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New academic year started at IUS

On Wednesday, October 15th, 2014, the Opening ceremony to mark the beginning of the 2014/2015 academic year was held at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). On behalf of the University, all new students were welcomed by the IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Öğurulu who wished them the best of luck and success in their future education. In this academic year the International University of Sarajevo opened its doors to more than 500 new students who will continue their education at all three study cycles. This represents a major step forward for this institution which began its education at all three study cycles. This represents a major step forward for this institution which began its education at all three study cycles. Today, I can say that we are full of hope and expectations for the year ahead. The past academic year was truly a big success of all IUS family members”, said Rector Öğurulu.

CBCR Summer School held at IUS

In the period from 17 - 21 September 2014, a CBCR Summer School was held at the International University of Sarajevo. The Summer School was organized by European Institute for Community-Based Conflict Resolution (CBCR) from Salzburg, Austria. The keynote speakers were Dr. Hania Fedorowicz and Dorothea Gmeiner-Jahn.

The participants from Austria and Bosnia and Herzegovina have successfully completed a 35-hour long intensive training in the field of conflict resolution focusing on community issues with the implementation of practical dialogue. They also had an opportunity to learn the techniques of how to use cooperative strategies, including mediation and negotiation. They had also the opportunity to resolve obstacles and issues in a positive way, by applying specific methods in the community, depending of their field of interest.

IUS participated in Diaspora Forum

As part of the future cooperation and activities for the connection of IUS with Diaspora, Lamija Hadžimurtezić, manager of Office for International Cooperation of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) was present at II Bosnian Diaspora Business Forum entitled “BHdiaFor 2014” which was held on 2nd of August 2014 at hotel Europe in Sarajevo. The theme of this year’s Forum was “Promoting business cooperation and investment with the BIH Diaspora, in function of economic development of Bosnia and Herzegovina”.

The Forum was organized by the Association “Our Perspective”, in collaboration with the World Federation of BH Diaspora and Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The main sponsor of the Forum was the Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway, and this gathering was also supported by the Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees, as well as a number of governmental, non-governmental and international organizations. The Forum was attended by 150 local and foreign businessmen, potential investors, representatives of government, non-governmental organizations and diplomatic corps. Among the distinguished guests, Ahmet Remal Baysak, Honorary Consul of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Turkey, and many others were present at the Forum. Participants were presented interesting projects, as well as good practices and experiences from other countries in Diaspora.

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Collaboration with the Dumlupınar University

On Monday, October 13th, 2014, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) and Dumlupınar University from Turkey. The Memorandum was signed by the IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Öğurlu and Vice-Rector of Dumlupınar University, Prof. Dr. Kaan Erarslan. The Memorandum envisions that representatives of the two universities work on joint cooperation related to the area of research and implementation of international projects, the organization of professional seminars and workshops, exchange of scientific, technical and educational staff. The agreement also envisions the use of IUS Art Gallery in order to organize joint exhibitions, and other cultural and artistic events. It is important to mention that these two universities began the process of establishing a partnership during the previous organization of the symposium titled “International University of Sarajevo: a center of excellence.” It is important to emphasize that The International University of Sarajevo Canton in 2004.

IUS student clubs promotion

The Student Clubs promotion was organized in the main hall of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Wednesday, November 12, 2014. The goal of this promotion was to inform students about the current activities, membership and future planned projects of different clubs during the 2014/2015 academic year. Students engaged in clubs from all faculties presented their projects and activities. This event was organized by the IUS Student Center. Football team selections for upcoming competitions, concerts and other works were presented during the promotion. 21 student clubs were presented in the IUS hall. IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Öğurlu presented the achievement certificates to members of the IUS basketball team for winning the first place in a competition in the sport event “Student Days of Culture and Sport 2014.” We would like to congratulate the IUS basketball team members for their achievements and we are proud to emphasize that these excellent results are achieved through great effort and perseverance. We believe that in the future the students will continue to be successful as they were until so far.

IUS signed the first Erasmus+ bilateral agreement

The agreement is signed with the Turkish National Police Academy from Ankara

International University of Sarajevo (IUS) confirmed its interest in participating in the new program of the Erasmus+ program with special emphasis on the field of international relations, political science, and management and leadership. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aydin initiated the signing of this contract with the support of the IR Office of IUS.

IUS credited by the Ministry of Education Science and Youth of Sarajevo Canton

We are proud to announce that International University of Sarajevo (IUS) becomes accredited by the Ministry of Education, Science and Youth of Sarajevo Canton on recommendation of the Agency for the Development of Higher Education and Quality Assurance (HEA). The Accreditation Committee consisting of domestic and international experts was established by the Ministry and inspected our University in June 2014. The Committee found that IUS satisfies all nine criteria set by the Agency and gave positive opinion on the University accreditation. Based on the Committee’s report, the Agency recommended accreditation of our University. The accreditation of IUS is the result of the hard work of all IUS staff in the past several years. It is a confirmation of the quality of education and research at IUS and additional guarantee that the diplomas of our graduates will be recognized worldwide. This is the an additional motive to continue the good work and achieve our University vision of becoming an internationally approved institution and a center of excellence. It is important to emphasize that The International University of Sarajevo received its first accreditation in Bosnia and Herzegovina from the Ministry of Education and Science of the Sarajevo Canton in 2004.
A delegation from Mediterranean University in Podgorica visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Thursday, December 4, 2014. Members of the delegation that visited our university were Rector of the Mediterranean University, Prof. Dr. Nenad Vuković, Dean of the Faculty of Business Studies, Prof. Dr. Dragoljub Janković, Dean of the Belgrade Banking Academy, Prof. Dr. Hasan Hanić and Director of philanthropy and development programs as well as creative director of RTV Atlas, Mrs. Meliha Ramusović. During their stay at IUS, they visited different departments and facilities of the IUS Campus.

IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu welcomed the delegation with Vice Rector for General Affairs, Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhamed Ali, Vice Rector for International Cooperation and Research, Assist. Prof. Dr. Mirsad Karić, Director of English Language School and IUS Lifelong Learning Center (IUS Life), Hilal Karić, Coordinator of the Leadership and Entrepreneurship Center (LEC), Assist. Prof. Dr. Senad Bušatlić and Secretary General of IUS, Emir Hadžikadunić. After visiting IUS facilities a meeting was organized in the Senate room of the University.

During the meeting, IUS Rector Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu emphasized that one of strategic goals of IUS is to strengthen regional cooperation. He also mentioned that among international students at our University we have students from Montenegro as well. Rector of the Mediterranean University, Prof. Dr. Nenad Vuković talked about this educational institution, several important projects they currently work on, and stressed that IUS and Mediterranean University have a common goal, continued development and quality of education. In light of such similarity of interest, the conclusion of the meeting was to create cooperation between the IUS and its Faculties, LIFE and LEC Centers with the Mediterranean University in Podgorica by signing a memorandum of understanding which would include all conditions for future cooperation. At the end of the meeting distinguished guests from Podgorica received gifts as a memory of their visit to IUS.

Director of Erasmus+ Office in BiH gave a lecture at IUS

Suad Muhibić, Director of the Erasmus+ Office in BiH, gave a lecture on “Possibilities in the Area of Higher Education” at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Wednesday, November 19, 2014. The lecture was organized by International Relations Office of IUS and the goal was to introduce the academicians and students to the possibilities of participation of BH higher education institutions in the new EU Programmes. The Erasmus+ Program involves helping the EU Member States and non-EU states in the field of education, youth and sport. Muhibić presented the basic components and activities of the Erasmus+ program with special emphasis on the presentation of a new call for proposals in the field of higher education.

He also talked about projects for strengthening the capacities in higher education, international credit mobility, joint master programs, activities in the framework of the Jean Monnet program, and many other opportunities. During the lecture, Muhibić emphasized the importance of inclusion of BH institutions in this EU educational program and possible benefits for students, faculty and educational institution in general. “One of the most important actions of the program is the mobility. The students can go to study in the EU countries for a period of three months up to a year, and academic staff can go to a variety of trainings at universities and institutions of the EU for a minimum of five days to three months. It is important to mention that students can spend a part of their studies doing their internships abroad, joining voluntary actions, and also get different scholarships”. After the lecture, students and teachers had the opportunity to ask questions about the exchange of students and academic staff, as well as possibilities for inclusion of IUS professors in new scientific projects.
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Jens Wagner, Cultural Attaché at German Embassy visited IUS

On Wednesday, July 23rd, 2014, Jens Wagner, Cultural Attaché at the German Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). Mr. Wagner was welcomed by the IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurulu, Vice-Rector, Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhammed Hadžiabić and Secretary General, Emir Hadžikadunčić. The possibilities for cooperation between the IUS and the Embassy of Germany were discussed at the meeting. During the meeting, Jens Wagner expressed satisfaction with his visit to our University and talked about advantages Germany is offering to young people, as well as studying opportunities of this country. He said that students in Germany can relatively quickly and easily find jobs in order to finance their studies. On behalf of the German Embassy, he offered cooperation in the form of inviting interesting speakers, diplomats and various experts who would deliver lectures on interesting topics, both for students and teachers at IUS in the near future. Despite the difficult situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, I am an optimist and I deeply believe that no matter what, young people should always be given opportunities for development, because I believe that these young people are the key holders for solving any crisis”, said Wagner. Rector Oğurulu also mentioned during his talk that IUS is currently working on developing capacities in the areas of intensification of international cooperation, educational facilities and hereby is offering also an opportunity for cooperation in the program of promotion of the German language for young volunteers to come and promote it in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

“We believe that with your support we can implement this exchange project, and it would be an opportunity for all young people to enroll in the school, as part of which they could be further educated about the German culture and language” said Rector Oğurulu. At the end of the meeting, Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhammed Hadžiabić and Secretary General Emir Hadžikadunčić presented information about the University, its benefits, and future plans for development. “IUS has good cooperation with the IT sector companies in Sarajevo, with whom we are cooperating on different projects. For example, we can mention the project on cooperation with USAID, which aims to connect the University with the industry, as well as increasing the competitiveness of young graduates in the labor market” said Vice-Rector Hadžiabić.

