10 years together!
International University of Sarajevo (IUS) was established in the year of 2003, and is one of the largest educational projects in the Balkan region. At the very beginning, as a relatively young academic institution, IUS created an open, tolerant and international environment for its students, where young people have the opportunity to acquire new and exchange the existing knowledge and experiences not only with their fellow students and professors, but also with ever changing guest speakers.

In the past ten years, our higher education institution have been offering quality education to local and foreign students, in all three study cycles. The University has developed intensively throughout the years, and is among the first in Bosnia and Herzegovina to adopt the European standards of teaching.

During undergraduate and postgraduate studies, students develop their skills in a quality intellectual atmosphere and are able to choose one of the 14 study programs within three faculties, containing programs in different areas ranging from industrial engineering and computer sciences to art and social sciences and to business administration and humanities.

We currently have more than 1600 students studying in the first and second cycle of studies, coming from all continents and 33 countries of the world. In addition to maintaining a high level of education through the skills of professionals from different profiles, IUS especially focuses on affirmation of their own work and achievements, involvement in the university’s international community, and long-term cooperation with other universities through various projects and programs. In doing so, IUS means to attract and retain outstanding qualified teachers and administrative staff to provide a substantial contribution in their area of expertise and participate in innovative research projects to continuously improve service to students and the community. When founded, IUS had 14 employees and 68 students. The university currently employs 194 full-time academic and administrative staff. The investment, and all the previous work and effort spent in the idea of IUS, was realized through an open, spacious campus, construction of facilities and modern university building, two comfortable student dormitories, a modern research center, as well as continuous development of IUS capacities, including creating job opportunities and helping in the development of B&H society.

Our best references are our satisfied students. After 10 years we may say that our best references are our satisfied students. We continuously provide full support to all IUS stakeholders. Administration consist of highly educated, skilled and professional staff. Each day we work hard to fulfill all requests. At IUS, we share values beyond standard rules and regulations, providing respect to all, solving the most difficult matters and enjoying the success of our students with satisfaction. Your first and last but not the least important reference is our satisfied students. We continuously improve service to students and the community. We are very proud of the last years of hard work, effort and dedication invested in the field of education. This dedication can be seen in the difficult beginnings when we worked from a rented old building. Then we laid the foundation in 2006. This marked a turning point for the current state of infrastructure of 30 000 m2 built-up area with more than 1600 students at all three levels of study. We raised the university on an uncultivated land in Ilidža, which is now of great importance for the municipality of Ilidža and the development of IUS capacities, including creating job opportunities and helping in the development of B&H society.

We raised the university on an uncultivated land. I am very proud of the last years of hard work, effort and dedication invested in the field of education. As many will say, IUS did a great job during this period of time, and became one of the brightest stars in the sky of Bosnia education. This would be impossible to accomplish without huge effort on the part of its employees. Together, we expand the knowledge created to the benefit of the community by educating individuals able to reflect critically and independently. IUS plans for next decade are to speed up finishing of campus buildings and expanding university capacities for enrollment of many more students. Faculties, departments and centers that are to be opened will bring novelty and, at the same time, they will help upgrade current academic performance to the highest level of the quality.

I am very happy to come to Sarajevo, to IUS, to be a part of the team and to contribute in the success and affirmation of my second home with its unbelievable beauty, hospitality, culture, history and people. I also highly appreciate the success of IUS, its mission and education. It was an honor for me to teach at IUS and it always keeps its exciting place in my heart. It also provides its students with modern education in English with qualified academic staff with diverse backgrounds and cultures, which obviously contribute to the success and values of IUS. Finally, IUS also plays an important historical and cultural role in the relationship between Turkey and Bosnia and Herzegovina, which share much in common in terms of belief, culture and history.

