In the current period of the human development priorities need to be clearly defined, and a new vision and new models of life are seriously needed. Environment is unifying agent in the international cooperation and understanding. Global environmental harmony and economic growth needs to become the focal point of Europe development. It is essential to state that environment and economy in principle are not conflicting. It is impossible for economy to flourish without long range environmental management.

The topic of this Danube-Monitoring Scientific Conference is the first and the most important step towards defining a new vision and interpreting the needs of water and environmental management to support flourishing Danube landscape economy.

With every good wish for the success of the conference,

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