Appointment of new professors at IUS

The International University of Sarajevo (IUS), as a higher education institution, is constantly striving to improve the quality of teaching and strengthening of academic staff in three faculties and all study programs. Considering the increasing number of students in all three study cycles, as well as increasing number of lectures, active projects and research requirements, IUS has decided to reinforce its academic staff by hiring new professors and lecturers from the region and abroad. IUS currently employs 98 professors and lecturers from all over the world. We are pleased to introduce eight new academics who’ll be joining to IUS team in the upcoming 2014/2015 academic year. IUS staff is using this opportunity to extend a warm welcome and wish a successful start of semester to new members of academic staff.

1. Assist Prof. Dr. Işıl Ekin Çalış (FENS) – Architecture
2. Assist Prof. Dr. Joseph J. Kaminski (FASS) – Social and Political Sciences
3. Assist Prof. Dr. Marco Montini (FASS) – Social and Political Sciences
4. Assist Prof. Dr. Mohamed E. Yahia Keilb (FENS) – Industrial Engineering
5. Assist Prof. Dr. Peter Plenta (FASS) – International and Public Relations
6. Assist Prof. Dr. Julie Bates (FASS) – English Language and Literature
7. Assist Prof. Dr. Ayla Arslan (FENS) – Genetics and Bioengineering
8. Assist Prof. Dr. Andreea Cojocaru (FENS) – Architecture

The visit of the representatives of the IYC Association from Turkey

On Thursday, October 16th, 2014, the representatives of the “İlim Yayıma Cemiyeti” (IYC) Association from Turkey visited the International University of Sarajevo where they met with the IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurulu. This visit is part of Balkans region tour. On behalf of the IYC Association the meeting was attended by their Director, İbrahim Yıldırım and Project Coordinator, Mesut Demir who stressed the importance of establishing good and successful regional cooperation between the IYC Association and educational institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Through the process of collecting necessary information about the functioning of students’ dormitories across the region, as well as at IUS, the representatives of the IYC have realized that during sharing of information and experiences; can contribute greatly to the development of services that are offered for students at IUS. The Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurulu briefly presented the guests with information about IUS and its dormitories and thanked them for their intention on providing opportunities for collaboration and support in the future.

Lecture on Leadership Skills held at IUS

Prof. Senad Alić, director of the government institution “Family Counseling Center” gave a lecture at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Wednesday, October 29th, 2014. The topic of the lecture was leadership skills. The lecture was held as part of the Module Leadership Program of the IUS Leadership and Entrepreneurship Center (LEC). Prof. Alić talked about the ways of how to become and develop as a leader as well as motivation and the role it plays in this process. He talked about the government institution “Family Counseling” in Canton Sarajevo and briefly presented the work and activities as well as responsibilities and authorities of this institution.

The lecture continued with practical examples of team games in order to develop skills that are shown in a very transparent and interesting way. This lecture presented the topic of leadership skills in a different context.
Successful completion of the project “Work Ready Now!”

At the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), a ceremony of awarding certificates to participants of the project “Work Ready Now!” was held on Thursday, August 28th, 2014. With support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), within the “Partnership for Innovation”, project, IUS has implemented a project for preparation of young people in business environment entitled “Work Ready Now!”

Within the project “Work Ready Now!” a total of 30 participants successfully completed an educational program for students and young unemployed people who wish to acquire knowledge and skills, all in order to be better prepared for future work challenges. The program is intended for young unemployed people with higher education degree, with an emphasis on technical and economic fields of science. The training is designed so that young people are actively involved in the learning process and have the opportunity to acquire and improve new skills, gain self-confidence necessary to find and keep a job.

During the program, young people had the opportunity to set their personal work goals and identify steps on how to achieve them as well. “I feel more accomplished in terms of the knowledge and skills I gained that will be useful in my everyday life. I extended my horizons, got new ideas, met new people, which I think altogether will be of benefit in my future career” said Alma Muminović, one of the participants of the program.

Haran Hodžić gave a lecture on History of Sarajevo in the Period of War

A public lecture entitled ‘The History of Sarajevo in the Period of War’ was held at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Wednesday, October 22, 2014. Harun Hodžić, former commander of the Army unit of the Army of Bosnia and Herzegovina, gave his personal account on all challenges one can face in a war.

During the lecture, the students were enthusiastic about the lecture and did not hide their positive emotions when it comes to interesting details Harun Hodžić decided to share with them. During his stay at the University, Mr. Hodžić met with the students who recently arrived to study in Bosnia and Herzegovina and currently attend the English Language School (ELS). He also met the Rector of the International University of Sarajevo, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu. During their meeting, both of them spoke about the connection between the people of the Republic of Turkey and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

As of October 24, 2014, the first private primary school “Isa-beg Ishakovic” introduced a completely new teaching system. This system will significantly improve the quality of education in the future, and it fully complies with the European and international standards of teaching in the field of primary education. The primary school “Isa-beg Ishakovic” is one of the two educational institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina to be certified and operate under the “Cambridge International Examinations” system offering the Primary and Secondary 1 programs. This brings us one step closer to higher quality education standards for children who attend the school from 1st to 9th grade. The initial meeting with parents of the students was organized on Wednesday, November 5th, 2014. A successful presentation was given on possibilities the new system offers as well as changes in the future curriculum of the school. The parents were addressed by Mrs. Nezira Popovac, director of the school, the Rector of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu, Deputy Secretary General, Armin Kerić and Director of the IUS English Language School (ELS), Hilal Kerić. “It is important to emphasize that parents accepted this news positively, and they look forward to the beginning of application of this high-quality and internationally recognized program” said Nezira Popovac. When it comes to this teaching system, it is important to add that “English Language, Mathematics and Science” courses are included in the “Cambridge Primary and Secondary 1 curriculum. This group of courses will be taught in English. The Cambridge Program helps students become confident, responsible, proactive, innovative and trained for future success in today’s dynamic and modern world. Conducting classes in English language has a significant number of advantages and it opens new opportunities for further education to students, after completion of their primary education. The “Cambridge Primary and Secondary 1” programs are an excellent foundation for further education. In addition to the diploma of completion of primary school, students can take the Cambridge Checkpoint exams and gain “Cambridge International Examinations” certificate. This Program provides the students with a range of options for a successful future education and career.

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On 18th of July, 2014, Mirsad Buljubašić, PhD student in Nimes, France, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Prof. Dr. Haris Gavranović (IUS), Prof. Michel Vasquez, Nimes, France, and Prof. Said Hanafi, Valenciennes, France won the EURO/ROADEF/SNCF First Prize Award at IFORS Conference held in Barcelona, Spain. The team showed the best results among more than 40 other scientific teams from all over the world. Together, they won the money prize of total value of 7,000 Euros as their international recognition for wonderful results. Prof. Dr. Gavranović won the same prize in Junior category in Canada, back in 2001, while in 2012, along with Mirsad Buljubašić, he also won two (Senior and open source) EURO/ROADEF/GOOGLE awards worth 15,000 Euros. It is important to add that Prof. Dr. Haris Gavranović was also awarded with Google Faculty Research Award to continue with his scientific work. Thanks to the success of the previous seven challenges ROADEF’99, ROADEF’2001, ROADEF’2003, ROADEF’2005, ROADEF’2007, ROADEF’2009 and ROADEF’2010, ROADEF 2012 the French Operational Research (OR) and Decision Support Society (ROADEF) organizes jointly with the European Operational Research Society (EURO) the challenge 2014 dedicated to the trains scheduling problem in collaboration with SNCF. SNCF (Société nationale des chemins de fer français) is a French major industrial services group, the world leader in transporting people and goods with the annual revenue of 32 Billion Euros, 250,000 employees around the world and 4 million passengers each day. SNCF is transforming the Innovation and Research process to create tomorrow mobility. The aim of this challenge is to find the best way to handle trains between their arrivals and departures in terminal stations. The International University of Sarajevo (IUS) is proud to have exceptional and hard-working academicians who are constantly working and participating in IUS development through the years. IUS would like to use this opportunity and congratulate Prof. Dr. Gavranović on this award. More about the challenge could be found at www.challenge.roadef.org

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A Seminar on “New Psychological Perspectives in the Treatment of Stress: Human Givens Approach” was held at the International University of Sarajevo as part of the IUS Life Learning Center (IUS Life) Series, on Thursday, October 30, 2014. The Seminar brought together experts from the field of psychology and students had the opportunity to improve the existing and acquire new knowledge in this scientific field. The speakers at the Seminar were: Sue Saunders, Sue Hanisch and Carol Harper.

