

## Summary

The Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts organized the two-day Scientific Symposium "Mediterranean Cultures in Dialogue", which was held within the Euro–Mediterranean Academic Network (EMAN) under the auspices of the Interacademic Development Group seated in Paris (Groupe Interacademique pour le développement - G.I.D), on October 3 and 4, 2024, in Bar (Hotel "Princess"), Montenegro.

At the opening of the meeting, on behalf of the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts, as well as in the capacity of the past President of GID - EMAN, Academician Dragan K. Vukčević addressed the present participants of the Symposium, the representatives of the national academies of sciences and arts - members of this network that gathers the academies of the Mediterranean countries. He thanked them for taking part in the Symposium specifically dedicated to fostering the dialogue between cultures in the Mediterranean area.

In his introductory speech, Academician Vukčević stated:

“The Culture is the underlying domain to which the work, that each of us is conducting in different areas, is eventually consecrated. And dialogue is the best mean to the end of establishing and nourishing the relations among different cultures....

“At the fundament of that bright side of the Mediterranean lies the dialogue. Appreciation and respect for the other and the diverse remains its core value. When a culture has grown to the point of realizing that it is not self-sufficient and that there are well other cultures it can learn from, that culture has attained its maturity.

This represents one of the reasons why the gatherings like this one – which brings together representatives from different academies that are illuminated by the light of the Mediterranean – bring about an essential contribution to that kind of understanding and, with it, peace.”

According to the program of the first day, in sessions I and II the presentations were delivered by the representatives of the Turkish Academy of Sciences, Ahmet Nuri Yurdusev ("Mediterranean as the Center of the World"), Mehmet Emin Aydin ("Environmental problems and climate change impacts in the Mediterranean region"); Serap Güneş ("Regional Energy Sources and Alternative Solutions for Better Sustainability"); Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Ana Stoykova ("The Unknown Bridges between East and West: Slavic and Arab versions of the earliest Passion of St. George"); Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Miles Stojić ("Europe and the sphinx of the Mediterranean"); representative of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Branislav Mitrović ("Typological genesis of inherited patterns of Mediterranean architecture: wall, shadow and terrace landscape in contemporary spatial models on the Montenegrin coast"); Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ilija Vujačić ("Mediterranean republics as mixed governments, with particular references to pre-modern Montenegro"), as well as by Saša Knežević, Professor at the University of Montenegro ("Montenegro in the international relations - Mediterranean vertical"), and Saša Brajović, professor at the University of Belgrade and University Donja Gorica in Podgorica ("Changeability of Images: the case of the City Old of Bar, 1571-1881").

In the session III of the second day, presentations were given by: Veljko Milutinović, foreign member of the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts ("Digital Preservation of Cultural Heritage and Artificial Intelligence"), Adrian Civici, member of the Albanian Academy of

Sciences ("Digital Culture and Digital Society – Challenges for Economic and Social Development"), Mehmet Bulut, member of the Turkish Academy of Sciences ("The Role of the Philanthropic Institutions on the Regional Social and Economic Development of the Mediterranean and the Balkans from the past to the present"), Jean-René Garcia, member of the Groupe Interacademique pour le développement – G.I.D. ("The Philosophical foundations of political decision-making: the case of creating a Union for the Mediterranean"), and Dragana Marinković-Dubljević, Secretary of the MASA Lexicographic Center ("Encyclopedia of Montenegro as an expression of the Dialogue between Cultures").

Among the Symposium participants and delegates of GID-EMAN member academies also were: Academician Zoran Knežević, President of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Academician Muris Čičić, President of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Hala El Solh, Secretary General of the G.I.D.

Following the conclusion of the Symposium, the Ordinary Session of the General Assembly of the Euro-Mediterranean Network of Academies (GID-EMAN) was held, chaired by Academician Dragan K. Vukčević, past President of GID-EMAN. In accordance with the agenda of the session, on the basis of the nominations put forward, the delegates of the EMAN member academies elected the new leadership of the network for the next three-year period. Prof. Dr Ahmet Nuri Yurdusev, a member of the Turkish Academy of Sciences (TÜBA), was unanimously elected President of GID-EMAN, whilst Prof. Dr Viorel Panaite, a researcher at the Institute for South East European Studies of the Romanian Academy, was elected Vice-President.

After the end of the work program on October 4, 2024, for the participants of the meeting a tour of Skadar Lake with its surroundings was organized.