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On 3 December 2012, Dr. Zefi Dimadama, Director General of the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), met with the **Rector of the University of Bucharest, Dr. Mircea Dumitru**, and the **Vice-Rector Dr. Liviu Papadima**. In the margin of their meeting, Dr. Dimadama and Dr. Dumitru signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** aiming at fostering cooperation and exchange of information between the two Institutions in fields of current interest.

In addition, Dr. Dimadama signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** with **Dr. Stefan Grigorescu, Director General of the Geological Institute of Romania** with a view to establishing and developing dialogue and cooperation between the two Organisations.

Furthermore, during her visit in Bucharest, Dr. Dimadama participated as a speaker on “**Black Sea region: a pivotal energy crossroad for East and West**”, in the **Romania Oil & Gas Conference** that was held in Bucharest, on 4-5 December 2012.

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