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Prof. Dr. M. Ihsan Karaman, the President of "Turkish Green Crescent Society", held the lecture on addiction and protection young people from harmful habits. The event took place in the main amphitheater of International University of Sarajevo, on Tuesday, October 28 2014. The non-governmental organization 'Green Crescent' has organized this lecture with the support of International University of Sarajevo. The aim of this lecture is to provide information about problem of addiction in society especially among young people in Bosnia and Herzegovina and beyond. During his lecture Prof. Dr. M. Ishan Karaman pointed out that there are five types of addiction and these primarily refer to the protection of young people form addictions such as tobacco, alcohol, drugs, gambling and nowadays addiction to technology and devices. At the end of the lecture, the representatives of "Green Crescent" in BiH and IUS signed a Memorandum of Understanding. This Memorandum will ensure in its essence adequate conditions for the battle against addiction and provide additional necessary support in this particular field among institutions. The Memorandum was signed by:

- On behalf of (IUS) - Rector of the University, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu;
- On behalf of the “Green Crescent” - President of the organization, Prof. Dr. M. Ihsan Karaman;
- On behalf of the organization in BiH “Green Crescent” - President of the Association, Dr. Redžo Čaušević.

The Green Crescent is a newly established NGO in our country. The Organization is a member of the Federation of countries of the Green Crescent from Turkey, with 30 member countries in its structure and they operate globally. This organization will also work on prevention of all types of addiction in BiH as well as provide assistance to all those fighting addiction.

IUS and Turkish Green Crescent Society have signed an Agreement on Cooperation

My name is Matej Mikac. I was born in 1995 in Varaždin, Croatia and graduated from “Druga gimnazija Varaždin”. During my senior year at ’Druga gimnazija’, I got my IUS scholarship and I was also interested in studying in multinational university just like IUS. The International academic environment is helping the students to accomplish almost anything. Also, the atmosphere is always very dynamic. Life in Sarajevo is unique in every single way: you learn a lot about different cultures, languages and so much more! Regarding my future plans for education, I would like to finish my master at IUS and then I will make plans for my further education PhD.

My name is Ivana Šprem, I'm from Varaždin. I graduated from "Druga gimnazija Varaždin" and I can freely say that my school is connected well to other schools around Europe. Luckily my school also cooperates with IUS and I got my chance to study here. I study architecture on IUS and for now, it seems to be lots of fun, but also hard work. I really enjoy being an international student of this University. To be an international student means to be open to the world. Studying and living in international community such as our university has a lot of benefits. The main reason why I choose this faculty is because it gives me a lot of experience and possibilities to get to know a new culture and new way of life.
Exhibition of Traditional Turkish Arts and its Impact on Western Arts

The exhibition of the artist from the Republic of Turkey, Ass. Prof. Dr. Şemsettin Ziya Dağlı entitled "Traditional Turkish Arts and its Impact on the Western Arts" was organized in the Art Gallery of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), on Wednesday, November 19, 2014. Vice-Rector of IUS, Asst. Prof. Dr. Muhamed Ali opened the exhibition with his introductory speech. The topic of the exhibition was traditional Turkish art of decorating paper called "Ebru". The created artistic pieces are painted with a special fluid consisting of animal bile. Ass. Prof. Dr. Şemsettin Ziya Dağlı spoke during his speech about the painting techniques, the use of special brush made of horsehair and rose stems, and the special earth colors applied to the liquid while painting different forms. Prof. Dağlı emphasized some of the specifics of "Ebru" art. "Since the artist cannot know what the piece will look like until the paper is removed from the container where it was made, no one can make two identical Ebru artistic pieces" - said Prof. Dağlı.

Certificates handed to participants of the IIIT European Summer School 2014

On Sunday, September 7, 2014, certificate awarding ceremony for the participants of the IIIT European Summer School 2014 was held at International University of Sarajevo (IUS). The Summer School was organized by the Centre for Advanced Studies in Sarajevo (CNS), the London office of the International Institute for Islamic Thought, the European Institute for Epistemological Studies in Brussels, Fairfax Institute in the United States, in cooperation with the IUS.

The awarding ceremony was primarily attended by participants, speakers and organizers of the schools, as well as representatives of the management of IUS, Rector’s advisor, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Korkut, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences (FENS), Prof. Dr. Fuat Gürcan.

The certificates are awarded to participants by Dr. Hasan Korkut, Dr. Fuat Gürcan and Dr. Ermin Sinanović, Director of the Research Institute and Academic Programs at the International Institute for Islamic Thought in Virginia (USA).

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Ambassador panel discussion held at IUS

Ambassadors discussed the importance of integration of Bosnia and Herzegovina to European Union. They also discussed the political and economic situation.

Representatives of the Yildiz Technical University visited International University of Sarajevo

On Wednesday, September 10, 2014, representatives of the Yildiz Technical University, from the Republic of Turkey visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). The meeting was attended by Assist. Prof. Dr. Emre Yildirim and Assist. Mehmet İlhan from the Department of Communication and Design of the Yildiz Technical University and as well as EU representatives, IUS Rector Prof. Dr. Yücel Ögürül, Adviser to Rector, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Korkut, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences (FENS), Prof. Dr. Fuat Gürcan and Program Coordinator of the Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design (VACD), Assist. Prof. Kenan Zekić.

The cooperation process in this project is intended to last one semester in this phase of work. Throughout digital media and online interaction between lecturers and students, and between students themselves, the educational processes of two universities in the field of design and visual communication will be connected through this project. The results of mutual cooperation will be presented at the end of the spring semester by creating a thematic exhibition at IUS and at the Yildiz Technical University. ‘In order to become a more successful higher education institution, we must have reliable partners. I would like to thank the representatives of the Yildiz Technical University in Turkey for becoming a partner and great support for us’ - said Assist. Prof. Kenan Zekić, the initiator of this cooperation.
International University of Sarajevo at Academic Conference in Brunei Darussalam among world class universities

International University of Sarajevo was among seven world class universities to organize SICON 4 conference on Islamic Civilization and Teaching in Today’s Universities and Colleges. This international conference has been hosted by the University Brunei Darussalam on November 3-5, 2014. Other co-organizers were Oxford University, Istanbul Medeniyet University, University of Technology Malaysia, University Putra Malaysia and International Islamic University of Malaysia. Prof. Dr. Yucei Ogururu was member of the advisory panel of the conference. On his behalf, Emir Hadžikaduníc IUS Secretary General, addressed the organizing committee and presented IUS token of appreciation to Prof. Dr. Osman Bakar, Chairman of SICON 4 and Director of SOASCSIS from the University of Brunei Darussalam, IUS Secretary General also met high level representative from the Ministry of Education from Brunei government, President of the Foundation for Science, Technology and Civilization from UK, director of the International Center for Alliance of Civilizations from Malaysia and other prominent dignitaries. As agreed by Rector Prof. Kamar Oniah, director of the International University of Sarajevo and University of Technology Malaysia, Memorandum of Understanding on academic cooperation has been agreed between International University of Sarajevo and University of Brunei Darussalam. In addition, Prof. Kamar Oniah, director of the International Centre for Alliance of Civilizations also initiated launching Memorandum of Understanding with IUS.

Alma Jeftić gave a lecture at IUS

The lecture “Being a student in a foreign country: Main obstacles and challenges” was organized at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Monday, November 17, 2014. It was based on the survey that Senior Assistant at the Psychology Program, Alma Jeftić conducted with the Psychology Program during semesters of the 2013/2014 academic year. As part of the research, experience of Turkish students at IUS was the subject of this analysis, as well as implications for the development of appropriate systems for support, all in accordance with their needs. 542 students participated in the questionnaire and gave their answers which defined their greatest obstacles, problems and strategies of coping with different problems. The three most frequent obstacles were: money/finance distance from family and a foreign language, responsibilities (time management and finance, distribution of tasks). The students’ recommendations for the organization of the university and Student center were analyzed for future application.

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Visit to the First Primary School in Ilići

Students of Psychology program, of the IUS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences visited the First Primary School in Ilići on Tuesday, December 2nd, 2014. The visit was organized as part of the Educational psychology course taught by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Senjica Tahirović. The aim of the visit was to develop students’ skills in order to observe and think critically about the factors influencing the teaching, as well as to provide guidance to them to understand the critical analysis of different instructional methods.

Students of Bosnian origin from USA visited IUS

On Wednesday, 6 August 2014, a group of students from of Bosnian origin from USA, visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). The visit was organized by the Office for International Cooperation, PR Office, and the Office for Sports and Student Activities with cooperation of Madrasa „Osman ef. Redžović“. Students who come from a different cities and states of USA such as Saint Clara, Jacksonville, New York, Chicago, California and Texas, were warmly welcomed by representatives of the IUS. The reason for their visit to IUS is their participation in the Summer School of Islam “Little Madrassa 2014”, which was successfully organized for several years by Madrasa „Osman ef. Redžović“ from Veliko Cajo from Visoko.

Haris Hojkurić, Senior Assistant at the Faculty of Business and Administration (FBA), was the initiator of this visit and the aim was to introduce students to the study programs offered by the IUS and exchange options and the arrival of students from abroad to study at IUS.

Also, students had the opportunity to see the promotional video and presentation about the University. Soon after that, students had an interesting discussion where they had an opportunity to ask questions that are related to the possibilities of studying, official language and of course the programs that IUS offers. “Your visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina is an ideal opportunity to learn more about the country of origin of your parents, get to know its people, customs and traditions. You should never forget that Bosnia and Herzegovina is a beautiful country and has a lot to offer. The future of this country is you too” - said Haris Hojkurić.
IUS at the Round Table in Mostar

A round table discussion on the topic of “Recognition of Foreign Higher Education Qualifications - Good and Bad Practices” was held in Mostar, in Hotel Ero on Wednesday, November 5th, 2014. This event was organized by the Center for Information and Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education and it was attended by representatives of the IUS Office for Legal and Normative Activities, Deputy Secretary General, Jahja Imamović and associates, Irma Mesić, Adnan Beganović, Muhamed Semiz and Haris Jamaković.