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I enjoyed the multicultural environment at IUS

After applying and being admitted to a few local universities, Peter finally chose IUS because of its multicultural environment. "As I am a young and nice person, I was always willing to help. As a foreign student, I stressed how he enjoyed the multicultural and multinational environment that IUS provides. When talking about IUS, he especially mentions meeting people from different countries, the culturally rich environment, and various opportunities for development. While he was an IUS student, he had the chance to meet people from different countries. Although he is a Hungarian, he says that many thought of him as a local because of his familiarity with the local language and culture. This came as a result of his five-year stay in Sarajevo prior to beginning his studies at IUS, which have helped him to quickly get used being a student here." However, he says that it was not really that important because it is very easy to get used to the atmosphere of our university.

Studying in English is a great advantage

The reason why I became an IUS student is because I lived in the USA from my second to my fifth year. Since IUS is one of the few universities in Bosnia whose medium of instruction is English following an American educational system, I wanted to go back to that international system of education. As for scholarships, I was given a 50% scholarship, and I chose IUS because of its reputation. I studied at the English Language and Literature Program, because English is my mother tongue and I do not have a problem in following all my classes in English. The advantages of IUS are that I fit in, that chance, and many other opportunities. After completing my studies with a lot of struggle, I completed the psychology program. I have a husband, and the son, who is "mal Sarajski" (little Sarajski). My husband completed the International Relations program; our graduation time intersected, made me very happy.

I continue my academic career at IUS and continue to study. IUS offers me a chance to work on new songs, albums, concerts and promotions. I look forward to new projects, collaborations with other artists and I enjoy the whole process of learning and constantly upgrading myself as an artist and future architect.

I will represent IUS in the best way possible

Interview with Emuna Hadžižanović, International University of Sarajevo student and successful table tennis player

First, we would like to ask you to tell us something about yourself, please. My name is Emuna Hadžižanović. I’m 18 years old and I come from Sarajevo. I graduated from Gymnasium Osta in Sarajevo.

What was the main reason that you decided to choose IUS?

The first time I heard that IUS offers an International Relations program, I just knew that I had to follow that path in my life. I was 15 years old. It was a very good decision, and I don’t regret it at all. I have become a great table tennis player in Europe and I’m in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the 3rd place on Balkan youth Championship, 1st place on Balkan EFT Championship, 3rd place in Europe two times, 3rd place on World Pro Tour four times.

As a great athlete you get 100% scholarship from IUS. Is this motivating for you and your future plans? Of course, this is a huge motivation for me. I really appreciate having been given the opportunity to study here on scholarships. I will do my best as a student and also to represent IUS as an athlete in the best way.

What is the secret of your success? Basically there is no secret in it. I was always an hardworking person, consistently trying to give my best that I can.

What are your first impressions about the people at IUS, and general atmosphere in the University? My first impressions are positive. I really enjoy every single moment. In IUS, I opened up as a person. I met a lot of new people, and I am very happy because of it.

Which program of study have you chosen?

I have chosen to study at the International Relations program at the Faculty for Business and Administration.

What advantages does IUS offer compared to the other universities? In my opinion, IUS has a lot of advantages. One of them is for instance meeting new people from other cultures and other countries. Of course, there is the advantage of improving your English language skills. Also, it is important to mention the quality of education and the availability of professors at any time. And the great atmosphere!

What are your long-term plans? My long-term plans are getting my Master’s degree from IUS and advancing my sport skills.

Is there anything that you would like to point out in this interview? At the end I would like to thank the university for giving me this opportunity to improve myself and my knowledge as well as to develop my intellectual skills.

Mrs. Dilip Yildirim, Graduate of 2012/13 Class

I KNEW IT WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ME

The reason for my coming to Sarajevo was to get study at university, wearing my headscarf, because at the time in Turkey, there was a headscarf ban in official institutions. For that reason, I tried to find the way to achieve my goals without any limitations and restrictions. Bosnia and Herzegovina, which I call “Bosna canti”, gave me that chance, and many other opportunities. After completing my studies with a lot of struggle, I completed the psychology program. I have a husband, and the son, who is “mal Sarajski” (little Sarajski). My husband completed the International Relations program; our graduation time intersected, made me very happy.

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The positive environment of IUS motivates me every day

Interview with Alma Subasic, International University of Sarajevo student and talented Sevdalinka performer.

