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## Exhibition on Life and Work of Prof. Dr. Mustafa Cerić

On November 30, 2012, at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), an exhibition dedicated to life and work of former Head of the Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Diaspora (IZ B&H) Prof. Dr. Mustafa Cerić was organized. The exhibition was authored by Prof. Dr. Mehmet A. Akšamija from the Academy of Fine Arts, University of Sarajevo. The exhibition was opened by Prof. Dr. Mustafa Cerić, his wife Mrs. Azra Cerić, Vice-Rector of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), Prof. Dr. Ismail Kocayusufoglu, and the author of the exhibition Prof. Dr. Mehmet A. Akšamija and Assist. Prof. Amila Smajović, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, the International University of Sarajevo.



each of them has its own specific and thematic value and bears a witness to twenty years of life and work of Dr. Mustafa Cerić as Reis-ul-Ulema of the Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina. On behalf of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), distinguished guests, students and professors were welcomed by the Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Ismail Kocayusufoglu who expressed his satisfaction that IUS was elected for this valuable exhibition. Then, Prof. Dr. Mehmet A. Akšamija pointed out that this project was an attempt to consolidate all the information he could find about Cerić. The information, which he explained, was designed in a certain order and systematized in certain areas, to show what this Bosniak did in his twenty-years of work. As part of the program, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Cerić gave a lecture to IUS students, speaking about the exhibition, the importance of life and education, and moral and ecological problems of today's society.

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## Summer School of Innovation



At the request of the Ministry of Civil Affairs, the Council of Ministers at its 30th meeting held on December 4, 2012 adopted a decision on allocation of a grant for funding the projects in the field of "Support inventiveness and technical culture" for 2012. Among the approved projects is also an IUS project, "Summer School of innovation," whose carrier is Assist. Prof. Dr. Jasminka Hasić-Telalović, the Head of the Committee for Research.

The IUS project "Summer School of Innovation" will include students of third and fourth year of high school in Bosnia and Herzegovina, including the cities of Banja Luka, Tuzla, Sarajevo and Mostar. This kind of project is especially significant because throughout the world and in our country there is a trend of decreased interest of young people in technical sciences. Assist. Prof. Dr. Jasminka Telalović says that through this school we plan to encounter this kind of trend by promoting the technical culture and its commercialization through summer school programs to high school students.

"Summer School of Innovation" project plans to organize the following three programs: Information Technology, Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering and Biological Sciences. These three programs will be held at the same time and each student will choose one of these three programs. Overall, the number of students who will participate across these three programs is planned to reach 60 students. Since technical sciences are not gender balanced, priority for registration

will be given to female students. The classes will be organized from Monday to Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM, with one hour lunch break. The total number of hours that students will spend in each program is 30. The remaining 10 hours will be utilized in the following manner. After a break for lunch, lectures and seminars will be organized on following topics: technology transfer, intellectual property protection, commercialization and application of scientific achievements (with respect to age of participants at these lectures, special attention will be paid to importance of these topics in order to be acceptable and attractive for students who are present); industrial presentations (presenters at this event will be representatives of industries that use technical knowledge to commercialize them into finished products). All classes and lectures in the "Summer School of innovation" will be organized in English. Students who come from outside of the city of Sarajevo will be provided with comfortable accommodation in the dormitories of the International University of Sarajevo.

The International University of Sarajevo is proud of the fact that in its team has professors and researchers like Assist. Prof. Dr. Jasminka Hasić-Telalović, who actively participate in the EU, B&H and other projects as well as contributing to scientific, technological, economic, cultural and social development of their communities.

The exact date of the beginning of "Summer School of Innovation" will be announced later on [www.ius.edu.ba](http://www.ius.edu.ba)

## A Memorandum of Cooperation with Deakin University from Australia



On November 23, 2012, Prof. Dr. Ian Robottom, Associate Dean, at the Deakin University Australia, visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). On behalf of the Deakin University, Prof. Dr. Ian Robottom signed a Memorandum of Understanding with IUS. The Memorandum, which was signed for a period of five years, is another proof of successful cooperation of IUS with other universities in the world. Besides, Prof. Dr. Ian Robottom gave

a lecture entitled "Inter-institutional Academic Partnerships."



