



Editor's Message

After the first three successful issues of IUS Newsletter, the Editorial Board is happy to share with you June-July joint issue of the newsletter for this academic year. Besides an interview with Mr. Hasan Topaloğlu, President of SEDEF, current issue covers a wide range of news and events, dealing with graduation ceremony, various visits, research and conferences attended by our academic staff, student's academic, cultural and sports activities and entrance examination. The Editorial Board would like to use this opportunity to thank administrators, professors and students for providing the news for current and previous issues. With your help the Editorial Board's mission of 'reaching out' has been fulfilled. We strongly believe that you will also continue reporting your activities in next academic year. Beside the cooperation and support extended by the professors, students, administrators and the Editorial Advisory Board, the completion of the current issue as well as previous issues would have been impossible without hard-work and dedication of the Editorial Board members.

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IUS, HSU and SGSB Joint Graduation Ceremony and Reception

Over 600 professors, students, parents and distinguished guests gathered on Friday, June 26th, for the first graduation ceremony, jointly organized by International University of Sarajevo (IUS), Henderson State University (HSU) and Sarajevo Graduate School of Business (SGSB). During this ceremony 35 IUS undergraduate and master graduates, as well as 31 master graduates from joint post-graduate programme with Sarajevo Graduate School of Business and Henderson State University, received their diplomas. At the ceremony special rewards were given to IUS students who graduated with high honors: Semir Sarić, Enes Ismić, Jasmin Jusufović, Jasmina Džozo, Hilal Karić, Sumeyye Tuncel, Gamze Cam, Nergis Oksuz, Zeynep Gumuş and Kevser Altundağ. Denan Džumhur and Hamza Musić also received high honors from their respective institutions. Tokens of appreciation were



also given to Rector Prof. Dr. Ertuğrul Tacgin, Minister Mr. Veysel Eroğlu, Former Rector and founding member of the University Prof. Dr. Tahsin Erkan Türe and Prof. Dr. Murat Doğruel. More than 120 prominent guests from Turkey who arrived with a special charter flight from Istanbul also attended the ceremony. Amongst them was the Turkish Minister of Environment and Forestry. Guests from Turkey also visited IUS Campus construction site in Ilidža where they were introduced with the progress achieved. After the ceremony, in a relaxed and festive mood, live music and refreshments were organised receptions for students, members of their families and other guests.

The Future Prospects of IUS Graduates

This semester the International University of Sarajevo has the first batch of graduates from across different programs. IUS graduates have started searching for jobs at home and abroad while others plan to continue their graduate studies. Many students have already applied for their graduate programs locally and abroad. One of them, Mr. Semir Sarić has already been accepted to the graduate program at the prestigious University of Hamburg. We wish them good luck in their future work and academic life! Ms. Sabiha Pepić, MBA graduate, stated *I really liked the studying environment here, it is very friendly and it keeps you on track. Professors were always willing to help and very professional. Even though I am an IUS employee, I have never felt any more privileged than other students. The course offer could be richer but we were the first generation so I believe it will diversify more in the future. In all, I have gained more practical knowledge on management and met new friends, which all makes me feel pleased and happy that I have joined the program two years ago.* Another, MBA graduate, Ramo Palalić shared his impressions about the graduate program and knowledge he received by asserting *this MBA study at IUS for me was a positive ex-*

perience where I had the opportunity to establish new relationships and to expand my network. I am very satisfied with the atmosphere in the IUS because it has lots of similarities with other international institutions, especially with the International Islamic University in Malaysia a place I had obtained my bachelor degree. Such knowledge and international experience will be inevitable for the pursuit of a PhD in the near future.

Internacionalni univerzitet u Sarajevu
Ispraćena prva generacija studenata
Predstavljeno 35 diplomanata i magistara





Whose idea was the establishment of the International University of Sarajevo in 2004 ?