Since your childhood, you have been a Sevdalinka performer, you’ve traveled all over the world, could you tell us more about yourself?

I’ve always loved music, especially Sevdah, which makes me feel like I’m in another world, and it awakens all the beautiful emotions in my heart, and I’m happy when I can feel the real reaction in the audience. That fills my heart, and I’m very dedicated to every concert, performance, to every song that I sing. I would single out concerts at the “Introvat-Lunak” in Zagreb, “Sava Centar” in Belgrade, “Banjana Hall” in Seattle in the USA and in Istanbul, “Vodnik Kultur Merkez” venues.

Where did you go to high school?

I studied at Gymnasium in my hometown, Konjic.

One had you decided to continue your education, how did you choose your study program?

When I graduated from high school, my goal was to continue my education in the English language, to get my diploma recognized beyond the borders of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and to gain a quality education. Once I was offered a full scholarship to IUS as one of the best students of my school, I realized that this university provides everything I’ve always wanted out of it. Scholarship further motivates me to do even better, be more hardworking and more successful.

Now that you are more familiar with the work of the university, what is your opinion on the teaching staff, the working conditions, the quality and organization of the teaching process? What do you think about the student-professor communication at IUS? Which program did you choose?

So far I’m very satisfied with the work of our teachers, who are really trying to convey their knowledge, also with the equipment and technology that we have here. What IUS gives is one of the healthiest, positive environment that motivates me, and facilitates my learning process. I chose architecture; we have a great studio in which we have theoretical and practical classes. What I really appreciate about the international environment, which gives me the feeling that I’m studying in a much more developed country, yet I feel close to my family.

What motivates you personally? What is your motto?

I believe that nothing is unachievable with self-effort, work, commitment, faith and desire, anything can be achieved. What motivates me the desire for success, excellent grades, good relationships with my fellow students and professors. I think that good education and knowledge of a person, with a positive attitude are the keys to success.

What are your future projects?

The goal that I have for the time to come is to study well and I am committed to that. When it comes to singing, the plan is to work on new songs, albums, concerts and promotions. I look forward to new projects, collaborations with other artists and I enjoy the whole process of learning and constantly upgrading myself as an artist and future architect.

Ms. Dilek Yildirim

At IUS I found friendships

I graduated from English Language and Literature in 2012 and decided to continue with a Master’s degree in Political Science at IUS. IUS is one of the most beautiful cities that I’ve ever seen. At IUS, I found some real friends in a peaceful atmosphere. I recommended to everyone that they should experience this atmosphere, warm friendships, and live in this peaceful city surrounded by forests.

Mr. Nezko Opačin

I enrolled as the first student at the IUS ELS

Back in 2004, when the IUS consisted of only a handful of staff and students, I enrolled as the first student at the International English Language School (ELS) preparing for the English proficiency test and my academic life at IUS, later, abroad.

When I look at IUS today, it is difficult to imagine the fact that in the first months of its existence not more than 30 people comprised all IUS staff and students, including myself.

The building on the Parnilaska Street served both as a dormitory and as a learning facility. For that number of people, it did seem its purpose more than well. I did know back then that IUS had plans to build a campus in Bosnia, but now that I see it, I’m more than impressed in how smooth and how much has been accomplished.

I graduated from the Faculty of Business and Administration from the International Relations department in 2009. Shortly after, I received the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) scholarship to do my master’s study at the University of Hamburg in Germany for two years. In October 2011, I got my Master’s in Peace and Security Studies at the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy.

The time living in Germany helped me much in further developing my knowledge in regard to the fields of IR and peace and security research. The experience definitely helped me become what I am today. During my study in Hamburg, I also did an internship at the Centre for ISSG Research at the Institute for Peace and Security Studies at the University of Hamburg. I am currently working at IUS International Relations Program.

Ms. Mihaela Miljana Božović

I’m proud to be a part of this great community!

My name is Mihaela Miljana Božović and I am 19 years old. I was in the first year of the International Relations program at IUS. After graduating from high school, I was thinking about continuing my studies at the Faculty of Philosophy in Belgrade, Department of Philosophy, and then I applied for a scholarship to IUS. However, I decided to enroll at IUS because it offers quality in education with a lot of possibilities. It’s been a while already, and in the days which have passed, I feel happy with the decision I made.