## IUS Press Conference



On December 25, 2012, the International University of Sarajevo held a press conference at Hotel Bristol. The Rector Prof. Dr. Özer Çınar welcomed distinguished guests and media representatives and introduced them to IUS and its past achievements. Besides

he presented the "Scholarships for best Students in Bosnia and Herzegovina." Project. According to this project IUS will offer scholarships to best students from 20 high schools, from 16 towns in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Prof. Çınar made a pledge that in the next year the IUS will continue offering scholarships to the amount of 1.4 million KM, in addition to 600.000 KM given to 20 best high schools in Bosnia and Herzegovina today. Therefore, the total sum that will be spent for education of the young and talented BiH students is estimated to reach 2.000.000 KM

Rector Çınar said "The promise remains to continue supporting the education of young and talented people." He

also emphasized that in the past few years IUS has remained faithful to the vision and mission of our University which aims to become an internationally approved institution of higher education and research, a center of excellence and quality through shared efforts of the founders, academic and administrative staff, students and all stakeholders. Prof. Çınar also articulated that IUS aims to become the bridge between the East and the West, a leading international institution of higher education and research, and a place where students will promote the lifelong learning project and be part of an intercultural community that creates future leaders of this country and the world. The Rector also handed plaques to high school directors and a business lunch was organized for all distinguished guests.



## A Lecture by Jovan Divjak



On November 8, 2012 guest was welcomed Mr. Jovan Divjak, a retired general of the BiH Army, writer, and founder of the Foundation "Education Builds BiH" held a lecture, "BH Education, Past and Present" at our University. Our distinguished

and introduced to the audience by Vice-Rector for International Cooperation and Research at the International University of Sarajevo, Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhamed Hadziabdić.

## SPIUS Visits the Mayor of Ilidža

On December 04, 2012 Student Parliament Representatives of IUS (SPIUS) visited Ilidža Municipality. They met the Mayor of Ilidža Mr. Senaid Memić with whom they discussed about improving the conditions for students in the municipality. The Mayor presented present and future prospects of Ilidža, and pointed out that Ilidža Municipality is working with the Union of Municipalities of Turkey (TBB) and United Cities and Local Government (UCLG) to create better standards for students. In his speech he presented Ilidža as a small student town because of the existence of three universities. Other issues such as security of students in the municipality were also discussed. The Mayor assured representatives that ensure that safety and security are furthermore improved as it is important for students to study within safe environment. Mr. Memić was also very positive in receiving suggestions of students concerning the shuttle-bus. Finally SPIUS used this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Memić for his recent reelection to the position of Mayor.

## Rector's Visit to the University of Tuzla



On November 19, 2012 the Rector Prof. Dr. Özer Çınar together with Vice-Rector Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhamed Hadžiabdić and IUS General Secretary, Mr. Armin Kerić visited the city of Tuzla. On this occasion they participated in the opening of Academy to celebrate 36th year of University of Tuzla. Rector Çınar was also a guest of the Prime Minister of Tuzla Canton Mr. Sead Čaušević and the Rector of the University of Tuzla Prof. Dr. Enver Halilović. During this meeting, they pointed out the need for joint education cooperation between IUS and the Government of Tuzla Canton. The Rector Çınar with his associates also paid a visit to "Behram-begova medresa" and had a meeting with Deputy Director of Medresa, Dr. Sead Seljubac.



## A Memorandum with Foundation "Mostovi nade"



On Saturday, December 22, 2012, IUS was visited by Dr. Adil Bushnak, a successful businessman and one of the owners of the Bushnak Group private company from Saudi Arabia. Dr. Bushnak used this opportunity to sign the Memorandum on Cooperation between IUS and the Foundation "Bridges of Hope", whose founder is Dr. Bushnak. The goal of this organization is to bring people of Bosnian heritage together to work on bringing investors, establish business and cultural relations, and to provide the assistance in education to students from Bosnia and Herzegovina. Dr. Bushnak and his associate were welcomed by the Rector Prof. Dr. Özer Çınar, Vice-Rectors, Prof. Dr. Ismail Kocayusufoglu and Assist. Prof. Dr. Mohammed Hadžiabdić, General Secretary of IUS, Mr. Armin Kerić, Advisor to Rector for Marketing and External Affairs, Assist. Prof. Dr. Senad Bušatlić, Coordinator for International Relations at IUS, Prof. Dr. Mesut Idris, and Assist. Prof. Dr. Mohamed Ragab Abdel Gawwad from the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Science.