Primary goal of this meeting was to present the recognition procedures, the exchange of experience on recognition of foreign higher education qualifications and promotion of principles of the Lisbon Convention and the European practice in the area of recognition of qualifications. This round table represents a continuation of the effort of the Centre in raising awareness about the importance of academic and professional recognition of foreign higher education qualifications in Bosnia and Herzegovina and action taken in order to improve the existing procedures for recognition.

Exhibition “Education and Recitation of Holy Qur'an in Africa”

The exhibition of photographs by Abdulhamid Bolat, Senior Assistant at the Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design (VACD), entitled “Education and Recitation of Holy Qur'an in Africa” was opened in the IUS Art Gallery, on Friday, November 21, 2014. The opening ceremony of exhibition was attended by IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu, who expressed a great satisfaction with the work of this young and promising artist. The topic of the exhibition deals with the question-how is knowledge and learning of the Qur'an passed from generation to generation in the local African villages. This extraordinary topic attracted author’s attention because of the unusual ways of learning and teaching Qur'an in Africa. Bolat reveals in his photographs, in a unique way, the ambient and countries of Africa.

Through the lens of his camera, he brings Africa closer to the observer. “To photograph the process of teaching and learning the Qur'an during everyday life of African people, meant to participate in the content that is interesting and certainly worth shooting” said the artist. The exhibited photographs are taken in the communities of the above mentioned students, in the summer 2013.

HE Cihad Erginay Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey in BiH visited IUS

On Tuesday, 23 September 2014, HE Cihad Erginay, the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey in BiH, visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) as part of his return visit. Distinguished guest was welcomed by the Rector of IUS, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu, who expressed a great satisfaction hosting the new eminent member of the diplomatic corps in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey appointed 12 new ambassadors, and for the post of ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina was appointed HE Cihad Erginay. Prior to this appointment, he served as Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey in the Czech Republic. During the meeting respected guest and his hosts have discussed the future cooperation and potential projects and HE Ambassador Erginay expressed his willingness to provide adequate support to the university and its students. After the meeting, Rector Oğurlu gave a campus tour, and showed to the Ambassador Erginay Research and Development Center with its Bioengineering, Genetics, Chemistry, Physics, Mechatronics and Electronics, and computer science laboratories, as well as the Sports Hall, Art Gallery, highly equipped classrooms, amphitheaters, and many other facilities fully accessible for IUS students and staff.

The Exhibition of Turkish artist Emine Dilek Yağben

On Monday, August 4, 2014, an opening ceremony of the Art Exhibition of famous Turkish artist Emine Dilek Yağben was held at IUS Art Gallery at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). The exhibition titled was “The Cage” and its concept combines the ambient installation of cage through various forms of illumination that become visible to visitors. The exhibition was organized by Assist. Prof. Dr. Nermina Zilido and Assist. Prof. Dr. Meliha Teparić, prominent academicians at “Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design (VACD) at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS). The Exhibition was attended by many distinguished guests, students and academics of the University. The Exhibition was be open from 4th to 18th of August, during which all interested visitors had an opportunity to know more about with the work of this great artist, who decided to share its work with the Bosnian audience. Emine Dilek Yağben was born in Izmir, in 1967 and she graduated from the Painting Department of Fine Art Faculty, Dokuz Eylül University (Izmir, Turkey). She lived in Scotland and worked at Peacock Printmakers’ Workshop and she participated in group exhibitions in Edinburgh, Dundee, Glasgow and Aberdeen. She has many successful exhibitions such as: Solo Exhibition (Diyarbakır “Gölgeler-Shadows” Di-
Prof. Dr. Keith Doubt’s book promoted at IUS

The book promotion of a renowned American author Prof. Dr. Keith Doubt, entitled ‘Through the window: Kinship and Elopement in Bosnia and Herzegovina’ was held at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. The promotion was held in the large amphitheater of IUS and Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (PASS) at IUS, Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhidin Mulalić was the moderator throughout the event. This book promotion attracted a large number of teaching staff and students as well as representatives of academic community in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The book was promoted by Prof. Dr. Asim Mujkić, (Faculty of Architecture of the University of Sarajevo), Prof. Dr. Mirjana Mavrák, (Faculty of Philology, University of Sarajevo) and Prof. Dr. Dilek İdriz (Faculty of Philosophy, University of Turza). The author of this book Prof. Doubt, as Visiting Professor at the Department of Cultural Studies, has been delivering graduate courses whereby graduate students have been given an excellent opportunity to broaden their knowledge in sociology, cultural studies and the research methodology. Thanks to the vision of the Rector Prof. Dr. Yucel Ogurlu and his support, well-known scientists and scholars, as Prof. Doubt, became part of IUS academic community. Due to Rector’s initiative last semester, more than 25 journal articles and most of them deal with sociological, anthropological and ethnological aspects of Bosnia. He is also co-editor of the interdisciplinary journal Duh Bosne / Spirit of Bosnia. If one takes into consideration his passionate interest in Bosnia and his scholarly contributions Prof. Doubt is the Bosnologist in a real sense. The book of Prof. Doubt is a significant contribution in the field of sociology, anthropology and ethnology. This book is based on scientific research methodology that includes interviews and questionnaires. Actually Prof. Doubt as field researcher spent several years in Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to investigate kinship and elopement, visiting different towns and villages in order to collect his data. In his work he analyzed key classical sources that have already elaborated the subject such as those written by Anton Hangi, Tamara Tomašević, Ivo Banac, Ivan Lovrenović, Rusmir Mahmutčehajić and Tone Bringa. In addition, Prof. Doubt was skillful in putting his research into theoretical framework using key sociological, anthropological and ethnological works and theories. Prof. Doubt has attempted to prove that Bosnia and Herzegovina is not only a collection of geographical and historical concepts. Certainly, Bosnia is not about two entities, one district, 10 cantons and numerous political, constitutional and nationalist/ethnic questions that have been continuously addressed by the local and the international political elites but, on the contrary, Bosnia is the reflection of its multicultural, multi-religious and multiethnic society. In one part of the book Prof. Doubt has stated that the world is familiar with the war and the present political predicaments of Bosnia and Herzegovina but not with the sociological and humanistic dimension of the Bosnian society, or “the society itself.” Therefore this work projected the conception of ‘kumstvo’ ‘prijateljstvo’ ‘bratstvo’ ‘pomirenje’ and ‘kosmiluk’ which at the micro-sociological level represent the Bosnian society. Such micro-sociological dimension of the Bosnian society should be used in tackling present political, administrative, legal and constitutional predicaments of the Bosnian state.

Experts from fields of Architecture and Heritage Preservation visited IUS

On August 24, 2014, a group of experts from the fields of architecture, urban planning and heritage conservation from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), Bahrain and Turkey visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). Foreign experts who are also engaged at universities, Ministry of Culture, the Tourism Commission for preservation of National Heritage as well as Development Agency and City Council of the city of Riyad, came to Bosnia and Herzegovina at the invitation of the renowned BH Architect, Professor and Head of the Department of Architecture at the Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRICICA) in Istanbul Prof. Dr. Amir Pašić. Among the experts was also Dr. Osmra Al-Gohary, Director of a nonprofit organization Al-Turath, which operates within the Ministry of Social Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia(KSA). This is an organization founded by HRH Prince Sultan Bin Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud to revive and preserve all Islamic architectural traditions in the world. The visit of the guests to IUS from countries of Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Turkey was initiated by Prof. Dr. Mesut İdriz, a lecturer at the Program of Social and Political Sciences at IUS, and Advisor in International Relations Office of IUS. The visit of the guests to IUS from countries of Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Turkey was initiated by Prof. Dr. Mesut İdriz, a lecturer at the Program of Social and Political Sciences at IUS, and Advisor in International Relations Office of IUS. The first group of students, who arrived in Sarajevo in early October, comes from three state universities, Sakarya, Karabuk and Giresun. Students are staying at IUS dormitories and are already successfully integrated into the international environment of the University.
IUS Life attended a conference on “Better business environment in BiH”

The initial conference entitled “Business environment in BiH” was held on Thursday, November 27th, 2014 in hotel Hollywood. This conference was organized by the Institute for Youth Development “KULT” with support of USAID and UK Government. The idea and purpose of organizing this gathering was to find solutions to the problem of high unemployment rates in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Representatives from more than 30 institutions, businesses and non-governmental organizations participated in the conference. The key problems related to creating of new jobs were identified and some concrete solutions were presented. IUS Life, space Learning Centre, represented by Director Hilal Karić and Mirsada Mehremić, was the only representative from the education sector in this conference. IUS Life has become a member of the team working for the betterment of education and educational opportunities for the people.

The exhibition “Prints in Space” opened at IUS

The exhibition of the pieces of a young artist, Dženita Huseinović was held in the Art Gallery of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Wednesday, October 22, 2014. Asst. Prof. Julie Baites opened the exhibition with introductory words as a professor from the “English Language and Literature Program” of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. The theme of this exhibition is photographs which represent fingerprints that can float in the surrounding areas while at the same time giving a choice to the observer to decide in which way he/she would like to see them moving through space. The artist, Dženita Huseinović was born in Sarajevo on June 18th, 1981. She completed her undergraduate and graduate studies at the Academy of Fine Arts in Sarajevo, in the Graphics Department. She is currently working as an assistant professor at the University of Džemal Bijedić in Mostar (Faculty for Teachers) and is teaching courses related to graphic design. She is also a member of the Association of Visual Artists of Bosnia and Herzegovina since 2005. Asst. Prof. Nermina Zildžo and Asst. Prof. Melina Teparić are eminent professors from VACD Department at IUS who organized the event. Minister Claudio Giacomino from the Embassy of the Republic of Argentina in Hungary was also present at the exhibition.

