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Message from the Editorial Board:

Another issue of International University of Sarajevo's Newsletter is in front of you. As always, Editorial Board is trying to bring you the latest news about the events at our University – this year's graduation ceremony, public lectures hosted and organized by our University, student visits and others. We are also very proud to inform you on the textbook translation award given to our Rector Prof. Dr. Hilmi Ünlü by Turkish Academy of Sciences.

The Editorial Board looks forward for continuous improvement and welcomes comments, suggestions and advices. Therefore, please do not hesitate to express your views at asunje@ius.edu.ba

Second generation of graduates receive their diplomas

Second generation of 120 graduates of 11 study programs from the International University of Sarajevo received their diplomas on a special ceremony organized on Saturday, June 19, 2010. The ceremony was held on IUS Campus outer terrace and gathered several hundreds of guests from Bosnia and Herzegovina and abroad.

The ceremony was opened by the Rector Prof. Dr. Hilmi Ünlü who gave audience a short introduction and history of IUS. He was followed by the speeches of Prof. Dr. Adem Baştürk, president of the IUS Board of Trustees and Mr. Hasan Topaloğlu, president of the Foundation for education development Sarajevo (SEDEF). Mayor of the Ilidža Municipality, Mr. Amer Čenanović also addressed the guests saying that this municipality is proud to have a University such as IUS on its premises.

Program continued with the awards for the graduates who accomplished the highest GPA at the University during their studies - Ms. Emi-na Aličković and Mrs. Habibe Ucpunar from the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences and Ms. Amila Krzović from the Faculty of Business and Administration.

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The official part of the ceremony ended with the handing out of diplomas by Faculty Deans and Program Coordinators to the graduate students.

As the ceremony came to an end, academics, students, their families and friends had an opportunity to attend the reception and enjoy the concert of a famous Bosnian opera singer Mrs. Lejla Jusić.

Muslims, Protestants and Peasants in Ottoman Hungary by Dr. Ian Almond

Between May 26 and 29, 2010 British Council in Bosnia and Herzegovina organized a series of lectures and discussions on the Representation of Islam in Western Thought by Dr. Ian Almond, Associate Professor at the Georgia State University. One of the lectures titled „Muslims, Protestants and Peasants: Ottoman Hungary 1526-1683“ was held at our University on Thursday, May 27, 2010.

Dr. Almond is the author of four books: Sufism and Deconstruction (Routledge, 2004), The New Orientalists: Postmodern Representations of Islam (I. B. Tauris, 2007), a general military history of Muslim-Christian alliances Two Faiths, One Banner (Harvard University Press/I. B. Tauris, 2009) and History of Islam in German Thought From Leibniz to Nietzsche (Routledge, 2009). His books have been translated into Arabic, Korean, Turkish, Persian and Indonesian.

“Turkey in the 21st century”

With an aim to discuss the challenges Turkey faces, IUS organized panel “Turkey in the 21st century” that took place on Friday, June 4, 2010 at 16.00 in the Amphitheater on the ground floor. The language of the panel was Turkish. The Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Güneş gave an opening address.

Chairman of the panel was Prof. Dr. Ali Fuat Bilkan, the president of the Yunus Emre Institute from Turkey, while the speakers included Mr. Naci Agbal (advisor in the Turkish Ministry of Finances), Mr. Ahmet Kahraman (advisor in the Turkish Ministry of Justice), Mr. Ali Boğa (advisory in the Turkish Ministry of Industry and Trade), Mr. Yalcin Ekmekçi (advisor in the Turkish Ministry of Health) and Mr. Mehmet Kilci (Turkish Ministry of Finances, Head of Department).



Symposium „Globalization of Higher Education, the Balkan Situation, Public vs. Private Universities“

First Symposium in the Sarajevo Lecture Series on the theme „Globalization of Higher Education, the Balkan Situation, Public vs. Private Universities“ was organized on Friday, May 28, 2010. The Symposium took place in the Amphitheatre on the ground floor starting at 10.00.

Moderator of the Symposium was Prof. Dr. Harry Miller, foreign member of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina and IUS lecturer. The Symposium was followed by a large number of media from Bosnia and Herzegovina, having both State and Federal TV Stations broadcast reports on it in the prime-time.

The event was opened by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Muhamed Hadžiabdić who greeted the attendees. The symposium then continued with the presentation „Translating quality into quantity: What makes a good educator/university a high ranked one?“ by Mr. Bojan Šošić, Lecturer in Biological Psychology at the IUS.

