After almost two years of continuous publishing, IUS Newsletter has come it its 15th edition. During these years, we have brought you many interview with our University’ leading individuals, reportages on our study programs, as well as information on student activities and other events. With the help from all of you, we will continue doing this in the years to come.

In this issue we bring you more interesting stories, including interview with Assist. Prof. Žinka Bejić Visual Arts and Communications Design Program Coordinator, and information on Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences (FENS) Spring Research Projects. Newsletter also follows the charity action started by FENS professors to help primary school pupils in Žepa and encourages all IUS staff and students to join in.

At the end, as always, we remind you that we look forward for continuous improvement and welcome comments, suggestions and advices. Therefore, please do not hesitate to express your views at asunj@ius.edu.ba
Rector and Vice Rector attend promotion at University of Sarajevo

IUS Rector Prof. Dr. Hilmi Unlu and Vice Rector Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhidin Mulalić attended on Friday, February 4, 2011, the promotion of the Proceedings from the International Round Tables on the Implementation of the Bologna process in Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The promotion was organized by the Federal Ministry of Education and Science and took place at the Rectorate of the University in Sarajevo.

Publication contains works by ten authors and the most important discussions from three international round tables on the implementation of the Bologna process in Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina that were organized in 2010. Promoters of the publication were: prof. dr. Samir Arnautović, prof. dr. Nihad Fejzić, Mr. Boris Ćurković, and Mr. Jan Zlatan Kulenović.

It is important to note, that International University of Sarajevo hosted one of these round tables in June last year.

Ms. Hilal Karić new acting director of ELS

International University is proud to inform that Ms. Hilal Karic has been elected as new acting director of the IUS English Language School. International University of Sarajevo congratulates Ms. Hilal Karic on her new position and wishes her lots of success in future work.

Ms. Karic, who graduated from Marmara University in Turkey and earned her MA at IUS, has been with the English Language School since 2006.

IUS to host 9th International Conference on Knowledge, Economy and Management (ICKEM)

International University of Sarajevo (IUS) proudly announces the hosting of the 9th International Conference on Knowledge, Economy and Management (ICKEM) that is to be held from June 23 to 25, 2011 at IUS Campus.

This international event will bring to Sarajevo various renowned researchers of the information revolution in academic and industry, engineers and social scientists, scholars from all over the world to exchange and share their experiences and research results about all aspects of Knowledge Management, Knowledge Society and Knowledge Economy and to discuss challenges encountered and solutions adopted.

Topic areas of the Conference include, but are not limited to: The Knowledge Economy; The Information Society, E-Business & Management Information Systems and Knowledge Management. Conference languages are English and Turkish with translations available. Besides IUS, scientific sponsors of the Conference are Yildiz Technical University and Istanbul Commerce University from Turkey, and Cornell University from USA.

For more info on the conference, deadlines, programs and etc, please visit official web page of the Conference www.beykon.org/eng.htm
IUS signs cooperation agreement with National and University Library of BiH

With an aim to continue with providing high quality education for its students, representatives of International University of Sarajevo signed cooperation agreement with the National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina (NUL BiH). The agreement was signed by the IUS Rector Prof. Dr. Hilmi Ünlü and NUL BiH director Dr. Ismet Ovčina on a meeting held on Monday, February 14, 2011.

Signing of the agreement was also attended by Assist. Prof. Dr. Senad Bušatić, IUS Vice Rector for International and Public Relations and Mrs. Bedita Islamović from the NUL BiH.

According to the signed agreement, NUL BiH will offer IUS students and staff the usage of its library facilities and databases important for the scientific research activities, as well as use of reading rooms and multimedia halls. All IUS students and staff willing to use this opportunity should bring their IUS ID cards with them to the library. National University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina is the renowned cultural and main institution of librarianship in Bosnia and Herzegovina for the past 65 years.

Book by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gul shortlisted for BRISMES Award

Book “The Emergence of Modern Istanbul” by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Gul of the IUS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences was shortlisted for the British-Kuwait Friendship Society Prize in Middle Eastern Studies administered by the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES).

The Judges Panel for the 2009 prize consisted of Shaikh Mubarak Abdullah Al-Sabah; Professor Carole Hillenbrand, Professor Emerita and formerly Head of the Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Edinburgh; Professor Yasir Suleiman, who holds the His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Sa’id Chair of Modern Arabic Studies and is Head of the Department of Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Cambridge; Dr Zahia Salhi, Head of the Department of Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Leeds; and Sir Roger Tomkys, formerly Master of Pembroke College Cambridge and until recently Chairman of the Arab-British Chamber of Commerce.