New “Ambassador Talk Session” with Cihad Erginay

H.E. Cihad Erginay, the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Bosnia and Herzegovina, gave a public lecture on the “Turkish-Bosnian Relations: A Socio-Cultural and Economic Dimension”. This lecture was the 9 consecutive “Ambassador Talk Session”, organized by the International Relations Office (IRO) of the International University of Sarajevo, on Thursday, October 23, 2014. IUS amphitheater was too small to accommodate all guests, professors and students at this lecture. All those that attended have shown a great interest in hearing interesting insights from the Turkish Ambassador whose origins are closely related to Bosnia and Herzegovina and Sarajevo. Ambassador Erginay spoke briefly of historical and cultural links of two friendly countries, from the time of the Ottoman Empire to this day. He also elaborated on economic, political and cultural ties between two countries and emphasized on various investment projects from Turkish side, including the International University of Sarajevo. Ambassador stated that Turkey is a great friend of Bosnia and Herzegovina and that he is the only ambassador that is more concerned about the export from B&H to his country than import from Turkey to B&H. Ambassador Erginay ended his lecture by answering few questions from the audience on future economic opportunities and Turkish support to Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Euro-Atlantic integrations.

Eurasia Law Meeting held at the premises of IUS

The international symposium entitled ‘Eurasian Law Meeting’ was held at the premises of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) in the period from September 4th to September 5th, 2014. The aim of the symposium was to bring together international and local academics, researchers and professional lawyers, to discuss ideas and research in the field of law. The ‘Eurasian Law Meeting’ symposium was also aimed at bringing together experts who explore various legal aspects, establish space for a discussion on current legal topics as well as expand cooperation and interaction among them. In different panel sessions, participants discussed general topics such as: the right to freedom of opinion and expression, women’s rights, human rights, coexistence among different communities, as well as some specific legal issues observed from the point of view of Islam, such as administrative law in Islam and Islamophobia as well. The opening ceremony of the symposium was attended by distinguished guests from 35 countries including guests from the economic and social life of the Republic of Turkey, and other countries in the Middle East and Central Asia. The symposium was opened by the Rector of the International University of Sarajevo, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu, who welcomed all participants of the symposium, as a host and stressed the importance of holding this exceptional event. “Sometimes even we, the members of the legal profession, forget the importance, role and rule of the law and the establishment of justice in the everyday human persistence. Scientific events such as our symposium ‘Eurasia Law Meeting’ will try to examine and analyze through presentations many important topics in the field of law. Experts from various specialized areas of legal science will try to answer and offer explanations to many questions posed by the current tragic events in the world”, said Rector Oğurlu, in his welcoming remarks. “Eurasian Law Meeting” symposium was organized by the Constitutional Lawyers Association, Lawyers Association, International Lawyers Association, International Lawyers Association, International Law Center, Ministry of Justice of Republic of Turkey, Governors’ Office of Eskisehir, Istanbul University, Anadolu University, Konya KTO Karatay University, Turkey Law Portal in cooperation with IUS.
On Friday, October 17, 2014, a meeting was held in the in the Rectorate of IUS, between the representatives of the International University of Sarajevo and the Chamber of Commerce of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (PKFBiH). At the meeting, the University and the (PKFBiH) reached an agreement about future mutual cooperation in the field of employment and lifelong learning project. This refers primarily to the inclusion of the local community of the unemployed people who are registered at employment offices. This project involves the provision of support to people through a process of additional education. In this way, the International University of Sarajevo decided to put their resources and professional training services available all in order to help unemployed people. ‘I’m really proud of the fact that through joint efforts, our institutions can provide the necessary support and educate those who are looking for employment in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Hereby I would like to sincerely thank (PKFBiH) for inviting us to participate in this important project’ - stressed IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu. On behalf of the (PKFBiH), the meeting was attended by Emir Pašić, Assistant to President, Aida Kalajdžisalihović, expert assistant at the Center for Entrepreneurship and Šemsa Alimanović, advisor. The meeting was attended by IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu, Director of English Language School (ELS), Hilal Karić, Coordinator of IUS Leadership and entrepreneurship center (LEC), Assist. Prof. Dr. Senad Bušatlić, Head of the Centre for Research and Development, Senior Assist. Faruk Berat Aççekme and Armin Kerić, Deputy Secretary General.

International Conference “First World War and Albanians 1914-1918”

On Wednesday, 28 June 2014, International Conference entitled “First World War and Albanians 1914-1918” was held at the University of Prishtina, Kosovo. This Conference was organized by International University of Sarajevo (IUS), Oxford University, University of Pristina and University of Tirana. The Conference brought together international academicians in the field of history, as well as experts from another fields of social sciences. The aim of the Conference was to examine the First World War and its impacts on the Albanian people and their society. IUS was represented by Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhamed Ali who presented a research paper titled “Religious Educational Institutions of the Albanians in Skopje during and after World War One”. The content of the paper was examining the impacts of World War One on the religious educational activities of the Albanians and the social impacts of the Madrassas on Albanian society in Skopje.

The first IUS Football Tournament held in the Sports Field of the University Campus

The first IUS Football Tournament was organized at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) in the period from 15-16 November 2014. A total of 13 teams participated in the Tournament. The competitions were carried out in football field of the IUS Campus. The competition was an opportunity to promote a very important role of sport in the lives of the students and IUS generally. Within the Campus, sport fields and facilities were built so that students can use them for training. The idea is for Tournament to become a tradition and that each year sports and socialization of all participants will be encouraged and promoted. The organizer was Social, Cultural and Health Activities Department (SACHS). The winner of the Tournament is "FC IUS" team. "Ottoman" team won a second place, while the third place went to the “Babol JK” team. IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu held a reception in his office where he welcomed the winners and handed them the winners cup.

Dr. Haris Gačanin gave a lecture on Mobile/ Wireless networks - the latest research

Dr. Haris Gačanin gave a lecture on "Mobile/Wireless networks - the latest research" at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Monday, October 27, 2014. Many professors, students and guests interested in this area of research attended this lecture. Dr. Gačanin used the opportunity of this public lecture to briefly look back at the process of developing innovation in the field of wireless technology, both in society as well as globally. He talked about the research methods used by his team of researchers. At the end of the lecture, a discussion was opened and students and professors used this opportunity to ask the questions. Dr. Haris Gačanin is the head of the research department at the Alcent Lucent Bell Company from Antwerp (Belgium). His research interests are: mobile and wireless networks, as well as the process of resolving systemic problems that are related to network.
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Ambassador of Pakistan visited IUS

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On Monday, October 13, 2014, the Ambassador of Pakistan, HE Muhammad Yousaf visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). This was his first visit to the University since his appointment as Ambassador of Pakistan to Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Ambassador was welcomed by IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu and his associates. This visit was implemented in order to introduce the University to country of Pakistan and to provide development of future cooperation at the regional and international level. Ambassador Yousaf said that he is truly glad to have the opportunity to be at IUS and become more familiar with the work and activities of this institution. During the meeting, he expressed his satisfaction with results and achievements of this educational institution in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Ambassador Yousaf emphasized the need for investment in education and expressed willingness to support potential development projects and exchange of students. Per his words, this will be the most important part of the mission of his country in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

“Heavenly Culture World Peace Restoration of Light” Conference held at IUS

On Saturday, 12 of July 2014, “Heavenly Culture World Peace Restoration of Light” Conference was held at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). The aim of the Conference was to bring together those engaged in research activities and promoting peace in the world. The Conference was hosted by IUS and supported by the Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL). It is important to say that HWPL is a non-profit, non-governmental international organization registered under the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and operating out of Seoul, South Korea. Man Hee Lee, a Korean War veteran and renowned peace advocate, founded the organization after his involvement with numerous volunteer associations, seeing the need for a group whose central focus was to unite the people of the world behind the goal of peace irrespective of any apparent differences among themselves.

“in the terms of the world peace, every person in the world should develop the sense for culture of peace and become the peace advocate” - said Man Hee Lee. IUS is proud to be an institution that is able to cherish the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons can live in the free world and have peace, democracy and freedom for all.

22 students from American University, Washington DC visited IUS

On Saturday, October 25th, 2014, 22 students from the University of Washington, DC (USA) visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) as part of their 10-day tour of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The students arrived with of their professor, Dr. Tobias Greiff. After visiting the IUS campus, students attended an interesting lecture of the Senior Assistant, Nerkez Opacin from the International and Public Relations Program of IUS Faculty of Business and Administration (FBA). The two-hour lecture was on how story-telling can have a positive impact in post-conflict societies. Senior Assistant Opacin also talked about the process of peace building and conflict resolution. At the end of the lecture, Senior Assistant Opacin announced the future plans for the second summer school to be organized by the International and Public Relations Program of the IUS Faculty of Business and Administration (FBA).

Primary School students visited IUS

The students of the seventh grade of the Primary school “Isa-beg Ishakovici” with their teacher Nezira Šemić visited the International University of Sarajevo on Friday, November 28, 2014. IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu welcomed the students and pointed out that he sees these young people as future prosper students of the University. The aim of this visit was to inform seventh graders about our university, programs offers and also visit interesting laboratories within IUS campus.