The idea to establish the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) emerged after a request of President Alija Izetbegović to Turkish entrepreneurs and academics in 1999. The project was further developed by Prof. Dr. Fahrudin Rizvanbegović, the Minister of Culture and Education. Through the insistent pursuit of Mr. Alija Rizvanbegović, finally IUS began to accept its first students in 2004.

What are the main reasons and purpose for the establishment of IUS in Bosnia and Herzegovina?

In the period of 1992 to 1995 Bosnia and Herzegovina suffered a devastating war with huge human and material loss. Therefore, the people of Turkey, being historically and culturally connected to the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina, were emotionally affected by those tragic events that occurred. To help and to heal some of those wounds, we established the International University of Sarajevo with the assistance of some Turkish and Bosnian entrepreneurs. Being the foundation University, the University gives special attention to the students from affected social categories, regardless of their ethnic or religious background. The University aims to provide an environment where international and local students can study by experiencing peace, harmony, and cultural diversity. Besides, we established IUS as a bridge between Turkey and Bosnia and Herzegovina whereby professors and graduates from both countries, as well as other international students, could serve as their ambassadors.

Could you please comment about the construction of the University Campus?

In order to realize the long term vision of the International University of Sarajevo and due to the need of a modern University for the suitable physical environment, we bought 72.5 square hectare of land in Ilidza. After lengthy paper work completion the Municipality approved the construction of the campus that was finally officiated in September 2, 2006. Until now one part of the campus has

been successfully completed and we already opened our first dormitory for 220 male students on 26th June, 2009. We also plan to open our second dormitory building for female students in Autumn 2010. The construction of the laboratory and the restaurant with the area of 12000 m² has been mainly finished. The final interior works on the selected buildings are planned to be completed latest by February 2010. Once the first phase is completed we plan to continue immediately with the second phase of the construction.

Could you please comment goals achieved within five years of the existence of IUS?

So far we have realized most of our goals. The University programs have been set up and they already gave first graduates who will find satisfactory jobs due to their international experience, their modern skills and knowledge and diverse linguistic abilities. The University has been recognized by the higher education institutions of Turkey and also by many countries throughout the world. The number of students and employees have been increasing rapidly day-by-day. Therefore, both SEDEF and the University have fulfilled most of their envisioned goals; yet we look forward towards continuous development and improvement.

Could you please explain how and why IUS is claimed to be the Foundation University?

Universities all around the world are either established by states or by foundations. Our University was founded by the Foundation for the Development of Education and the founders are citizens of Turkey and Bosnia and Herzegovina. However, the most important difference between our foundation University and other private universities is that we are non-profit based University. Our sole purpose is spreading of knowledge and skills thus helping economic and educational development in both countries and internationally and bridging

different cultures across the world.

In the end, is there anything you would like to share with the readers?

First of all I would like to thank you for giving me an opportunity to give an interview for this distinguished newsletter. I also use this opportunity to thank the Editorial Board of this newsletter for advertising monthly activities and accomplishments of academicians, administrators and students to the wider international audience. Finally, as President of the Foundation, I would like to encourage our founders, administrators, academicians, students, customers and our friends to support the future of this educational, cultural and humanitarian project by all means at their disposal.



Academic Year 2009/2010 Entrance Examination

On June 25, 2009 a record number of 65 students from all over Bosnia-Herzegovina participated in IUS Entrance Examination for the Academic Year 2009/2010. Since its establishment the University requires new students to sit for the entrance exams, which are modeled on internationally recognized SAT exams. As the Foundation University through the Entrance Examinations the University awards best deserving students with the scholarships. Since its establishment in 2004, IUS has granted scholarships to talented students every year. 35 percent of those students who enroll at IUS are able to get certain discounts, ranging from 25 to 75 percent, depending on the general placement test results. IUS students of 2nd, 3rd and 4th year who

have CGPA above 3.6 also obtain tuition fees discounts too.