The meeting started with the Rector informing the guests about the current educational capacities, the defined objectives and plans of IUS, the structure of professors and students, as well as future activities in terms of affirming and promoting IUS to the outside world. The meeting continued with a discussion on future opportunities for academic cooperation between educational institutions in Saudi Arabia and the possibility of recruiting students from this country to study at IUS.

## Blood Donation

On December 11, 2012 a socially responsible action of blood donation was organized by the students of the International University of Sarajevo. The humane project was organized in collaboration with the Department of Blood Transfusion of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. We use this opportunity to thank all those who participated in blood donation project and contributed to saving human lives.

## Famous Actress Mira Furlan Visited IUS



On Thursday, December 6, 2012, Mrs. Mira Furlan, one of leading actresses of theatre and film in both the former Yugoslavia and Hollywood, visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). Mrs. Furlan kindly accepted an invitation of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lejla Panjeta from Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Program (VACD). Dr. Panjeta has been working extensively in the field of advertising, aesthetics, film and media studies. She won the prize for the best book in the field of art at the 24th International Book Fair in Bosnia and Herzegovina, for her book entitled *The New (and Old) Lies*. Ms. Furlan had the leading role in over 25 films and she received the highest awards in her former country, both for her stage and film work, including two Golden Arenas (Yugoslav Oscars) for Best Actress. Being a member of the Croatian National Theatre she frequently appeared in Yugoslav television and films, including the Cannes Film Festival Winner "When Father Was Away on Business." In the 1990s, due

to the political turmoil and wars in former Yugoslavia, Ms. Furlan, together with her family, moved to the USA. She is currently residing in the United States and is probably best known for her role as the Minbari Ambassador Delenn in the science fiction television series *Babylon 5*. It is important to notice that she attended the famous Lee Strasberg Theatre & Film Institute, one of the world-renowned method acting schools. At the reception in the Rector's Office, Ms. Furlan was introduced to the Rector Prof. Dr. Ozer Cinar and VACD Program Coordinator Assist. Prof. Zinka Bejtić. Then, Ms. Furlan delivered a lecture to students and academic staff about differences and challenges in the contemporary American and European filmmaking as well as performing features in theatre and cinema. A lecture also included the question and answer session during which Mrs. Furlan received a number of questions about her personal career and life experience and film industry in the USA and the Balkans.

## The Balkan Wars Symposium



On December 14, 2012 a symposium entitled "Velika iseljavanja i književnost iseljeničstva/Great Migrations and Literature on Migrations" was organized at the Great Hall of the Municipality of the Old

Town Sarajevo to mark the centenary of the Balkan Wars. Along with TIKA, Yunus Emre Cultural Center and Foundation of Writers' Association of Turkey, the International University of Sarajevo was a co-organizer of the symposium. In this regard, special thanks for taking part in co-organizing this symposium go to IUS Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Ismail Kocayusufoglu. The symposium was opened by the President of the Foundation Writers' Association of Turkey, Mr. Mehmet Doğan, who stressed the importance of the centenary of the Balkan Wars, especially for the future socio-cultural, political and economic prospects of this region. Distinguished

guests were also addressed by IUS Vice-Rector, Prof. Dr. Ismail Kocayusufoglu who emphasized the role of education and historical research in shaping current Balkan historical trends. The Turkish Ambassador in Bosnia and Herzegovina, H. E. Mr. Ahmet Yıldız, addressed the audience as well.



## Representatives of Tuzla Canton Visited IUS



On December 20, 2012, a delegation from Tuzla Canton (TK) visited the International University of Sarajevo. The delegation consisted of government representatives from Tuzla Canton, along with private and public industrial sector of the Canton, as well as representatives from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, the University of Tuzla. The representatives of the Canton Tuzla and IUS exchanged views about possible collaboration between the International University of Sarajevo and the Government of Tuzla Canton. This collaboration would primarily be focused on strengthening the cooperation between universities, industry and government. On this occasion the Head of the Research Committee at IUS

## History of Sufism in B&H during the 20th Century

On December 28, 2012 at the International University of Sarajevo, a lecture on the topic "History of Sufism in BiH during the 20th Century" was delivered by Mr. Sead Halilagić, Secretary of the Tariqat Center in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