Prof. Dr. Kemal Hanjalić, Professor Emeritus of the Faculty of Applied Sciences at the Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands and member of the IUS Board of Trustees, held a lecture on „Research evaluation – a myth or a prerequisite for joining the global research community (criteria, measures and indicators, relativisation, some examples)“

His presentation was followed by Prof. Dr. Slobodan Loga, Professor Emeritus of the Psychiatry at the University of Sarajevo and Vice President of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina and his speech on „Trends in science in Bosnia and Herzegovina, investment plans for the future. How far are we from the cutting edge?“ After Prof. Dr. Loga, Prof. Dr. Srebrin Dizdar, former Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Sarajevo talked on „Compatibility of studies between public and private universities in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the (im) possibilities of student transfer in both directions“.

The Symposium ended with the presentation by Prof. Dr. Nenad Tanović, former Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at the University of Sarajevo on „A tale of two higher education systems – Bosnia and Herzegovina and Belgium“.

Rector wins award for textbook translation



International University of Sarajevo is proud to announce that Rector Prof. Dr. Hilmi Ünlü has received prestigious award of the Turkish Academy of Sciences (TUBA). Prof. Dr. Ünlü was awarded for his Turkish translation of the textbook Sears and Zemansky's University Physics (Authors Hugh D. Young and Roger A. Freedman).

International University of Sarajevo congratulates Prof. Dr. Ünlü on the award and wishes him lot of success in his future academic and professional endeavors.

Lecture by Aida Idrizbegović-Zgonić ends „Architecture Talks“ for current semester

Series of lectures organized under the title „Architecture Talks“ continued on Thursday, June 3, 2010 with the presentation „Materials in Architecture: In Search for the Optimum“ by Mrs. Aida Idrizbegović-Zgonić from the University of Sarajevo. This presentation of Mrs. Idrizbegović-Zgonić was also the last lecture in the „Architecture Talks“ series for this semester.

During her lecture, Mrs. Idrizbegović-Zgonić talked about materials as a part of the integrated process of design, saying that „the amount of input of each component creates different kinds of optimum decisions on what material to use“.

IUS opens its doors to prospective students and their parents



With an aim to present its faculties, study programs (both undergraduate and postgraduate) and scholarship opportunities to prospective students, their parents and Bosnian public in general, International University of Sarajevo organized the Open Day on Saturday, May 15, 2010. For all those interested, doors of the IUS new Campus were opened from 10.00 to 18.00.

The event kicked off with the welcome speech by the Rector Prof. Dr. Hilmi Ünlü in which he introduced the University. After the speech, tours of the Campus premises were organized for all visitors. Visitors had an opportunity to see the different laboratories, classrooms, library and other IUS facilities, as well as meet professors, program coordinators, students and administrative staff who were ready to answer any questions guests might have.

Visitors were also given various IUS promo materials specially prepared by the Visual Arts and Communication Design Program. Two days later, on May 17, 2010, IUS was also visited by a group of high school principals from Turkey. Presentation of IUS study programs and faculties were prepared for them as well.

Mr. Ivan Štraus on his works

International University of Sarajevo hosted on May 27, 2010 one of the most famous architects of former Yugoslavia, Academician Ivan Straus. For students and all those interested, Mr. Štraus gave a talk on his projects, amongst which are well-known: UNITIC towers, Holiday Inn hotel and the building of Elektroprivreda.

The lecture started with the opening remarks by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Gül. Dr. Gül stated that 'every important city is attached to renowned architects... Without Mr. Štraus' works, Sarajevo would definitely not be the city we know today...'



Then it continued with the presentation prepared by Mr. Štraus that covered more than 60 years of his working experience. During this time, Mr. Štraus won over 25 leading awards from public Yugoslav competitions and two first prizes at international architectural competitions in 1964 and 1973. Since 1984 he is a member of the Academy of Arts and Science of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Students and professors visit the Court of BiH



Students and professors from the International University of Sarajevo visited the Court and the Prosecutor's Office of BiH on Wednesday, June 2, 2010. The goal of the visit was to present the work of state judicial institutions of BiH to the fellows. IUS visitors met with Judge David Re and the representative of Public Information Office of the Court and Prosecutor's Office of BiH who provided them with an insight of the Court of BiH's work.

Dr. Karataş on Ibn Khaldun's Economic Theories



On Monday, May 24, 2010, our University hosted Dr. Selim Cafer Karataş who held public seminar „According to Ibn Khaldun's Economic Theories: The Rise and Fall of Nations“ at the Amphitheatre. Dr. Karataş opened the seminar with an explanation that for Ibn Khaldun „our civilization aims for the preservation of religion, human soul, intellect, progeny and property“. He then stated that rise of the nation can not be based on the destroyed personalities.