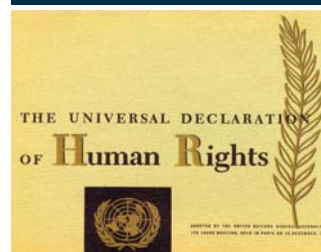


Visit of Turkish Minister of Work and Social Security



On June 18th, 2009 IUS hosted Mr. Faruk Çelik, Turkish Minister of Work and Social Security. Mr. Çelik was welcomed by the Rector, Prof. Dr. Ertuğrul Tacgin, the President of IUS Board of Trustees, Prof. Dr. Adem Baştürk, the President of IUS Foundation, Mr. Hasan Topaloğlu, and other academic and administrative staff. The participants discussed in particular enlargement of IUS academic cooperation with Turkish universities and the significance of IUS as an educational and cultural project for the future development of Bosnia and Herzegovina. As a part of the meeting, Mr. Topaloğlu also presented IUS campus and the progress of its construction. Finally, Mr. Çelik was presented with a token of appreciation by the Rector and the President.

International Law and Diplomacy in Practice



Prof. Dr. Steven Spielman, a professor with an outstanding experience in law, diplomacy and teaching, organized at the end of last semester court case on Human Rights abuses. Building from the tragic "true" facts of a Human Rights case, 26 students (and friends) of the International Law and Diplomacy class spent the entire day (and many hours of pre-trial preparation) as the lawyers, judges, eye witnesses and expert witnesses in this court-room story. The sounds of "I object", "sustained", "over-ruled", "inadmissible hearsay" were heard and argued from the opening to the closing statements. Student lawyers worked brilliantly to convince the judges of the guilt or innocence of their cause. Witnesses cleverly shocked and surprised the court. It was a close decision but, in the end justice was done---or was it? Who was found "innocent" or "guilty"? Ask the International Law and Diplomacy class.

Dr. Lynn Tesser at the Symposium in Washington DC



On June 9, 2009 Dr. Lynn M. Tesser gave a presentation at the symposium "Evaluating the Effects of EU Accession: Lessons for South-east Europe" held at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC. The symposium brought together numerous scholars who had previously been associated with the Center for a lively discussion and debate. The main objective of the symposium was assessing "the impact EU accession and membership has made on these countries' politics, markets, societies, and international relations." In the panel on Democracy and State Building, Dr. Lynn, together with other panel members such as Andrew and Peter Gross, emphasized in particular the lessons of EU accession process on Western Balkan countries.

Farewell Dinner

In a beautiful and picturesque surroundings of restaurant „Rimski most“ in Ilidža, IUS organised a goodbye dinner for IUS Rector Prof. Dr. Ertuğrul Tacgin. Farewell dinner that was held on July 9th, 2009 at 19 o'clock was attended by the number of administrative and academic staff. At the end of the dinner, Mr. Idris Esen, Director of the English Language School, gave a short speech thanking Prof. Dr. Tacgin for all his work at the IUS and presented him with a farewell gift on behalf of the IUS employees. Then, Mr. Alija Rizvanbegović, a member of the Management Board of the Foundation for the Development of Education also presented a token of appreciation to the former Rector. Professor Tacgin appreciated attention received and wished IUS success on the path of the academic excellence.



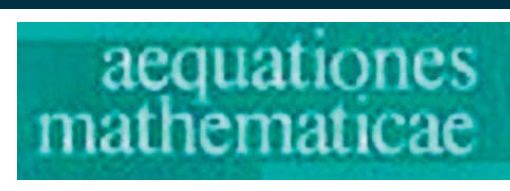
International Conferences and Papers



From the July 6th to August 6th, 2009 Assoc. Prof. Dr. Muhamed Hadžiabdić, Vice Rector of International University of Sarajevo, was invited by the Electricite de France (EDF), one of the world's largest producers of electricity primarily from nuclear power, to carry out joint research with MFEE department researchers on turbulence modeling. *"I had a privilege to work at EDF's Research and Development department for duration of one month. It is one of the biggest industrial research departments in Europe numbering more than 2000 researches. I was collaborating with EDF scientists on performing detail numerical studies of turbulent impinging jet flows accompanied with heat transfer. The simulations were carried out on one of the most powerful super-computer today (Blue Gene). It was an extraordinary experience."*