International University of Sarajevo congratulates Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gul and wishes him success in his future work and research.
Assist. Prof. Zinka Bejtić, coordinator of the IUS Visual Arts and Communications Design Program

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences of the International University of Sarajevo is first higher educational institution in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and region that offers to interested students education in the area of visual arts and design of the visual communications. About this IUS program for the purposes of this Newsletter gave us its coordinator Assist. Prof. Bejtić.

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On the fourth year of the studies, students work on the preparations of their portfolios or demo-reels (depending on the specialization they choose) and, under the guidance of academic staff, they prepare the selection of works they will be able to present to their future employers. Thus, our students have the advantage because they enter the industry with “hands-on” knowledge and experience that enables them to start working without additional trainings and specializations.

Besides this, every student at VACD program does internships during the summer holidays in company that works in the area of design, production or digital media. During their internships, students have the opportunity to work in a professional environment and gain necessary experience that will help them determine the focus of their studies and direct them towards the needs of the market, in accordance with personal talents.

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Assist. Professor Bejtić is especially happy for the fact that students who graduated at this program are already employed in agencies, publishing houses, televisions, etc. "As I already mentioned, during their studies, students, besides the basics from the area of visual communications, acquire knowledge from latest software technologies. During the last semester and under the guidance of their professors, students make selection of their best works, learn how to write job applications and, with the help of frequent guest lecturers, get the clear picture of what awaits them after the graduation. Having in mind all this, until now finding jobs for our students has not represented a problem" says Assist. Prof. Bejtić.

And if students have any additional questions or need help, doors of the VACD academic staff are always open for them. "That is our biggest advantage. We are happy to see that many students are pleasantly surprised when they feel the atmosphere on our program. Our motto is simple – We are here for our students and we want to transfer our knowledge, experience and business ethics to them" explains Assist. Prof. Bejtić.

FENS Spring Semester Research Projects

Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences (FENS) is proud to announce two interdisciplinary research and educational projects for Spring Semester. When completed, these projects will serve for demonstrational and research purposes on multiple courses that will be offered by FENS and will help fulfilling faculty’s long-term goals of becoming one of the Europe’s leading engineering higher education and research institutions.

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Project 1: Wind tunnel

Wind tunnel is a research tool used in aerodynamic research. It is used to study the effects of air moving past solid objects. Wind tunnel tests aircrafts, cars, high-rise buildings, etc. This project will be realized as joint venture of ARCH305 Structural Design II students and students graduating this semester from mechanical, electrical, industrial and computer science programs under supervision of FENS faculty staff.

Project 2: Mini-Pilot Oil Refinery Plant

Fully automated Mini-Pilot Oil Refinery Plant will be designed by FENS student graduating this semester under the supervision of faculty staff. This project will serve future interdisciplinary research and educational purposes in studying oil refining process, on-site measurements, data collection treatment and interpretation, as well as understanding of industrial automatization.

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Small People Make Big Difference: Help for Žepa pupils

During the War in Bosnia and Herzegovina, small town of Žepa was one of three Bosniak enclaves in Eastern Bosnia, along with Srebrenica a short distance downstream and Gorazde farther upstream. In April 1993 Žepa was declared a United Nations safe area. In July 1995, the town was captured by the Army of Republika Srpska who expelled the population.

Following the end of the war, small group of Bosniaks returned to Žepa to build their lives from beginning. Having in mind the conditions that returnees to Republika Srpska live in, professors from IUS Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences, Dr. Muhamed Hadziabdic, Dr. Emir Karamehmedovic and Dr. Haris Jasarevic together with Asim Sarajlic (Representative at Bosnian State Parliament), Sanin Hrabat (general manager of Penny Plus doo) and Erol Sarvan (manager at Strabag doo), agreed to provide the each of Žepa pupils with 50KM scholarship on monthly basis. The scholarships were handed to six elementary school students in Žepa on Friday, February 11, 2011.

Special thanks go to FENS Faculty staff for their support showed on fundraising lunch held on Wednesday, February 8, 2011. The lunch, that featured eastern dishes, was prepared by Mrs. Sadina Gagula-Palalić and all money collected through this lunch was also handed over to children from Žepa.

Following people supported the action that resulted with one-time additional 150KM and gift boxes per student: Dr. Muhidin Mulalić, Osman Jahić, Asmin Veladžić, Muris Korjenić, Salih Hadžimusović, Behudin Stroil, Ernes Jukić, Kenan Buturović, Amer Jusufbegović i Fahrudin Hadžić.

There are many such schools in Eastern Bosnia villages. FENS representatives hope this will be just beginning and that students and staff at IUS will be driving force of bringing hope to all children who returned in Republika Srpska that will also one day be our excellent students.

Faculty appreciates all future donations from IUS staff and students to children who returned to live in Republic of Srpska.