This university offers quality in education because the medium of instruction is English and our professors come from different countries. The environment is easy to solve and interaction with people is easy to achieve. IUS offers a variety of clubs, sports or activities and students can use their free time in a quality manner.

Mr. Volkan Sabah

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Whole Sport on the Psychological and Physical Health of a Person, as Well as the Importance and Awareness of It in All Developed Countries in the World, are Devoted to Sport.

In this regard, with the aim to improve sports infrastructure at the IUS, on November 13, 2013, a modern sports hall (275 m²) was opened on the ground floor of the new building of the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences. Free access is given to all students, academic and administrative staff of IUS, and the hall is planned to be open during weekdays and on the weekends.

Since the foundation in 2003, the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) has seen its structure expand into a more comprehensive academic institution. The university has now become a leader in the field of education and natural sciences.

IUS OPENED THE LIFELONG LEARNING CENTER

At its 32nd session, held on September 3, 2013, the Senate of the International University of Sarajevo appointed the new Rector of IUS. By a unanimous vote, the Senate of the International University of Sarajevo elected Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu, the Rector of IUS.

In his speech, Rector Oğurlu informed the guests about cooperation initiatives related to cooperation in the research and implementation of international projects, scientific and administrative staff of IUS, and with great support from the IUS Board of Trustees we will contribute to the new restructuring, investment and development of the International University of Sarajevo,” stressed Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu.

On Tuesday, September 10, 2013, the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) held its first open art gallery on its campus. The gallery aims to promote young talent and will work on projects with both academic and administrative staff of IUS, and with great support from the IUS Board of Trustees we will contribute to the new restructuring, investment and development of the International University of Sarajevo.”

“McDonalds of Spiritualism” by renowned Bosnian-Herzegovinian painter Melinda Teparić, became the first art exhibition presented at the IUS Art Gallery. Melinda Teparić is an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Education and Visual Communication. The gallery is open to all students, academic and administrative staff of IUS, and the hall is planned to be open during weekdays and on the weekends.

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IUS Art Gallery will be open for exposure of various forms of visual arts in accordance with diverse profiles of visitors. The gallery space is designed as a multimedia center which, in addition to exhibitions, will be opened for public lectures, conferences, performances, concerts, movies, festivals and other cultural events. The significance of opening this attractive gallery space, within the IUS Campus is even greater. Prof. Dr. Ramazan Kaptan, the Rector of the Baruth University, Prof. Dr. Ale Fatih Cicek, Vice-Rector of the Baruth University, Prof. Dr. Mr. Hasan Topaloğlu, a foundation which is, in addition to exhibitions, will be opened for public lectures, conferences, performances, concerts, movies, festivals and other cultural events.
In order to improve the scientific and research activities at the International University of Sarajevo, the newly appointed Head of the Faculty of Science and Technology, Prof. Dr. Vedad Omeragić, organized several workshops for students and faculty. These workshops were aimed at fostering collaboration among different departments and disciplines, as well as enhancing the quality of teaching and research.

The first workshop focused on the importance of research in education and how it can benefit from the experience of experienced teachers and researchers. Attendees discussed the role of research in enhancing the quality of teaching and in providing students with a better understanding of the subject matter. The participants agreed that research is crucial for the development of new knowledge and for the improvement of existing knowledge.

The second workshop focused on the importance of collaboration among different departments and disciplines. Attendees discussed the benefits of cross-disciplinary collaboration and how it can lead to innovative solutions to complex problems. The participants also discussed the challenges of cross-disciplinary collaboration and how to overcome them.

The third workshop focused on the importance of international collaboration in research. Attendees discussed the benefits of international collaboration and how it can lead to the exchange of knowledge and expertise. The participants also discussed the challenges of international collaboration and how to overcome them.

The workshops were well-received by the attendees, who expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to share knowledge and ideas with their colleagues. They also expressed their interest in continuing these workshops in the future.