The representatives of the IUS PR Office and SACHS Department gave the students a tour of the University and talked with them about different topics, as well as answered many of their questions. After visit, a lunch was organized for the guests. As a reminder for the general public, in May this year, the SEDEF Foundation Bosnia took the ownership rights of the Primary school “Isa-beg Ishakovici”, where in addition to higher education (IUS), education for students from 1st –to 9th grade can be offered as well.
1. For the beginning, tell us something about you, your education and how did you start? I am a political scientist, originally. During my PhD studies I have started interest in foreign politics and link to domestic policy. My PhD is from Comenius University in Bratislava, in my country, Slovakia. Moreover, I made research stays in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan.

2. How did you decide to start academic career? After master studies I knew that I want to continue as a PhD student. And there was offer for it, so I took it.

3. Why did you choose to be professor at IUS? During the spring 2014 I looked for the possibility for change in my life and for challenge in my professional career. And at the same time I was looking for international and challenging environment. You know, EU could be little bit boring. So I found offer from IUS, and they reacted really quick and we agreed on conditions. So, that is why I am here.

4. Can you make comparison between education in Bosnia and Herzegovina (IUS) and place you are coming from? I can say that there are two main differences. The first one is so international environment, which is challenging on the one hand, but it also brings you lot of new ideas and issues for thinking. And the second thing is interconnection among different programs which is, at least in theory, big advance.

5. We suppose that you had opportunity to visit Old town Sarajevo, mainly Baščaršija. But we are wondering did you hear for old Bosnian saying: “Whoever drank water from Baščaršija, /Will never leave it”? Yes, I have heard of it from one of my Turkish friend and I didn’t hesitate to drink the water.

6. Motivation message for students? Gaining a profession is something different than finishing the education. They also should educate their vision and the notion of their profession.

Joseph Jon Kaminski

1. For the beginning, tell us something about you, your education and how did you start? I grew up in the Midwestern part of the United States and attended high school in a suburb 20 minutes south of Chicago that has a very large population of immigrants from the various former Republics of Yugoslavia. While in high school, I decided that I wanted to move to the east coast of the United States and experience something new for college. I went to Rutgers University, in central New Jersey. I had a great time there and still talk to my college friends at least once a week, over 10 years after I graduated in 2004. I still watch Rutgers American Football games every Saturday via live internet stream here in Sarajevo!

2. How did you decide to start academic career? I almost went into criminal justice in college, but I had this one incredible Political Science Professor who at Rutgers named Stephen Bronner. He really inspired me to think critically and get into academics. He also helped me get a prestigious fellowship to the City University of New York for my MA. After living in Manhattan and Brooklyn for a few years and learning firsthand how expensive it was, I decided to go for PhD studies closer to my parents in Indiana, where the cost of living is much lower. I also wanted to be in a program that was more rigorous in terms of methodology and quantitative methods. Even though I consider my research mainly qualitative

Peter PLENTA

1. For the beginning, tell us something about you, your education and how did you start? Architectural education is not an easy challenge and if you want to be an architect there will be long way to go, we should accept it. When I was studying architecture during my bachelor degree, I wasn’t sure whether architecture was the correct choice or not because people should choose the profession which makes them happy in the future. You will carry it during your whole life so you should be able to find some motivations in it. After my graduation I worked for some architectural offices. In my opinion, something was always missing in this part of architecture because I was searching for the meanings, reasons and results. Then I started my master degree and continued with PhD. Although PhD was the most demanding part of my education it was also the most teaching part. Now I am sure that I am happy with my choice. After a long, long period of giving effort, now it germinates and starts to give me the light and hope back.

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and philosophical. I believe that it is important to, at the least, be able to understand what is going on in the major journals that publish quantitative data. So applied to and was accepted into the PhD program at Purdue University. That is where I encountered another incredible mentor, Professor Michael Weinstein. He really helped me with my dissertation and 1st couple academic publications. I have a chapter coming out in a book that explores his political philosophy that is going to actually be available on Amazon beginning December 18th. My chapter is titled, “I am the God of My Own Tribe: Weinstein and Islam.” The book is titled, Michael A. Weinstein: Action, Contemplation, Vitality,Edited by D. Rubenstein and R. Oprisko, New York, NY: Routledge Publishers. (ISBN 978-1138013087)

3. Why did you choose to be professor at IUS?
I wanted to live in an OIC member state or at least a country with a significant Muslim population for personal and professional reasons following my PhD. When I saw the advertisement for an open position here at IUS, I was immediately excited. Not only is my family of “Balkan background” (Granda Kamińska was named Sencaj before she got married) but the school itself offered me a wonderful chance to become a part of a new and growing institution that really plays an important role in bridging cultures and increasing knowledge in general in the Balkans. I strongly believe education is a key factor in Bosnia and Herzegovina getting EU Membership. I hope to be a part of the scholarly community that helps BiH meet this important goal. I can’t imagine a better choice for me than IUS; I look forward to a successful career and life here.

4. Can you make comparison between education in Bosnia and Herzegovina (IUS) and place you are coming from?
I’ve taught a numerous universities in the United States, and I can honestly say that students are everywhere are generally similar in terms of their approach to school; some are overachievers who work extra hard to do well, while others need a little more of “a gentle push” to get going. However, I have noticed that the level of respect I’ve encountered from the students here is much greater than in the US. I really believe students take their education more seriously here than in the United States where many students go simply because their parents force them to, or they are looking for a place to party for 4 years. I am expecting great success stories from my students in the near future!

5. We suppose that you had opportunity to visit Old town Sarajevo, mainly Baščaršija. But we are wondering did you hear for old Bosnian saying: “Whoever drank water from Baščaršija, /Will never leave it”? Yes, I am familiar with that song. My mother would definitely not approve of the idea of me never leaving Sarajevo, but if things work out here, I wouldn’t necessarily mind! I would love to eventually get married, raise a family, and have a long and successful career here.

6. Motivation message for students?
I came from a working class family; neither of my parents or grandparents went to college. One does not have to be from a family of doctors, lawyers, or politicians to attend university and pursue their dreams. College is quite possibly the most fun time in your life. The level of freedom you have now is greater than it was when you were in high school and is greater than what it will be when you enter the workforce and work 8 hours a day, 40 hours a week. Enjoy this exciting time in your life where your bodies and minds are healthy and full of energy! I highly recommend that you get involved with many activities on campus as you can. This will help you make friends, professional connections, and most importantly, this will help you learn more about yourself.

1. For the beginning, tell us something about you, your education and how did you start?
In the beginning, Physics attracted me, roughly like Sun and earth mutual attraction. So, the start of the story was there….. at the world of imagination, science fiction, and then turned to be real entity through studying Physics academically. Through Cairo University (Egypt) lecture halls and laboratories, I got my Bachelor of Science (B.Sc) with major in Physics. After the B.Sc, I was fully interested in laser, thus I have been started to study and researching the fascinating world of lasers and related physics at the master and PhD degrees at the National Institute of Laser - Cairo University with cooperation with Bochum university-Germany.

2. How did you decide to start academic career?
Actually, it is very difficult to study and research Physics and being away from academic life. There is a great part in understanding of any science depends on discussions, reactions and exchanging knowledge, and this type of refining is existed only in University’s academic career. So, getting academic career is let’s say substantial for natural sciences scholars.

3. Why did you choose to be professor at IUS?
I would say, I like Bosnia, the nature and the struggling of Bosnians to prove themselves. I did not lose any chance to contribute toward modernization as well as passing on my knowledge to the youth through distinguished University like IUS. Existence of Turkish staff and students, was another attractive element for me; may be because I have Turkish branch in my grand-family, may be because the deep historic and strategic relations between Egypt and Turkey. Location of the IUS in Sarajevo which is already competent to be global capital gives our IUS University one more international dimension. All these properties at IUS are constructing unique great international experience.

4. Can you make comparison between education in Bosnia and Herzegovina (IUS) and place you are coming from?
I have seen that written exams are dominant. So most common exam form is the oral one. At IUS I have noticed so far is about exam method: for me it as well. Because of the Bologna’s Process and so many other international agreements, I think that higher education is becoming much more similar everywhere around. Until five-six years ago, most countries used to adopt their own education system and differences were huge. Nowadays, length of studies is getting uniformed. English classes are widespread and students’ and scholars’ exchange is encouraged. For what I have seen in Australia, United States and Italy (the places where I have worked so far), I think that IUS education environment looks very similar these Western parts. The main difference I noticed so far is about exam method: for instance in Italy, especially in social sciences, the most common exam form is the oral one. At IUS I have seen that written exams are dominant. So

6. Motivation message for students?
Keep working for your future; just working….do not give up your dreams… .specify a target to your life…. Always put a plan…. improve yourself continuously… Honesty, sincerity. Morality and knowledge are your true wealth.

Marco Morini

1. For the beginning, tell us something about you, your education and how did you start?
I am a shy guy, so I will not go into many details: I’m Italian; I studied Communication in Bologna then Political Science in Pavia. After finishing my Ph.D., I worked at Macquarie University (Australia) and at the University of Padova (Italy). I’m a political scholar with research interests in Political Communication and Electoral Behavior. I came to IUS in mid-September.

