

SCIPROM

FIRST SEE REGIONAL SCIENCE
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SCIPROM 2013 DECLARATION

Aiming to strengthen the link between science and society in the SEE Region, the Center for the Promotion of Science of the Republic of Serbia, under the UNESCO patronage, organized the First Southeast Europe Regional Science Promotion Conference – SCIPROM (link), held in Belgrade on 1-3 October 2013.

The Conference brought together more than 300 experts and representatives of international organizations, governmental bodies, research and educational institutions, science communicators, innovators, NGOs, private sector and media, who engaged in lively conversations about the role of science in society, the dimensions of science, the importance of responsible research and innovation, the gender gap in science and the ways in which science promotion can help overcome the obvious gap that should be bridged to reach knowledge-based economies, to which understanding of and engagement with science are essential.

The SCIPROM participants strongly believe that investments made today in education, science, technology, engineering, and medicine are critical to each nation's and the overall mankind's prosperity, and are bound to pay dividends for many years to come. Therefore, they call on all decision makers to provide stronger support to innovation and science, including their promotion and further integration into the society.

The regional network established at the SCIPROM Conference shall act as an annual forum to proactively address the critical issues in our societies, considering innovation and science as an essential element in resolving the economic and social challenges facing SEE countries.

Annex:

Conclusions and Recommendations from the First Southeast Europe Regional Science Promotion Conference – SCIPROM 2013