In conclusion, the workshops were a great success, and they provided a platform for the exchange of knowledge and ideas among different departments and disciplines. They also highlighted the importance of research in education and the benefits of collaboration among different departments and disciplines.

For more information, please contact the Faculty of Science and Technology, International University of Sarajevo.
**VISITS**

**Students of the Fifth Gymnasium of Sarajevo visited IUS**

On October 28th, 2013, the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) was visited by the students of the Fifth Gymnasium in Sarajevo (Peta gimanzija). The group of students, led by the biology and chemistry teacher, Mrs. Aida Mehmedović, expressed their desire to visit the Research Center at IUS.

A warm welcome to students and the teacher was given by Assistant at the Genetics and Bioengineering of the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences (FENS), Mr. Jasmin Šutković who introduced the students to basic information about the International University of Sarajevo. Assistant Šutković has also shown the laboratory to students and explained the system of education at IUS.

During their stay, the students have visited the faculty buildings and the student dormitories as well. At the end of the visit, the students of the Fifth Gymnasium in Sarajevo and Professor Mehmedović expressed their thankfulness to University staff for the kind reception they received.

**LECTURE**

Çağrı Çankaya: “You should try to find the way to realize your dreams!”

Çağrı Çankaya, a Designer on the Road, held a lecture in the amphitheater of the International University of Sarajevo, on October 28th, 2013. Mr. Çankaya is a former art director and graphic designer who visited 27 countries in his trips in order to survive. He is a living proof that you should try to find the way to realize your dreams.

Through practical examples, Assistants Sunuković and Cenanović-Đafda showed that research is extremely important for the daily life, but also for the economic and social development of BiH. At the same time, the event was an opportunity for discussion with visitors to provide answers to questions related to the study and work programs at IUS.

Visitors of the event “Night of the Researchers in BiH 2013” had the opportunity to participate in interesting experiments, quizzes and games, follow the stars in the sky, investigate crime scenes with real inspectors, see unusual exhibits, talk with scientists and learn useful information about the educational opportunities in the country and abroad.

The “Researchers’ Night” was initiated for the first time at the European level in 2008 under the program titled “Researchers in Europe 2008.” The initiative, consisting of a one-day event that takes place simultaneously in 52 countries in Europe and in more than 200 cities, the project offers to public activities of educational and entertaining character, that allow visitors to complete their knowledge about the researchers and explore themselves, while having good time, on the last Friday of the month of September.

**NEWS**

**IUS PARTICIPATED IN “NIGHT OF THE RESEARCHERS”**

Assistants at the Genetics and Bioengineering program of the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences (FENS) at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), Mr. Jasmin Sunuković and Ms. Ne- risa Cenanovic-Đafda, represented IUS on the event titled “Night of the Researchers 2013” held on September 27th, 2013.

The event was held at the Wilkowos Školika, where the assistants presented the work of IUS and the Genetics and Bioengineering Program of the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences (FENS). Through practical examples, Assistants Sunuković and Cenanović-Đafda showed that research is extremely important for the daily life, but also for the economic and social development of BiH. At the same time, the event was an opportunity for discussion with visitors to provide answers to questions related to the study and work programs at IUS.

**NEWS**

**IUS STUDENT CLUB PROMOTION DAY**

On October 28th, 2013, the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) headed by Prof. Dr. Mesut İrızık, Coordinator and his Assistant Gâlán Ozem are currently conducting major activities in the field of academic and students exchange from IUS with the other educational institutions in the world.

One of these activities is certainly the **Mevlana Exchange Programme**, an educational program initiated by the Government of the Republic of Turkey which aims to create possibilities for exchange of students and academic staff between the Turkish higher education institutions and other related institutions abroad.

Mr. Çankaya is a former art director and graphic designer who visited 27 countries in his trips in order to survive. He is a living proof that you should try to find the way to realize your dreams.

