

# Science & Education Policies



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*Chisinau, Republic of Moldova*  
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# INVITATION

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## Programme

September 18, 2008			
Participants Arrival	8:00-24:00	Airport –Hotel	
Welcome reception	19:00	Academy of Sciences of Moldova (ASM)	Hosted by ASM
September 19, 2008			
Participants registration	8:00-9:00	ASM 1st Floor	1 Stefan cel Mare Ave
Conference opening	9:00	ASM Blue Conference Hall	
Session 1: <i>Strengthening the international impact of national science and education programs</i>	9:45	ASM Blue Conference Hall	
Coffee&Tea	11:00		Hosted by UNESCO
Session 1: Continuation	11:30	ASM Blue Conference Hall	
Lunch	13:00		Hosted by CRDF
Session 2: <i>Strengthening research in higher education</i>	14:30	ASM Blue Conference Hall	
Coffee&Tea	16:00		Hosted by UNESCO
Session 2: Continuation	16:30	ASM Blue Conference Hall	
Cultural program:	18:30		
September 20, 2008			
Session 3: <i>Developing a knowledge-based economy</i>	9:00	ASM Blue Conference Hall	
Coffee&Tea	11:00		Hosted by UNESCO
Session 4: <i>Stemming and reversing brain drain</i>	11:30	ASM Blue Conference Hall	
Lunch	13:00		Hosted by CRDF
Conference conclusions and recommendations	14:30	ASM Blue Conference Hall	
Closing ceremony	17:00	ASM Gold Conference Hall	Hosted by ASM
September 21, 2008			
Participants Departure	6:00-24:00	Hotel -Airport	
Cultural program	9:00-13:00		ASM

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## *Invitation*

We are pleased to invite you to attend an **International Conference for the Central and Eastern Europe, Balkans, Caucasus and Baltic States** on **SCIENCE AND EDUCATION POLICIES** to be held on **September 18-21, 2008** in Chisinau, Moldova.

The conference will bring together key decision makers in national science and education policies from thirty Central and Eastern European countries: Presidents of the Academies of Sciences, Ministers of Science and Education, and representatives of international funding agencies and professional organizations.

The event will provide an opportunity for top policy makers to develop and enhance collaborations with their counterparts from across the region.

The Science and Education Policies conference will be a forum for exchanging ideas, experience and achievements with the goal of developing better science and higher education policies.

- The conference will focus on:
  - **Strengthening international impact of national research and education programs;**
  - **Strengthening research in higher education;**
  - **Developing a knowledge-based economy;**
  - **Stemming and reversing brain drain.**

Independent experts from the European Commission and the United States of America will provide keynote speeches addressing each focus area. In addition to the speeches, discussion sessions related to each focus area will be held.

If you are interested to participate in this event, please complete the **Registration Form** and sent it by **June 10, 2008** via e-mail at: [intcol@asm.md](mailto:intcol@asm.md) or/and [mrda@mrda.md](mailto:mrda@mrda.md).

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## **Organizers and Sponsors**



**The Academy of Sciences of Moldova** (ASM, [www.asm.md](http://www.asm.md)), in its role of the highest scientific forum of the country, represents the only public institution of national interest in the sphere of science and innovation, is a plenipotentiary coordinator of scientific and innovation activity, scientific consultant of the public authorities of the Republic of Moldova, has an autonomous statute and acts on the basis of self-administration principles.

The Academy of Sciences develops its activity according to the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova, the Code on Science and Innovation, the Partnership Agreement with the Government of the country, its Statute and other legislative and normative documents.



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**The Ministry of Education and Youth of the Republic of Moldova** ([www.edu.gov.md](http://www.edu.gov.md)) is a Governmental structure responsible for the development and implementation of the education policy in Moldova.



**The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization** (UNESCO, [www.unesco.org](http://www.unesco.org)) was founded on 16 November 1945.

UNESCO promotes international co-operation among its 193 Member States and six Associate Members in the fields of education, science, culture and communication.



**The U.S. Civilian Research & Development Foundation** (CRDF, [www.crdf.org](http://www.crdf.org)) is a private, nonprofit organization authorized by the U.S. Congress and established by the National Science Foundation in 1995. CRDF promotes international scientific and technical collaboration between the United States and Eurasia through grants, technical resources and training. The foundation also promotes the transition of former weapons scientists to civilian work to help reduce the global spread of weapons of mass destruction.



**The Central European Initiative** (CEI, [www.ceinet.org](http://www.ceinet.org)) is composed of 18 Member States: Albania, Austria, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine.

CEI is an intergovernmental forum for political, economic and cultural co-operation among its Member States.



**The Moldovan Research and Development Association** (MRDA, [www.mrda.md](http://www.mrda.md)) is an independent, nonprofit organization established in 2000 with the support of the U.S. Civilian Research and Development Foundations in cooperation with the Government of Moldova. The Moldovan Research and Development Association advances science and technology development in Moldova by: developing international cooperation; preventing emigration and dissolution of the scientific and industrial potential; contributing to building a knowledge-based economy.



**The Office of Naval Research Global** (ONRG, [www.onrglobal.navy.mil](http://www.onrglobal.navy.mil)), as an international presence for ONR, actively seeks opportunities to promote science and technology collaboration of mutual benefit between the US and researchers around the globe.