During his presentation, Dr. Karataş mentioned conditions that need to be fulfilled for the rise of the nation according to Ibn Khaldun: firm establishment of private property rights and freedom of enterprise; the rule of law; the security of peace; lower taxation; less bureaucracy and smaller, efficient armies; no governmental involvement in trade production and commercial affairs; no fixation of prices by the government; a rule that does not give monopoly power to anyone in the market; stable monetary policy and independent monetary authority; larger population and broader market; creative education and collective responsibility. The lecture ended with the discussion between Dr. Karataş and the attendees.

Dr. Murat Gül publishes a book chapter in “The Times, Spaces and People of the Republic”

International University of Sarajevo is proud to announce that Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Gül, from the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences, published chapter in the Academic book ‘Cumhuriyet’in Mekanları Zamanları İnsanları’ (The Times, Spaces and People of the Republic). The book was edited by Elvan Altan Ergut and Bilge İmamoğlu and has been published by Middle East Technical University Architecture Faculty Press in 2010.



The title of the chapter Dr. Gül wrote is ‘Erken Dönem Cumhuriyet Mimarisinin İmparatorluk ve Cumhuriyet Devri Çağdaşlaşma Çabalarının İlişkisi Bakımından İncelenmesi’ (The Review of the Early Republican Architecture through the Perspective of the Relationship between the Modernization Attempts in the Ottoman and Republican Periods). Dr. Gül has also been selected to the Editorial Board of an academic journal: International Journal of Heritage and Sustainable Development.

Industrial Engineering Students visit Arcelor Mittal Zenica

As part of the Manufacturing Process Course, group of students lead by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Cevat Sarioğlu, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences, visited Arcelor Mittal Zenica on May 11, 2010. Nine students and Prof Sarioğlu traveled to city of Zenica and spent four hours observing the process of steel manufacturing. They visited: sinter plant, blast furnace, rolling mills and power plant.



Round table on Human Capacity Building for the Implementation of the Bologna Process



On Thursday, June 17, 2010, International University of Sarajevo hosted round table “Human Capacity Building for the Implementation of the Bologna Process” organized by the Bosnian-Herzegovinian Federal Ministry of Education and Science.



Having in mind the importance of these types of events, IUS was proud to offer its premises to the Ministry. The round table gathered many academics from both private and state universities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as representatives of student organizations, nongovernmental organizations and cantonal ministries of education.

The round table was opened by Rector Prof. Dr. Hilmi Unlu. Other keynote speakers were: Prof. Dr. Stefan Dukandjiev, GOPA Expert for Higher Education, who gave talk on “The Importance of Quality Assurance and Especially of Human Resources Policy for the Implementation

of the Bologna Process”; Prof. Dr. Muharem Avdispahić, Higher Education Reform Expert in BiH “The Importance of Human Resources Building for the Implementation of the Bologna Process”; Terence Clifford-Amos, Bologna Expert from the Canterbury Church University in UK who spoke on “Current Status and Envisaged Human Resources Policy Development in Europe and EU Aspirant Countries”; Boris Ćurković, Deputy Director of HEA BiH “Analysis of Human Capacity Resources Regarding Quality Assurance Compared to EU Countries and BiH” and Prof. Dr. Sc. Nihad Fejzić, Director of the Higher Education Agency of BiH whose presentation was on “Measures Needed for the Full Implementation of the Bologna Process and Harmonization of Scientific and Teaching Staff Quality with European Standards”.

Event ended with a lunch and get-together organized at the IUS main lobby.

Visit by Delegation of Ilidža Municipality

Delegation of Ilidža Municipality, lead by the Municipality Mayor Mr. Amer Ćenanović, visited our Campus on April 28, 2010. The distinguished guests were welcomed by the Rector Prof. Dr. Hilmi Ünlü, Mr. Alija Rizvanbegović, member of the Management Board of the Foundation for the Education Development Sarajevo, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Muhamed Hadžiabdić, Faculty Deans and program coordinators.

After thanking Mayor Ćenanović and his associates for their efforts and help when International University of Sarajevo is concerned, Rector Prof. Dr. Ünlü offered them services of University, including the use of the Library and Conference Hall. Wishing to strengthen the ties, Rector also added that different courses for Municipality staff could be organized at the University such as Business English Language courses. He also mentioned the possibility of making joint project proposals between Ilidža Municipality and International University of Sarajevo to apply for the European Union funds.

