CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

4th International Black Sea Symposium
on

Vouliagmeni, Attica, Greece
19 – 23 September 2011

Building on three years of success, the International Black Sea Symposium (IBSS) project continues in 2011 with the 4th International Black Sea Symposium on “The Black Sea Region in Transition: New Challenges and Concepts”. From 19 September to 23 September 2011 the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) will welcome young professionals and international experts in Vouliagmeni, Attica, Greece, for an intensive course on Black Sea issues. The event’s working language will be English.

About the International Black Sea Symposium project

The International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) launched the International Black Sea Symposium project in 2008 in the context of an ever more pressing need for multilateral and transnational cooperation and dialogue in the wider Black Sea region. The need for increased cooperation becomes ever more evident amidst the raging financial crisis that has smitten the global community, but traditionally affects more acutely countries prone to introversion like those in the region.

In the face of such challenges, the International Black Sea Symposium project was conceptualised to promote dialogue, understanding and cooperation in the wider Black Sea region. Now in its fourth year, the Symposium builds on the success and positive impact of its previous three editions to bring together the next generation of stakeholders with an interest in the Black Sea area. Moreover, along with the new perspective of the ICBSS, which is a “Green Black Sea” the Symposium incorporates a
new dimension, giving emphasis on sustainable development, greening, innovation and environmental governance. So, in parallel with enhancing security, tackling the protracted conflicts, promoting energy security and fostering economic cooperation, the 4th Symposium promotes the integration of environmental aspect, in all sectors.

More about the 4th IBSS

More specifically, the 4th International Black Sea Symposium aims to contribute to confidence building and networking across the Black Sea region and beyond, by providing a forum for study and dialogue in a multicultural and interdisciplinary environment. The event is targeted at young professionals (22-35 years old), such as policy-makers, academics, journalists, diplomats, Members of Parliament, entrepreneurs, civil society leaders and researchers (post docs and PhD candidates) primarily from the countries of the wider Black Sea area, EU member states, the United States and Central Asia.

Envisioned as part of a long line of Symposia to be held annually, the 4th Symposium under the title “The Black Sea Region in Transition: New Challenges and Concepts” will offer participants the unique opportunity to gain insights into a wide range of issues related to Black Sea regional cooperation, such as security concerns, relations with key stakeholders, democratic institutions, good governance and environmental governance presented by prominent scholars, experts and policymakers. In this context various sessions will address the following issues:

i. Security concerns: transnational risks; Euro-Atlantic institutions
ii. Institutional reforms and participation
iii. Regional cooperation and sustainable development
iv. Environmental governance: green growth, entrepreneurship; energy security

The three-day intensive course will consist of interactive sessions, with related reading material provided. While speakers will set the stage for lively and interactive discussion on the different topics, workshops will provide participants with the opportunity to closely analyse specific conflicts, develop action recommendations for policy makers and civil society leaders and produce project ideas to be pursued after the end of the Symposium. Participants will also have the chance to experience beautiful days in the picturesque coastal zone of Attica and visit the archaeological site of Sounio. Please find relevant information in the following link:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sounion
How to get involved

Young professionals with proficiency in English are welcome to apply until 15 June 2011. Registration Fees for participants will be 300 Euros. Accommodation, breakfast and one meal per day will be offered by the organizers. For more information on the application process please see the application form. All applicants should send their filled application form by e-mail to symposium@icbss.org or by fax to +30 210 324 2244.

Looking forward to seeing you in Athens!

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