

Mr. President, distinguished ministers, delegates, observers, dear friends,

It is great honour for me to be here and i am grateful for possibility to deliver the observer note on behalf of the network Science for the Carpathians (S4C).

The Science for the Carpathians appreciates ongoing fruitful cooperation with the Carpathian Convention and is ready to continue scientific contributions to the Programme of Work of the Carpathian Convention. In respect to the priorities of the Czech Presidency I would like to inform you that the S4C holds a pool of expertise in various fields of landscape research and offers support for activities of the Carpathian Convention planned in this subject.

We believe that the Forum Carpaticum conference remains an important platform for knowledge sharing between science and practice. Third Forum Carpaticum was successfully organized on 16-19.9.2014 in Lviv, Ukraine and the next, 4th Forum Carpaticum is scheduled in September 2016 in Bucharest, Romania.

S4C is gradually taking over the communication activities from the Mountain Research Initiative and I would like to invite you to visit our new website in address <http://carpathianscience.org/> where you can also read or subscribe our newsflash or join our LinkedIt group.

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on behalf of S4C