Mayor Ćenanović expressed his satisfaction to see how the Campus of International University of Sarajevo has grown in the past couple of years and wished IUS lot of success in the future.

Towards the end of their visit, distinguished guests were given a tour of the Campus premises, visiting Genetics and Bioengineering Labs, Computer Labs, Architecture Labs and several classrooms where they could see the latest up-to-date technologies that IUS uses. In order to thank Ilidža Municipality for their efforts, Rector Prof. Dr. Ünlü used this visit to present Mayor Ćenanović with the IUS token of appreciation.

Concert by Turkish Music Research and Application Ensemble

Experimental jazz/video performance



On Thursday, May 13, 2010 International University of Sarajevo had a unique opportunity to host the Turkish Music Research and Application Ensemble of the Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism. For IUS academicians, students and other interested individuals, distinguished guests from Turkey, led by Mr. Murat Salim Tokaç, prepared concert of classical Turkish Music. The concert took place at the Amphitheater on the ground floor and attracted large audience that enjoyed the interpretations by the Ensemble for more than an hour.

As the concert came to an end, Mr. Hilmi Ünlü, Rector, gave a humble token of appreciation to the guests from Turkey. He also expressed his wish that, in the future, IUS will have more opportunities to host this Ensemble. The interpretations that Ensemble played at IUS were part of its various lyrical and instrumental repertoires that include religious, military and folk songs. The Ensemble was founded in Istanbul in 2008 with an aim to present 19th century classical music to a broader public.

Educational seminar on landmines for students

Under the organization of Mr. Mustafa Çelik, manager of the Social, Cultural, Health and Sports Activities, Mr. Sasa Obradović from the Bosnian-Herzegovinian Mine Action Centre (BHMIC) held an educational seminar on landmines for IUS student. The seminar was held on Friday, May 21, 2010 and proved to be good opportunity for both foreign and domestic students to learn more about the problem of landmines that Bosnia and Herzegovina faces and how to avoid areas where landmines can be found.



Visual Arts and Communication Design (VACD) Program of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences organized on Thursday, May 20, 2010 experimental jazz/video performance rarely seen in Sarajevo. The performance was organized in the IUS Amphitheater on the ground floor starting at 17.00.



The performance consisted of jazz concert by MA Enes Seferović (Sarajevo philharmonic) MA Adnan Cico (professor at the Music High School Sarajevo), MA Davor Maraus (professor at the Music High School Sarajevo and Academy of Music in Sarajevo) and MA Boško Jović (professor at the Music High School Sarajevo). VACD Student Ms. Maja Zećo, the only female video jockey (VJ) in Bosnia and Herzegovina, did the video design for this performance.

During the 40-minute performance, jazz standards of Herby Hancock, Miles Davis, Charlie Parker, and Sonny Rollins were played.

Architecture Student Excursion to Budapest

Students enjoy Spring Fest



Led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Gül and Ms. Alma Hudović, International University of Sarajevo organized a student excursion to Budapest between the June, 4 and 7, 2010. During the trip students had an opportunity to visit a large number of important buildings representing the rich culture of the Hungarian capital including the surviving examples of Ottoman heritage such as the Tomb of Gülbaba and Kiralay Baths.

Students also visited the city of Pécs, one of the European Capital of Culture in 2010. The excursion allowed students to enhance their knowledge they gained in History of Architecture courses.

Football, paintball, photo exhibitions, food and handcrafts sales, were just some of the activities IUS students had an opportunity to participate on Thursday, June 10, 2010, during the second annual Spring Festival. The Festival was organized by the Student Council with an aim to bring together IUS students, academics and administrative personnel to meet, compete, enjoy and have fun.

IUS Spring Fest is a regular annual gathering that takes place in the month of June.

Malaysian TV station films movie sequences at IUS

In order to produce a special TV drama titled "Sarajevo in my Heart", Malaysian state-owned public broadcaster Radio Television Malaysia Berhad (RTM) visited Bosnia and Herzegovina. The RTM crew used their two-week stay in our country to shoot the sequences of the drama that follows the story of a young women from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Due to its modern and beautiful appearance, the Campus of the International University of Sarajevo in Ilidža was used as one of the filming locations in Sarajevo. On May 7, 2010 the RTM crew and the actors spend whole day at the Campus premises shooting the scenes in the IUS classrooms, hallways and canteen. The drama "Sarajevo in my Heart" is expected to be aired during the month of Ramadan this year and will be available to millions of viewers at Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei and Indonesia. International University of Sarajevo is proud to be able to offer its premises and be a part of this international movie project.

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