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FIVE MEDALS AND TWO HONORABLE MENTIONS FOR ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI (AUTH) AT THE 26TH INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION, BULGARIA

Aristotle University's mathematical student group returned to Thessaloniki from the 26th International Competition "International Mathematics Competition-IMC", Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria (28.7-3.8.2019) with the most medals and honorable mentions from any other year.

Specifically, Aristotle's team of seven students competed in (abstract) Algebra, Mathematical Analysis, Geometry and Combinatorial Problems and won a total of one silver medal, four bronze medals, and two honorable mentions among 360 students from 64 countries.

AUTH has been participating to the competition, organized by University College London and held at the American University of Bulgaria, for the last 6 years. This year's medal harvest shows a clear upward trend in the performance of the University's students.



ARISTOTLE RACING TEAM: HISTORIC TRIPLE AWARD IN THE NETHERLANDS



Aristotle Racing Team (ART), the student group of the Department of Mechanical Engineering of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, won the 3rd place in 3 categories at the Formula Student World Competition, on the Assen track in the Netherlands, in July 2019.

Specifically, the AUTH team with its ART-18, its new gasoline-powered racing car, won the 3rd place overall among 28 teams from all over the world, scoring a total of 668.95 points (of 1,000 points). AUTH team also finished in third place in the categories "Dynamic Endurance Racing - Endurance" and "Engineering Design".

KIDS ON STAGE AT TRAKYA UNIVERSITY

Turning children's dreams into reality, with events such as You Are My Future Choir and Children Academy, Trakya University welcomes children once more. With the support of Trakya University Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu, planning of Secretary General Assistant Ahmet Sezgin and Beykent Private Schools Music Teacher Tayfun Zafer, coordinated by State Conservatory Principal Prof. Ahmet Hamdi Zafer and efforts of Asst. Prof. Çisem Önver Zafer, Assoc. Prof. Sela Can Dökmeci, Research Asst. Gizem Alkan, Research Asst. Ümit Çavuş, Research Asst. Bahar Hoşcan and Adnan Sever, Trakya University hosted the First International Balkan Children Music Festival. In State Conservatory Fine Arts Education and Show Centre, 180 students from Turkey, Greece and Bulgaria have given breath taking performances during the Children Music Festival.

During his opening speech in the Festival, State Conservatory Director Prof. Ahmet Hamdi Zafer, said he

believes that this will be a step taken to turn children's dreams into a reality and they wish to turn this into an annual event, and thanked the participants and parents.

Along with performances of Meriç Primary School Rhythm Group Choir, Pınarhisar Atatürk Middle School Children Choir and Trakya University State Conservatory Student Symphony Orchestra kids have displayed their talents on the piano, drums, violin and many more instruments in the First International Balkan Children Music Festival.

The festival concluded with a certificate ceremony for the participants and Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu's presenting gifts to project organizers.

Edime Attorney General Fatih Karabacak, Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu as well as many art-lovers and parents as guests participated in the First International Balkan Children Music Festival, where the children of all ages had the excitement of going on stage for the first time.



THE LARGEST SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF THE BALKANS CONTINUE TO EVOKE ADMIRATION

The largest symphony orchestra of the Balkans, Trakya University Balkan Symphony Orchestra, keeps making headlines both nationally and in the Balkan region with its successes and quality in music. One of the headlines of Trakya University Balkan Symphony Orchestra was about their "Cumhuriyet'e Ses Verenler" (Sonant of the Republic) concert.

For its concert performance, one of Turkey's most prominent art magazines - Hurriyet Sanat has featured Trakya University Balkan Symphony Orchestra and praised their performance. In the publication, Edirne was mentioned as having inadequate facilities unlike Istanbul, Ankara and

Izmir and the expectations were set lower in comparison, but the outcome came as a shock and Trakya University Balkan Symphony Orchestra had displayed a performance on par with them and the emotions of excitement and pride were felt together.

The publication also gave praise to the concert Conductor Musicolog Ersin Antep, Vice-Rector of Trakya University and State Conservatory Director Prof. Ahmet Hamdi Zafer as concert master and the members of the orchestra. Trakya University Balkan Symphony Orchestra keeps creating new success stories every day.



TRAKYA UNIVERSITY AT THE 5TH INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL STUDIES CONGRESS

With honorary leadership of the Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Şentop and the organization and hosting of International Balkan University, the 5th International Social Studies Congress was held in the capital of Republic of North Macedonia Skopje on June 27th and 30th 2019 with the cooperation of Trakya University, Tekirdag Namık Kemal University, Marmara University and Turkish Studies Journal. With the opening speeches of Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Şentop and International

With around 500 notices given by 93 universities from 13 different countries, 15 scholars as representatives of Trakya University have made significant contributions to the scientific community with 30 notices. During the congress, Trakya University attended to sessions regarding religion, society, history, fine arts, philosophy, behavior, health, informatics, economy, law, politics, education, language, and literature and made remarkable contributions with notices and presentations, successfully representing Trakya University in the international platform.



Balkan University Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Dursun Erdem, Trakya University was represented by Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu who is also one of the Regulatory Board Chairpersons of the Congress, Dean of Faculty of Fine Arts Prof. Melihat Tüzün, International Relations Application and Research Center Director Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Türkyılmaz, Balkan Research Institute Director Assist. Prof. Dr. Bülent Akyay, Private Secretary Inst. Kıvanç Ada and more than 15 scholars. Among the participants were Turkish Ambassador of Skopje Tülin Erkal Kara, Minister of Culture of North Macedonia Dr. Hüsni İsmaili, Minister of Public Administration in Kosovo, TRNC assistant chairman Zorlu Töre, International Balkan University Board of Trustees Director Aydoğan Ademoski, Deputies of Turkish Grand National Assembly, Macedonian Supreme Court chairman Salih Murat, Rectors, Mayors, and Scholars.