## Students' Research Trip to Bekto Precisa

On December 13, 2012 FENS students enrolled in the courses EE323 Illumination Techniques and ARCH356 Landscape Design had the privilege to visit the company BEKTO PRECISA in Gorazde. The trip was lead by Assist. Prof. Dr. Emir Karamehmedović and Senior Assistant Nerma Harbinja. Around 40 students were given a tour of the factory that produces plastic items for a range of applications. Besides an impressive fan of products for automobile, sports and electric industry, the company manufactures and assembles lighting in cooperation with the company Hella. The students were introduced to the remarkable manufacturing processes; they were shown the modern machines and the final products of

Assist. Prof. Dr. Jasminka Hasić-Telalović organized two workshops with the participation of the guests from Tuzla. The first session included a constructive discussion between professors, program coordinators, faculty deans, and representatives of IUS Management with representatives of Tuzla Canton. This session was moderated by the Vice-Rector for International Cooperation and Research at IUS, Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhamed Hadžiabdić, who welcomed the guests and presented the achievements and activities of IUS. He indicated the importance of strengthening cooperation between science and industry, especially in terms of knowledge and technology transfer, as well as faster application of scientific achievements in practice. The second session addressed the topic of cooperation between B&H institutions, regional and international scientific cooperation, and development and implementation of the Strategy for Development of Science in B&H. In addition to the representatives of IUS and Tuzla Canton, the meeting was attended by representatives of the B&H Ministry of Civil Affairs, Tempus Office in Sarajevo, WUS Austria and other foreign embassies and international organizations in B&H.

## Rector Visited Gazi Husrev-begova Madrasah in Sarajevo



On December 27, 2012, the Rector Prof. Dr. Özer Çınar visited "Gazi Husrev-begova medresa" in Sarajevo. This visit was an excellent opportunity for both IUS Rector and Director of the "Gazi Husrev-begova medresa" Mr. Zijad Ljevaković to discuss the realization of cooperation between these two educational institutions.



extremely high quality. For this purpose, the company organized a very impressive presentation, spoke about possibilities for employment there, and expressed interest and readiness to offer projects as well as internships to qualified students.

## Opening of Turkish Language and Literature Program

On November 13, 2012 the Rector Prof. Dr. Özer Çınar visited the city of Mostar together with his associates Vice-Rector, Prof. Dr. Ismail Kocayusufoğlu and IUS General Secretary, Mr. Armin Kerić. IUS delegation was invited for the opening of the Turkish Language and Literature Department at the Faculty of



Humanities (FHN), at "Džemal Bijedić" University in Mostar. IUS delegation also visited the "Karađoz-begova medresa." At the opening ceremony of the Turkish Language and Literature Program numerous prominent guests were present from various political, cultural and religious life of the country and abroad, among them the Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Herzegovina-Neretva County-Canton, Mr. Zlatko Hadžiomerović, Mufti from the city of Mostar, Mr. Seid ef-Smajkić, the President of the City Council, Mr. Murat Čorić, and Turkish Consul in the city of Mostar, Mr. Tolga Bermek. Opening of the Department of Turkish Language and Literature is a collaborative effort shared between the Faculty of Humanities (FHN) from the city of Mostar and the Turkish Cultural Center "Yunus Emre" in Sarajevo. According to the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Prof. Dr. Adnan Velagić, the opening of this department is of great significance for the "Džemal Bijedić" University, the city and the entire region.

## IUS Rector visited Reis-ul-Ulema Husein ef. Kavazović



On December 12, 2012 the Rector Prof. Dr. Özer Çınar visited Reis-ul-Ulema Husein ef. Kavazović. Rector Çınar thanked the newly appointed Reis-ul-Ulema for his hospitality and congratulated him on his recent appointment to the most distinguished religious position in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Both of them agreed that the International University of Sarajevo and Riyasat shall continue to maintain good relations. They have agreed that the future cooperation should be furthermore extended from mere education projects to common community development projects.

## Venice through the Eye of an Architect

For the first time Architecture Program at IUS opened a photo exhibition of students' work titled 'Venice through the Eye of an Architect' that took place in the main atrium of the university building between 11th and 20th of December 2012. The topic was chosen based on the field trip to the world famous Biennale di Venezia where a group of IUS architecture students and staff members had a chance to see a contemporary archi-



itecture exhibit and the historical core of Venice. As a result of the variety of interesting designs presented at Biennale, the architecture staff proposed a photography competition for the participants of this trip. In order to understand architecture, students should learn how to observe and document built environment and this trip was a good opportunity to this end. Through the lens, an Architect is able to focus on interesting and inspiring characteristics and elements of buildings and this exhibition shows students' perspective of Venice city and Biennale. Among the great selection of exhibited photographs top three were chosen and awarded: Mr. Omer Faruk Mukul (1st prize), Ms. Eda Gulec (2nd prize) and Ms. Hazal Avci (3rd prize).

