reform of China's higher education, in the conditions of the New Ecology Era, when a more innovative education system will be the signature mark of China as a world power, a pillar for enhancing international competitiveness.

From the Romanian side, Prof. Corina Adriana Dumitrescu PhD., President of the Senate of "Dimitrie Cantemir" Christian University, opened the works of the first panel with a very insightful and thought-provoking essay on the essence and future of education. Showing the audience that East and West meet in the most fundamental way, as both Confucius' philosophy as well as Plato's and Pithagoras' meet in the concept that society's most important goal is to create an educated, superior man, President Dumitrescu concluded that the most important goals in the education of the New Ecology are to give the moral and ethical side its due importance, beside the development of innovation according to the needs of society.

Vice-Rector for International Relations, Prof. Ramona Mihailă PhD. presented the Bologna system which is regulating European higher education, which proved to be very interesting for the non-European guests of the Forum. Last but not least, the concluding remarks on the debates and presentations of the Forum were drawn by distinguished Prof. Cristiana Cristureanu PhD., Rector of "Dimitrie Cantemir" Christian University, who pointed out that the success of the Forum, beside the intellectual and professional quality of the presentations it accommodated, is due also to the fact that it allowed women leaders in education coming from very diverse parts of the world to meet and discuss, and freely exchange views and experiences. All participants to the Forum on "Adaptability & Breakthrough: University's Reform and Innovation in the New Ecology of Higher Education" appreciated the host institution's efforts and success in organizing the event and will have excellent memories of the debates and outcomes of the forum.

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