2. How did you decide to start academic career?
I probably realized that I was going into academic career only about the end of my doctoral studies. Before that time, I wasn’t really thinking on what to do in life. As a child, I probably dreamt of becoming professional football player, but I soon discovered that I wasn’t talented enough, then I drove my attention into theater acting but after some astonishing on-stage performances I decided to give up. So, there is no particular reason for me being in the academe, it mainly happened by coincidence I think.

3. Why did you choose to be professor at IUS?
As soon as I discovered that illustrious Dr. Prof. Joseph Jon Kaminski was going to IUS, I applied to it as well.

4. Can you make comparison between education in Bosnia and Herzegovina (IUS) and place you are coming from?
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I need to get used to that; though I still prefer oral exams: throughout you can really know if students are prepared and cheating/plagiarism is completely avoided.

5. We suppose that you had opportunity to visit Old town Sarajevo, mainly Baščaršija. But we are wondering did you hear for old Bosnian saying: “Life style, drank water from Baščaršija, /Will never leave it?" Yes, somebody told me this right at the beginning. So I try to stay away from that fountain.

6. Motivation message for students? My message is that they should always remember that these are probably going to be the best years of their life.

Julie BATES

1. For the beginning, tell us something about you, your education and how did you start? I have awarded my PhD by Trinity College Dublin in 2013. My thesis examined the writer Samuel Beckett’s material imagination and evolving creative praxis through close scrutiny of the thirteen recurring objects that feature in his fiction, drama, film and poetry from the early 1930s to the late 1980s. I am currently revising my thesis for publication as a monograph with Cambridge University Press. So far, I have presented my research at various universities in Ireland, England, Portugal, Colombia, Mexico and Turkey, and am due to give a presentation at a conference in Croatia in late November.

2. How did you decide to start academic career? I loved the process of writing my PhD and found it a much more creative experience than I had expected. I relished the opportunity to imagine and create a large-scale project from start to finish, and to really take responsibility for the first time for my thinking, instead of being directed by the questions or ideas of a teacher. I have stayed in academia because I love working on new research projects all the time, whether they are pieces of writing or presentations, and really enjoy teaching and working with young people, so the job of a lecturer is ideal for me.

3. Why did you choose to be professor at IUS? For many years, I have been very interested in the former Yugoslavia in general and in Sarajevo in particular. Then, two years ago, I published an essay looking at productions of Beckett’s play “Waiting for Godot” in Sarajevo during the siege and in New Orleans in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. While researching this piece, I became even more interested in the resilience and cultural interests of the people of Sarajevo – the fact that during the siege, people continued to create and experience art because, as Haris Pašović so memorably described, what matters in times of war is not to survive, but to remember that you are human – so when the opportunity to teach at IUS presented itself, I jumped at it.

4. Can you make comparison between education in Bosnia and Herzegovina (IUS) and place you are coming from? Before coming to IUS, I lectured on modern European literature and art at universities in Ireland and Mexico. At IUS for the first time I am teaching a Masters course and am supervising graduate projects. This is a great pleasure for me – to engage with advanced and highly motivated students and to exchange ideas or offer advice is an extremely rewarding experience.

5. We suppose that you had opportunity to visit Old town Sarajevo, mainly Baščaršija. But we are wondering did you hear for old Bosnian saying: “Whoever drank water from Baščaršija, /Will never leave it?” I had not heard this saying, but can well believe it! The water here is delicious – perhaps even more so for me because you have to be very careful all the time in Mexico to never drink the water – even when you are brushing your teeth you have to use bottled water to avoid falling sick!

6. Motivation message for students? I hope you enjoy my classes this semester, and look forward to working with you all. I am reading Aleksander Hemon at present, and would be grateful for any suggestions about the literature, film and music I should explore to better understand and enjoy Sarajevo.

Ayla ARSLAN

1. For the beginning, tell us something about you, your education and how did you start? I was born in Istanbul but I was raised in different cities throughout Turkey due to my father’s job. My father was working as an engineer in the state’s electricity authority called TEK. Thus, my childhood was spent moving from one town to another, from west to east of Anatolia where my father’s plants were located. Each time new friends, new surrounding…Later on, my parents moved to Ankara where I spent my early youth and pursued my undergraduate studies at the Middle East Technical University (METU). Upon completion of my masters education in Biotechnology at the METU, in 2001, I worked for about a year in the pharmaceutical industry in Ankara before moving to Heidelberg, Germany to pursue my Ph.D.

2. How did you decide to start academic career? I was always attracted to something that requires deep intellectual stimulation and science is one of life style has never been so critical. And believe me, for people who got depressed, the diet issue and the unprocessed food is another point. Unbalanced diet and alcoholism will cause an unbalanced mind…. Limit and control the time you spent on TV and internet. Eating a balanced diet with unprocessed food is another point. Unprocessed diet and alcoholism will cause an unbalanced mind….

3. Why did you choose to be professor at IUS? Although I come from Istanbul, one of the most beautiful cities in the world, I’ve always been very special to me. There is something naïve and innocent here and I felt very connected with that spirit. Besides, after spending some years as a university professor in Istanbul, I wanted to work at an international university and IUS truly has this orientation. The environment and the opportunities of IUS are attractive for qualified people from all over the world. Moreover, IUS has some strong motivations and goals for the region and these intentions overlap with my professional vision. You know, in addition to了一口气ponsing and providing knowledge through academic education and research, one of the roles of universities is to make a social impact, to promote social, cultural and economical environment.

4. Can you make comparison between education in Bosnia and Herzegovina (IUS) and place you are coming from? I observe that IUS is becoming increasingly involved in this role besides to other contributions within this region which gives each person in the IUS the opportunity to make a change, to make a positive impact and this is inspiring!!

5. We suppose that you had opportunity to visit Old town Sarajevo, mainly Baščaršija. But we are wondering did you hear for old Bosnian saying: “Whoever drank water from Baščaršija, /Will never leave it?" Yes I heard of it, we will see, but I have not drink that water yet…

6. Motivation message for students? I would not do better than quoting Tennessee Williams: “Success is blocked by concentrating on it and planning for it... Success is shy — it won’t come out while you’re watching!” Nevertheless there are other important things; integrity and ethics, for example. Today’s world is too much successes oriented and likely ignoring these values. Moreover, for example. Today’s world is too much successes oriented and likely ignoring these values. Moreover, for example. Today’s world is too much successes oriented and likely ignoring these values. Moreover, for example. Today’s world is too much successes oriented and likely ignoring these values. Moreover, for example.
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In addition to space designed for students to learn, we plan to create also a special room for graduate students from research, the bookstore and café within the library.
International University of Sarajevo organized this year again a Summer School of Innovation - GeekFEST2014, which was held from August 25, 2014 to August 29, 2014. The GeekFEST2014 gathered a group of 35 talented high school students, mostly from third and fourth grade, who come from different cities all over Bosnia and Herzegovina. They attended a five-day program titled “Programming mobile applications”: This year’s school topic was programming “cross platform apps” by using Cordova software. To create a project (or own application) the participants had access to university laboratories with modern equipment and classes were conducted in English language. Besides lectures, the program included intensive laboratory work given by IUS staff as well as motivated guest lecturers and experts from ICT companies. The lecturers at the GeekFEST2014 were young IUS IT professionals with computer science background. The initiator and leader of the “Summer school innovation GeekFEST2014” project is Asst. Prof. Dr. Jasminka Hasić-Telalović, a professor in the Computer Sciences and Engineering Program of IUS and Head of the IUS Research Committee. “Our goal is to inspire young people to study engineering sciences and do research, as well as to one day maybe motivate them to establish their own companies. Hopefully in a few years, we will have some of the current participants as lecturers at this annual event,” said Dr. Hasić-Telalović. In addition to free classes, for students was arranged food and accommodation in the student dormitories within the IUS campus in Ilidža as well education,” said Aleksa Pandurević from Pale. One of the participants, who attended GeekFEST for the second time is Merima Genjac from Visoko. “The GeekFEST2013 was a beautiful experience for me, so I decided to apply this year again. I would recommend it to all students who want the freedom of expression, are motivated to work and learn something new without pressure, to definitely come to this event. “She expanded my knowledge and got a lot of good ideas”. The participation in the GeekFEST2014 was an ideal opportunity for many students to put their theoretical knowledge into practice. “About the GeekFEST2014 I found out through one of the web sites which posted information about the summer school. My desire for knowledge motivated me to apply. I hope that the programming knowledge I gained here will definitely be of use in my further studies”, said Hadžibalić. Two of the participants, who attended GeekFEST, are motivated to work and learn something new without pressure, to definitely come to this event. “She has only best things to say about her peers. “Well, we are not really bookworms "geek's" as it seemed at the beginning,” said Merima Genjac from Visoko. “The GeekFEST2013 was a beautiful experience for me, so I decided to apply this year again. I would recommend it to all students who want the freedom of expression, are motivated to work and learn something new without pressure, to definitely come to this event. “She found out through one of the web sites which posted information about the summer school. My desire for knowledge motivated me to apply. I hope that the programming knowledge I gained here will definitely be of use in my further studies”, said Aleksa Pandurević from Pale. 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The 3rd Informatics Summer Youth Camp at IUS

In cooperation with the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), the "Association of Informatics Olympiad in Bosnia and Herzegovina" organized this year, the 3rd Informatics Summer Youth Camp for elementary and secondary school students in the period from September 1st to September 5th, 2014, in the premises of IUS. The Program of this Camp consisted of practical and theoretical parts. The lecturers were Dr. Haris Gavranović, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences (FENS), as well as former successful competitors from previously organized competitions in informatics. This Summer Youth Camp has gathered young talented people interested in computer science, who got the opportunity to expand their knowledge in various fields of computer science, gain new experiences, and meet their peers from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina. Dr. Haris Gavranović, who is the initiator of this School and at the same time the President of the "Association of Informatics Olympiad in Bosnia and Herzegovina", said that this type of education for young people aims at raising their level of computer literacy, finding new young people and developing their talent, and creating the basis for a quality presentation of BH student competitors in Informatics Olympiads, in the country and abroad. This year’s winners at the 3rd Informatics Summer Youth Camp at IUS are:

1. Balalić Enver
2. Muharemović Haris
3. Gumerinić Armin
4. Balić Alem
5. Zgalj Fatih

Representatives of the Balikesir Municipality from Turkey visited IUS

Eighty representatives of different level of the Balikesir Municipality from Turkey visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Friday, November 28, 2014. IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu welcomed the representatives and informed them about the current teaching process, goals and plans of the IUS, its professors and students, as well as future activities in the field of affirmation and promotion of our University in the world. After a short meeting, a reception was held in main amphitheater. On this occasion, the President of the Municipality of Balikesir Karesir, Yücel Yılmaz addressed the audience and expressed his satisfaction with the visit to our University.