## The Education and Career Development Fair 'Educatürk'



On December 10-11, 2012 in the Lutfi Kirdar Hall, Harbiye, Istanbul, the International University of Sarajevo participated in the Education and Career Development Fair "Educatürk." Special thanks for taking active part in the promotion of the University go to the IUS Istanbul Office and Assist. Prof. Dr. Senad Bušatlić. Due to their efforts, detailed information about IUS study programs and overall studying opportunities in Bosnia and Herzegovina were shared with hundreds of potential Turkish students. The potential students received gifts, promotional materials, brochures and promotional CDs. Other exhibitors at the Fair included: İstanbul Ticaret University, Gelişim University, Nişantaşı University, Akdeniz Karpaz University, Süleyman Demire University, Mimar Sinan University, Bahçeşehir University and Atatürk University.

## Political Participation of IUS Graduates

IUS student from the Faculty of Business and Administration (FBA), the International Relations Program, Mrs. Minela Ahmić has taken a democratic initiative by participating in B&H municipal elections as a candidate for Visoko Municipality Council Membership. She got successfully elected and received a certificate from the Central Elective Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina on November 7. As a result she sworn in for the public service mandate for four years. Mrs. Ahmić speaks Turkish, English and Spanish languages. Mrs. Ahmić is an exemplary model for all other students that success is possible.

## The First Doctoral Degrees Awarded at IUS



On November 28, 2012 the first defense of doctoral dissertation in the history of International University of Sarajevo (IUS) was held at IUS. Ms. Dževada Šuško, who is currently a Senior Assistant at the Faculty of Business and Administration of the International University of Sarajevo, defended her dissertation entitled "The issue of loyalty: Reaction of the Bosniaks to the Austria-Hungarian Empire (1878-1918)."

On November 29, 2012 the second defense of doctoral dissertation at IUS was held at IUS ground amphitheater hall. Ms. Zeynep Hafsa Astrom defended her dissertation entitled "Risk analysis for profit and loss sharing instruments."

## A Lecture "Islam in America"

On December 12, 2012 at the International University of Sarajevo, Mr. Ali Lejlić, a Political Officer from the Embassy of United States of America in Sarajevo delivered a lecture on the topic "Islam in America." In his lecture, Mr. Lejlić talked about the historical processes that contributed to the spreading of Islam. He also gave explanations through historical views of the present position of Muslims in America and their importance and continuous contribution towards the development of American society.

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## Visit to Fifth Elementary School Ilidža

Psychology students from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) visited the Fifth Elementary School in Sokolovic Kolonija on December 13, 2012. This visit was organized by Senior Assistant, Dr. Nina Bosankic. The school's Principal, Mr. Huso Ramić and Deputy Director Mrs. Sevdal Ibričić welcomed IUS students and presented them with basic information about the school and the challenges in teaching with special emphasis on the issue of inclusive teaching. IUS students had the opportunity to ask questions about internship opportunities at this school. We believe that this visit will further strengthen a successful cooperation between the two educational institutions.

## A Lecture by Dr. Selmo Cikotic



On November 28, 2012, the former Minister of Defense of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Dr. Selmo Cikotic held a lecture at the International University of Sarajevo.

Dr. Selmo Cikotić served as military attaché at the Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the United States in Washington, USA. He published a number of articles, translated a lot of military manuals and studies, from English to Bosnian. His two books include, The USA – BiH, Possible Transfer of Security Solutions and Security Prospective of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Currently, Dr. Selmo Cikotić is the Dean of American School of Government at American University in B&H.

In his lecture "NATO Attitude towards Bosnia and Herzegovina and Balkans", Dr. Cikotic skillfully presented the process of accession of Bosnia and Herzegovina to NATO and the importance of Bosnia's membership in this organization. He articulated especially that in order to fulfill the requirements for NATO there is a requirement that 63 prospective locations need to be formally transferred to the Armed Forces.



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