In cooperation with the DA and ICC Club, the International University of Sarajevo organized an IUS Student Club promotion day on December 10, 2013. The aim of promoting student clubs and its organization is to promote the projects on which students work. At the same time, students were given the opportunity to present their work, clubs, and also the importance of the international dimension of the University and accreditation of students through activities of their clubs. A total of 21 clubs presented their activities.

The Social, Cultural, Health and Sport Activities Department (SDSA) led by young, motivated and dynamic people and headed by Musa Kisić who helped in the organization of this promotion, offers programs that aim to develop literacy, lingual and other skills and interests of students, and to create a multi-cultural environment as well as to encourage initiatives and voluntary among students. One of the activities of SDSA is the coordination with student clubs as well as their promotion among IUS students and beyond. In this regard, each year Student clubs promotion is organized at IUS. This year as well, all student clubs had their stands and opportunity to present the variety of programs and activities their clubs offer.

The activities of the Clubs intertwine socially responsible projects, conferences, symposiums, activities related to arts, sports (basketball, football), international relations and projects in areas such as psychology. At the same time IUS supports and works on implementation of all the activities of the clubs.

Furkan Zeki, President of the IUS club, emphasized that the activities are a great fortune that students are able to work in clubs consisting of students from different cultures with a variety of experiences, but also a chance with a common goal - to work and work on successful projects.

The Rector of the International University of Sarajevo, Prof. Dr. Vurcil Ožgur accompanied by his Advisor, Assist. Prof. Dr. Hasan Karakuş noted all student clubs stand successfully on their own. They at the end of the day, a photo session for all participants and also mini musical concert was organized.

**NEWS**

**A VALUABLE DONATION TO MOLECULAR BIOMEDICINE RESEARCH GROUP**

IUS is proud to announce that recently established research group Molecular Biomedicine (http://www.ius.edu.ba/biomed/) within Genetics and Bioengineering program (ISE) at Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences (FENS) received a generous donation from the International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB).

This live biological material will serve for the implementation of all the activities of the clubs.

**EVENTS**

**AUDITION FOR IUS CHORUS HELD, A GREAT INTEREST SEEN**

The IUS Chorus auditions took place with the joint effort of the International University of Sarajevo and the Sarajevo Yunoş Emre Turkden Culture Center on November 12, 2013. The auditions were held by the celebrated tenor singer Lejla Čačić and Associate, Prof. Dr. Metin Bozak, at the premises of the International University of Sarajevo and the Yunoş Emre Turkish Cul- ture Center Sarajevo.

Those who took part in the auditions performed in the branches of Turkish Folk Music, Turkish Classical Music, Turkish Pop Music, Sout-hours in voice, and the guitar, the nay, and the clarinet instrument. With the completion of the auditions, IUS Chorus officially began its work.
The International University of Sarajevo (IUS) was pleased to welcome a distinguished guest from Turkey as a part of the “International Balkan Annual Conference 2013” in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The distinguished guest was Dr. İlyas Demirci, the Coordinator of the Turkish Agency for Technical Cooperation (TDMB). Dr. İlyas Demirci is a member of the Association of Engineers and Architects of Turkey (TDMMB) and a member of the Association of Writers and Intellectuals from the Balkans, Mr. Osman Baymak.

On his arrival to the audience, the public conference speakers have been welcomed by Mr. Almir Mukača, the representative of the Canton of Sarajevo, the President of the Alianz, Mr. Alija Izetbegović. On this occasion, the Tenth Anniversary of the Death of Mr. Željko Ražnatović “Arkan” was marked. The three-day conference on the Balkans gathered expert speakers to explore various aspects of the Balkans and the need to expand cooperation and interaction among them as well as to establish space for discussion in the region from different perspectives. The first day of the conference was held in Sarajevo, Montenegro in 2011, and the second SICAC conference was held in Tuzla, Alitara in 2012.

EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL BALCAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2013

The international conference called “The Third International Balkan Annual Conference 2013—Bosnia and Herzegovina: In Common History and Multicultural Atmosphere of the Balkans” began on October 10, 2013. At the Hotel Hiksa in Sarajevo, the conference was organized in cooperation with the International University, International University of Sarajevo, IUS, and the University of Sarajevo, and lasted until Saturday, October 12, 2013.

