



**The Department of International Relations mission:**

The International Relations in „Dimitrie Cantemir” Christian University are achieved under the direct coordination of President Prof. Momcilo Luburici, Phd and Rector Prof. Corina Adriana Dumitrescu, Phd.

The activity target of the International Relations is to sustain the policy of internationalization and extention of the external vizibility of the university by strengthening operational partnership with prestigious universities and organizations abroad.

The department mission consists of:

- Consolidating and developing relations with the international university environment;
- Developing cooperation in education and participating in European educational programs;
- Integrating in the international academic élite circuit;
- Facilitating access to European alternatives of continuous education;
- Developing partnership relations and implementing mutual projects with the social and economic environment;
- Settling relationship with the academic and political personalities.

From the executive point of view, the Rector and Vice-Rector of the Department of International Relations are in charge with the field activity.

Accountancy responsibility: Mrs. Geta Ionescu, Economist.

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The Department of International Relations main concern is to settle cooperation relations and partnership with higher education institutions in other countries. Such relations were established, from the first years of activities, with the University of Northern Holland (Stenden University today), New York University – U.S.A., Ottawa University – Canada, Columbus Ohio University – U.S.A., Moderna University of Lisbon – Portugal, the Institute of

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International High Studies of Nisa – France, University of Florence and University of Sapienza – Italy. Together with some of these educational institutions, starting with 2006, „Dimitrie Cantemir” Christian University organized a series of actions, such as summer schools with national and international attendance, protocol activities finalized through signing new university collaboration agreements for the following academic years, exchanges of students and teachers, organizing international conventions etc. Starting with 2008, „Dimitrie Cantemir” Christian University extended its collaboration towards universities in Asia, such as the three universities in China and the two universities in Japan, as mentioned in the table of Annex 1. One educational and cultural integration way in the European university family and not only that, as well as aligning in the scientific progress at European level was the adherence to the professional associations of EUA, EMUNI, EURAS.

Starting with 2007, the Department of International Relations in the university was targeted towards adhering to the EUA (European University Association) which is the representative of the higher education communities in Europe. Between 2009-2014, „Dimitrie Cantemir” Christian University was present through its Rector and teachers from different faculties at a series of international meetings organized by the partner universities as well as the mentioned organizations.

„Dimitrie Cantemir” Christian University is a founder member of EMUNI, an organization which groups universities in the Mediterranean area and which is recognized by the European Union, it is a founder member of EURAS starting with 2008, while in 2009 it became an active member of EUA. The permanent cooperation in various academic projects as well as through the participation of the university representatives at the annual meetings of the General Assemblies of the respective organizations were good occasions for improving and raising the „Dimitrie Cantemir” Christian University visibility.

**Granting Doctor Honoris Causa High Titles**

As a result of the relations developed with the world personalities, the high title of Doctor Honoris Causa of the „Dimitrie Cantemir” Christian University was granted based on value criteria, as a recognition of special merits and achievements in the field of science, of

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the educational university activity, as well as to the benefit of society, of universal culture and civilization. Starting with 2003 up to date, „Dimitrie Cantemir” Christian University granted 13 high titles to important international personalities, a way which led „Dimitrie Cantemir” Christian University to be recognized as a prestigious institution of higher education inside the national and international university community. This high title was granted to:

- **Androulla Vassiliou** – European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth (2010);
- **Gunter Stock** – President of the Brandenburg Academy of Science of Berlin (2014);
- **Gjorge Ivanov** – President of the Republic of Macedonia (2011);
- **Boris Tadic** – President of the Republic of Serbia (2009);
- **Jan Fijel** - European Commissioner for Education, Culture and Youth (2007);
- **Didier Maus** – President of the International Association of Constitutional Law (2008);
- **Florence Benoit-Rohmer** – President of the University of Strasbourg (2009);
- **Baroness Emma Nicholson** – Member of the European Parliament (2006);
- **Vaclav Klaus** – President of the Czech Republic (2009);
- Abdullah Gul – President of Turkey (2008);
- **Nursultan Abishuly Nazarbayev** – President of the Republic of Kazakhstan (2007);
- **Zine El Abidine Ben Ali** – President of Tunis (2009);
- **King Michael I of Romania** (2006).

Community projects such as Lifelong Learning (LLP) ERASMUS (see student and teachers mobilities), activities in terms of students, teachers and staff mobilities led to mutual agreements of collaboration with higher education institutions in 9 countries, such as Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, Slovenia, Spain and Turkey. In the 9 countries with which the university has collaborations, there are agreements with 11 higher education institutions, as follows: Katholieke Hogeschool Zuid-West Vlaanderen – Kortrijk, Belgium; Upper Austria University of Applied Sciences – Steyr, Austria; Università degli Studi „G. d’Annunzio” – Pescara, Italy; Université Montesquieu Bordeaux IV – Pessac, France.

(Annex 2)

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The coordination, financial management, technical assistance and monitoring of all activities with a view to the ERASMUS mobility in the „Dimitrie Cantemir” Christian University were achieved through the Office of the International Relations and its members (ERASMUS coordinator with financial responsibilities) as well as the ERASMUS program coordinators from each faculty. The university High Management and the Vice-Rector in charge with the International Relations coordinated the whole activity to strengthen and develop relations with the international university environment.