From June 9th to 10th, 2009 the International Burch University in Sarajevo held its first conference entitled Symposium on Sustainable Development. This conference was attended by 500 participants from 9 different countries. Besides keynote addresses the symposium was divided into 3 parallel sessions: science and technology, education and economics, that were published in three proceedings books. Several professors and graduate students from the International University of Sarajevo also presented their conference papers, namely, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Can, Prof. Dr. Sermin Senturan, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Abdulhamit Subaşi, Ms. Elif Nuroğlu, Mr. Huseyin Nuroğlu, and Mr. Ramo Palalić.



From the 14th till 20th of June 2009, Prof. Dr. Harry Miller, IUS instructor, the Editor-in-Chief of the Sarajevo Journal of Mathematics and foreign member of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina, presented a conference paper "On an old problem of P. Erdos" at the 47th Annual Conference in Functional Equations that took place at Garguano (Lago di Garda) in Italy. This year conference was attended by 47 mathematicians from 19 countries worldwide.



From July 15th to 22nd, 2009 IUS was a host to a group of 45 young people from Germany, Macedonia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Turkey who participated in the EU supported program „Youth in Action 2007-2013“ with the project titled „World Redlines: Ethnic, Regional and Religious Discrimination.“ This visit was organised by the Ankara Thought and Research Centre (ADAM) from Turkey. „The aim of this project is to increase awareness about discrimination and not to let similar incidents (like the Bosnian massacre) happen ever again“ said Mr. Hasan Akin, member of the project's Organising Committee. Mr. Akin also used the opportunity to express his satisfaction with the visit and thank IUS for its hospitality.

Spring Festival

On June 15th, 2009 the Rector Prof. Dr. Ertuğrul Tacgin officiated the first IUS Spring Festival. Many professors, students and administrators could enjoy in various socio-cultural and sport activities such as drama, music competitions, fine-arts contests, quizzes, soccer, rappelling and volleyball. In collaboration with Social, Cultural, Health and Sport Department, most of festival activities were organized mainly by students from the VACD and Architecture programs, Photography Club, and English Language and Literature Department. By displaying their arts and works, students expressed extraordinary skills for planning and organization of this event. Overall, the event was received with great excitement by most participants of all ages who had an opportunity to socialize, compete, enjoy and have a fun. The organizers plan to make IUS Spring Festival an annual gathering and plan for their second festival for next year.

New PR Manager

In order to centralize, and as well as to improve, all public relations activities, the University decided to hire new Public Relations Manager. After the job announcement in May, for which the University received around 40 applications, Ms. Aida Šunje was chosen for this position after through selection criterion. As new PR Manager her scope of work will include public and media relations, event management, IUS website update, promotional campaigns, etc. Ms. Šunje has graduated from the Faculty of Political Affairs (department of journalism) at the University of Sarajevo in November 2008. She has more than five years of experience of working at various organizations, including NGO International Forum Bosnia and daily newspapers Dnevni Avaz. She speaks both Turkish and English.

FASS Faculty Meeting

Besides faculty board meetings that are being held more frequently, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences hold faculty meeting at the end of every semester in order to make general assessment and to develop the strategy for the coming semester. More than twenty instructors and assistants discussed the following: a general assessment of last semester, staff evaluation and teaching methodology improvement, FASS research and publications, book ordering for the next semester, promotional strategies, next semester courses and instructors and organization of international interdisciplinary conference at the end July 2010.

Voluntary Blood Donation at IUS



More than 30 IUS students, professors and administrative staff donated their blood in a voluntary action organized at the University premises on Tuesday, June 9th 2009. This humanitarian action was organized in cooperation with the Federal Blood Transfusion Institute of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

This first blood donation ever organized at IUS will certainly help current situation regarding blood supplies in Canton Sarajevo and the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which is alarming because more than 2000 blood dosages are needed every week.