Conference Participation

At the latest European Conference on Visual Perception (ECVP) in Lausanne, Switzerland, the largest and most prestigious European conference in the area of vision research, International University of Sarajevo was represented by the study conducted by Dr. Ervin Poljac and recent IUS-graduate Mr. Halit Revaha Zini. The study dealt with the perception of facial emotional expressions in people with a high level of autistic traits.

The investigators observed altered emotional processing in these individuals with regard to accuracy and sensitivity of the perception of the six basic emotions (anger, disgust, fear, happiness, sadness, and surprise). The abstract is published in a special issue of the scientific journal Perception. ‘It pays off to make an effort and be involved in something that in principle was not required for my graduation, both because of the international exposure as well as a valuable research experience’ commented Mr. Zini.

Sixth Annual Meeting of Mathematicians of Bosnia and Herzegovina to take place at IUS

International University of Sarajevo is proud to announce that the Sixth Annual Meeting of Mathematicians of Bosnia and Herzegovina will take place at IUS Campus premises in Ilidža on Friday, June 17, 2011. Our University is looking forward to hosting this event!
On behalf of International University of Sarajevo, Rector Prof. Dr. Hilmi Ünlü signed Memorandum of Understanding with the rectors and representatives of other four universities conducting courses in English language and operating in Sarajevo. The aim of the MoU is to have these universities work together in partnership, consultations and cooperation in order to promote the Sarajevo Regional Educational Centre, an initiative of Sarajevo Business Forum, which envisages presentation of educational capabilities in Sarajevo.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed at the ceremony of the Sarajevo Business Forum’s official launch on Thursday, January 27, 2011. The Forum was officially announced by H.E. Bakir Izetbegović, member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Patron of the Conference.

The Forum is scheduled for April 6 to 8, 2011 and is organized by Bosnia Bank International and Islamic Development Bank.

On Monday, February 28, 2011, visiting professor Dr. Martina Delfos gave lecture on Psychological disorders. The event was open to everyone interested in this topic, as well as students attending lectures from courses “Psychopathology”, “Psychotherapy” and “Counseling”. The lecture was held at the Amphitheater on the ground floor starting at 9.00.

Dr. Delfos is also involved in a Fact Finding Mission on Autism in Bosnia and Herzegovina and during her visit to IUS she also held seminar for students who are going to be researchers in research on autism in BiH. Students from five universities from Bosnia and Herzegovina, including four students from IUS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences are also starting to participate in this research. For them this will be a valuable experience in dealing with the treatments of children and adolescents with autism.

On the invitation of the the Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA), Vice Rector for International and Public Relations Assist. Prof. Dr. Senad Bušatlić attended the opening ceremony of TIKA’s projects in Novi Travnik on Friday, February 18, 2011.

The event included opening of the kindergarten “Sultan Fatih” and marking the end of the reconstruction of primary schools in Novi Travnik. The kindergarten was officially opened by the Turkish Minister of Labor and Social Security Mr. Faruk Çelik who expressed his wish to see more possibilities of joint investments in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

TIKA has coordination offices in 20 countries and operates in many countries across Africa, Asia and Europe, delivering development assistance to partner countries through its projects and activities.
In order to get students better acquainted with the dangers of the landmines left from the last war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Social, Cultural, Health and Sports Activities Section of the International University of Sarajevo has been organizing regular educational seminars in cooperation with Mine Action Centre of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BHMAC), a state body responsible for mine action coordination. Latest in the string of seminars was held on November 10, 2010 in the Amphitheatre on the ground floor with the guest lecturer Mr. Saša Obradović from Bosnian-Herzegovinian Mine Action Centre (BHMAC). Mr. Obradović prepared presentation for students as well as info-brochures so that they can know which areas to avoid and how to behave in suspicious places.

Visit by Turkish Scouts

Representatives of Scout Federation of Republic of Turkey visited International University of Sarajevo on November 2, 2010. During their visit, they met with IUS Rector Prof. Dr. Hilmi Ünlü with whom they exchanged gifts. The visit of the scouts from Turkey comes as a result of long-term joint cooperation with International University of Sarajevo that started in 2009.

Conference by IUS Student Clubs

International University of Sarajevo’s Engineering Club and ROSA Club organized, in cooperation with the Association “Balkanski narodni pogled”, on Friday, February 25, 2011, public conference “Öğrenme: Sorumluluk mu? İhtiyaç mı?”. The Conference was held in the Amphitheatre on the ground floor beginning at 16.00 with following speakers: Prof. Dr. Ersan Aslan, Mr. Edin Salković and Mr. Celal Tüter.

About Student Clubs: Engineering Club is set to improve engineering skills of students by arranging conferences and meetings about on this topic. Research, Organization, Science and Arts (ROSA) Club aims to improve student’s knowledge on research, organization, as well as help them with work in the fields of scientific and art activities. For more info on the students clubs please visit our web page: www.ius.edu.ba