At the opening program of the conference, the first speech was given by the President of the Organizing Committee of the Third International Balkan Conference, Prof. Altun Yozgat, who stressed the importance of this Conference for the region.

On behalf of the organizers of the conference, the Rector of the International University of Sarajevo, Prof. Dr. Yuval Ojujić welcomed all the participants and emphasized that the aim of the conference is to bring experts who study various aspects of the Balkan countries together, and expand cooperation and interaction among them. The speakers at the opening of the conference were also the Rector of the University of Sarajevo, Prof. Dr. Mahirin Avdovicic and the Rector of the Istanbul University, Prof. Dr. Yusuf Sklojt. The guests of honor were the Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Živko Kordić and the President of the Council for Higher Education of the Republic of Turkey (RTB), Prof. Dr. Bekir Gökcan.

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VISITS

DELEGATION OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FROM PAKISTAN VISITED IUS

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For the first time, this year, Bosnia and Herzegovina was host to the 21st Balkan Olympiad in Informatics (BOI) organized by the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) in the period from September 7 to September 14, 2013.

The 21st Olympiad invited representatives from 13 countries in the region, all Balkan countries, except Albania, as well as guests from Tajikistan, Slovenia and Croatia and participants competed in algorithmic problem solving, with default problems solved using the program language of their choice. All solutions of participants were tested after the finalization of the Olympiad.

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POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF AN IUS STUDENT

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IUS Rector thanked Minister Osmić for the support that he was given, at the beginning of his term at International University of Sarajevo. During the meeting possibilities for future cooperation between the Ministry of Defense and the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as for the Ministry of Defense and the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the International University of Sarajevo have been discussed as well, especially in the field of cooperation in improving the language skills of those willing to learn Turkish or English language.

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INTERVIEW: PROF. DR. METİN TOPRAK
WE WILL FOCUS ON QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES AND RECOGNITION MECHANISMS

Newly appointed director of the Turkish Cultural Center Yunos Ermin, Ms. Rabia Bektur, visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Friday, September 13th, 2013. The distinguished guest was welcomed by the Rector of the International University of Sarajevo, Prof. Dr. Aras Al-Shaikh. Ms. Bektur and Prof. Dr. Al-Shaikh discussed the cooperation between IUS Rector, Asst Prof. Dr. Hasan Korkut and the Director of the Yunus Emre Cultural Center. At the end of the visit, Rector Oğurlu and Director Bektur wished the best of luck in current work and success in all future projects, stressing that IUS has always been seen as their friendly institution.

A member of the Advisory Board of the State of Kuwait visited IUS

A member of the Advisory Board of the State of Kuwait and the former Minister of Education and Islamic Affairs of Kuwait, Mr. Jamal Al-Abd Al-Shihhi, visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), on Friday, September 27th, 2013. The distinguished guest was welcomed by the Rector of the International University of Sarajevo, Prof. Dr. Aras Al-Shaikh. At the beginning of the meeting, Rector Oğurlu informed the guest about the current educational, facilities, sets and goals of IUS, the services and products of IUS, as well as future activities in the field of cooperation and promotions with the International University of Sarajevo in the world.

Dr. Al, thank you for joining us here at IUS. There has been much discussion and debate about problems in both academic, political and media circles. You are an expert in this area and I would like to begin by asking you, what is the current methodology for dealing with islamophobia?

Dr. Al: Thank you very much for your time.

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In addition to discrimination and islamophobia, there are other societal problems such as unemployment, especially among the youth. What advice can you give to students and graduates who plan to leave Bosnia because of unemployment problems?

When looking at some of these textbooks that are used in teaching history and civilization, they have been widely organized across the country. My research has been on the different levels of education and various hierarchical levels depending on the educational level. I am sure the members of the national board of Expert have no problem with this task. I also have a proposal to enhance the Yunus Emre Cultural Center. At the end of the meeting, Rector Oğurlu and Director Bektur wished the best of luck in current work and success in all future projects, stressing that IUS has always been seen as their friendly institution.
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