During his speech, Yücel Yılmaz gave information about the municipality and its development plan for the upcoming year as well. At the end of the reception, special gifts were given to Yücel Yılmaz and Ismail Fasar, the President of the Association of Istanbul Balikesir and Ismail Ozkaran Aslantas, Adviser of the President of the Balikesir Municipality. After the reception, a cocktail for all guests was organized in the hall of the International University of Sarajevo.

IUS students visited Butmir NATO base

Students from the International Relations Program of FBA organized a visit to NATO base in Butmir on Thursday, December 4, 2014. The aim of the visit was to inform students about the meaning and mission of NATO forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The visit was organized on the initiative of Professor in the International Relations Program (IR) of IUS, Dr. Abdurrahim Siradag and a student at the aforementioned program Mehmet Kemal Koksal.

During the visit, Deputy Commander Colonel Ole-Asbjørn Fauske from Norway gave a lecture about the missions of NATO in the region with special emphasis on Bosnia and Herzegovina. Colonel Fauske pointed out the significance of the interdependence of the Balkan countries especially in regard to peacekeeping. Later on, the students were able to see a presentation on the tasks of EUFOR in Bosnia and Herzegovina. After the visit, Deputy Commander, Colonel Fauske and his fellow officers are invited to visit the IUS in the future and hold lectures on the topic of Euro-Atlantic missions.

Primary School students visited IUS

The students of the seventh grade of the Primary school "Isa-beg Ishaković" with their teacher Nezira Semić visited the International University of Sarajevo on Friday, November 28, 2014. IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu welcomed the students and pointed out that he see these young people as future prosper students of the University. The aim of this visit was to inform seventh graders about our university, programs that offers and also visit interesting laboratories within IUS campus.

The representatives of the IUS PR Office and SACHS Department gave the students a tour of the University and talked with them about different topics, as well as answered many of their questions. After visit, a lunch was organized for the guests. As a reminder for the general public, in May this year, the SEDEF Foundation Bosnia took the ownership rights of the Primary school "Isa-beg Ishaković", where in addition to higher education (IUS), education for students from 1st to 9th grade can be offered as well.
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The new academic year of 2014/2015 successfully began with a good work atmosphere. We are proud to share valuable information on success of the academic team of the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences (FENS).

Prof. Dr. Fuat Gürcan, Dean of FENS, has been invited as Invited Author in Two Conferences: First: 32th International Conference on Fluid Mechanics & Aerodynamics (FMA ‘14) Geneva December 29-31, 2014 , and second: Conferences in Istanbul. Prof. Dr. Fuat Gürcan also published two research papers in two highly respected journals, Chaos, Solitons and Fractals (SCI), vol 68, 169-179 and Mathematical Methods in Applied Sciences (SCI), DOI:10.1002/mma.3196.


Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhamed Hadžiabdić’s two papers have been accepted to be published in highly respected journals International Journal of Heat and Fluid Flows (SCI) and Flow Turbulence and Combustions (SCI).


Emeritus Professor Harry Miller and Assist. Prof. Dr. Leila Miller-Van Wieren get their joint paper which has been accepted for publication in Hacettepe J Math Stat. (SCI), titled: “Some Statistical Cluster Point Theorems”.

Prof. Dr. Migdat Hodžić and Assist. Prof. Dr. Emir Karemehmedović has been rewarded by Malmo and Boras Universities, in Sweden. During their visit they concluded agreement on Academic and industrial cooperation related to renewable energy. Next step is for our Swedish hosts come to visit IUS (early 2015) and go to the next step in cooperation. Prof. Dr. Migdat Hodžić’s paper has been also accepted at Budapest Complex Systems Conference, early November with Title: New Approach to Complex Ecological Dynamic System Analysis and Modeling.

Asst. Prof. Dr. Mirza Suljić has been selected by the IPA Adriatic Cross-border Cooperation to participate in Managerial Skill Development for Researchers program (MBSDr), among researchers from Bosnia and Herzegovina. The program is part of the Pacinno initiative, funded by the EU to promote innovation and technology transfer throughout the Adriatic region. The top 16 candidates form the Adriatic region for the MBSDr program will include 2 participants from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, Serbia, and Slovenia.

As part of the Short Term Scientific Mission (COST Action IC1005, European Cooperation in Science and Technology) Senior Assist. Kanita Hadžiabdić has been awarded by Bangor University, UK, where she has worked for a week (between 10.11.2014 and 14.11.2014) on a research project related to high dynamic range imaging.

At the 20th Conference of the International Federation of Operational Research Societies (IFORS 2014) held from held from 13-18 July 2014 in Barcelona, Assoc. Professor Haris Gavranovic at FENS, together with PhD student Mirsad Buljubašić and Professor Michel Vasquez from Nimes, France and Professor Said Hanafi from Vallenciennes, France won two EURO/ROADEF/SNCF awards, First prize and Sprint 2 winner prize, for the Best solution for Rolling Stock Unit Management on Railways sites problem proposed by SNCF and ROADEF. The algorithm designed by Franco-Bosnian team has shown by far the best results in the competition among 36 teams from 20 countries from all around the world.

Assis. Professor Dr. Jasmina Hasić-Telalović has been invited to the Program Committee of the Eurographics conference. The papers of this conference are published at Computer Graphics Forum which is a highly valued journal. Asisst.Prof. Dr. Abdurazzag Ali Aburas have been invited as a Distinguished Speaker for the Global Engineering Education at the IEOM 2015 Dubai Conference. Assist. Professor Dr. İşıl Ekin Calak appointed as a jury member in Istanbul Design Biennial.
On Wednesday, September 17th, 2014, the opening of the International conference entitled “World War I, the Ottoman Empire and the Balkans” was held at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). The conference aims at bringing together a number of eminent experts and researchers from home and abroad, who have been engaged through years, in research of these very interesting world phenomena that changed Europe and the world. Some of the consequences of the World War I have left its impact in the fields of medicine, geopolitics, method of warfare, and social relations that are even felt today. Among the guests at this conference were many academicians, experts and researchers on this subject and representatives of relevant institutions as well. The conference was organized with support of Prof. Dr. Mesut Idriz (IUS), Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University in Turkey, and T.C. Başkanlık Yurtdışı Türkler.

The conference participants were experts from the region and the world who will hold a series of lectures on a complex view of the world, related to the facts of impact of the World War I on many generations. At the opening of the conference, the guests were welcomed by the Rector of the International University of Sarajevo, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu. “During the work of the this conference, prominent experts in this field will examine a range of important themes from the Origins of WWI, through The Ottoman Road to War to the Economic and Financial aspects of the war and National movements. We are in the year when we marking centenary of the beginning of the World War I - senseless event that changed the image of the world forever. The immediate trigger for war was an event that took place here in Sarajevo; assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria” - said Rector Oğurlu.

One of the keynote speakers and distinguished guests of the conference was the Rector of Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Bulut. During his speech, he emphasized the importance of commemorating World War I, as an important period for Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region. IUS is proud to be main organizer that as a higher education institution can be able to host this type of conferences which represent the stepping stone for educational upgrading in the field of history and social relations. The conference will take place at IUS, from 17 – 19 September, and it’s open to all visitors. More information about the conference can be found at: ww1.ius.edu.ba

Round table discussion completed on “Post-Election Prospects and Challenges in Bosnia and Herzegovina”

On Monday, October 20th, 2014, a roundtable discussion on the topic of “Post-Election Prospects and Challenges in Bosnia and Herzegovina” was held at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). Participants at the panel did not analyze only last general election but offered a retrospective of elections that took place in the period from 1990 to this day. During the two-hour discussion, they have offered interesting views on election results and postelection perspectives. Speakers also talked about the international media coverage. This round table attracted a lot of interest, both among students and academic staff who sought to find out more information about the election process as well as challenges facing Bosnia and Herzegovina. As part of the program, eminent IUS scholars and experts from the above mentioned areas have attended this roundtable. Speakers of the roundtable were:

- Asst. Prof. Dr. Mirsad Karić (Vice Rector)
- Asst. Prof. Dr. Joseph Jon Kaminski (Professor)
- Asst. Prof. Dr. Marco Morini (Professor)
- Lejla Mesihović (Political Advisor at the EUSR in BiH)
- Emir Hadžikadunić (Secretary General of IUS)
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