In his opening speech, Speaker of Turkish Grand National Assembly and also the honorary leader Prof. Dr. Mustafa Şentop has expressed himself by saying "It's a great reason to be happy to witness such an event taking place in Skopje where I feel like I'm living national and personal history again. As a scholar, I, myself, have studied and taught in universities for 20 years too. I have raised students. It's a great pleasure to be part of this spectacular community. One other reason for my happiness from being here is national. We are the citizens of a nation who take pride in its history, national heritage, and unity. During this event and the time, we will spend here, I believe once more we will witness how big Turkey is, how prideful our history is and how altruistic our people truly are." Remarking the delivery of salutations of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and the Turkish nation,



Prof. Dr. Mustafa Şentop continued "The leader of the War of Independence and the founder of our nation, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk had seen you and Greek emigrants as national and sacred memories of our history. Memories remind us of the past but they are not left behind. You are the sacred relics that remind us of the past but living in today. Turkey is bonded with you at heart."

As part of the congress having the characteristics of 'a return visit' after the Ramadan dinner organized with the

attendance of Turkish Grand National Assembly chairman Prof. Dr. Mustafa Şentop in May, the participants have visited culturally and sentimentally important Macedonian heritage sites bearing the rooted patterns of our civilization, proving the world again that North Macedonian - Turkish relations are exemplary. This congress has enabled Macedonians and Turks to get together once more both on scientific and cultural fields.



TRAKYA UNIVERSITY SULTAN BAYEZID II HEALTH MUSEUM BREAKS RECORD AFTER RECORD

One of the vision projects of Trakya University following the theme of "Cultural Heritage and Preservation" the Sultan Bayezid II Health Museum keeps getting more and more visitors. Trakya University Sultan Bayezid II Health Museum, which is pride of Edirne as well as Turkey, had another important day in its history. Built as an example project in 1997, the museum gathers both domestic and international visitors. Accepting visitors from many places, Sultan Bayezid II Health Museum has reached a new peak - 8,750 visitors-- on May 5th 2019. The museum attracts

visitors in April 2018 with 3,700 visitors. With great interest from domestic and international visitors throughout 2019, the museum has shown a growth of 123% with 8,254 visitors in April 27th this year. As the most visited museum of its field in Turkey, the museum has shown a growth of 64% in visitors from 35,541 visitors in previous year's April to this year's 58,308 visitors. With its valuable displays and record numbers, Sultan Bayezid II Health Museum surpasses Edirne's borders and achieves an international recognition. Number of foreign visitors shows a 143% growth from April



citizens so much that there are queues of visitors at the entrance every day. Besides, it completed the year 2018 with record numbers. the 531 year old Ottoman era complex, which is restored by Trakya University and curated by Dr. Ratıp Kazancıgil, now serves as a museum in Edirne with the highest number of visitors.

Since its opening day, the museum has shed light in Ottoman tradition of medicine with its reenactments as well as its academics, history of medicine, medicinal practice and education. The museum had the highest record of daily

2018's 657 visitors to this year's 1603 visitors. Sustaining growth and attracting more and more tourists into the city, Sultan Bayezid II Health Museum peaked at 8,750 visitors on May 5th 2019, surpassing its previous daily visitor peak of 7,500 visitors record and successfully breaking the record of museum visitors in Edirne.

Having the great responsibility of transferring city's memory onto the future and introducing Edirne on the international stage, the museum is Turkey's first healthcare center and also first university museum to be accepted into



UNESCO World Heritage List. The museum is growing day-by-day thanks to its visitors, and has welcomed many visitors in Ramadan harmonious with Edirne's orientation of displaying belief and religious prosperity befitting of Islam's spirituality.

Having expressed the great strives they go to in order to increase the number of both domestic and international visitors, Trakya University Vice Secretary General as well as Sultan Bayezid II Health Museum manager Assoc. Prof. Hakan Akıncı said "Sultan Bayezid II Health Museum gets thousands of domestic and international visitors every year. We open our doors to more and more visitors every year. Our museum has won countless awards and contributed to our city's tourism industry by attracting thousands of visitors interested in fine arts, culture and history. Our museum has achieved a significant number of visitors last year's 5th May as well as this year. This date marks the high number of 8,750 visitors both domestic and international. In 2017, we had 249,830 visitors in our museum and in 2018 we accomplished a substantial number of 270,669 visitors. By the end of this year, we believe that we will increase our visitor numbers.

With a rising interest in cultural tourism and increasing visitor numbers, Sultan Bayezid II Health Museum is a candidate of becoming a global cultural center in the future. We work hard in order to make a symbolic part of Edirne as a part of daily lives of people."

Having expressed his gratitude regarding the visitor numbers of Sultan Bayezid II Health Museum, rector of Trakya University Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu said "Displaying the delicate details, the care it gave to its people and social government structure of our civilization, this healthcare center welcomes visitors as a living, breathing museum. Our Health Museum is making rapid process in becoming a central point in Turkey starting from Edirne. Being the center of projects such as Children Academy and Hand-in-hand With Edirne, has welcomed an impressive number of 8,750 visitors on May 5th 2019. This success of our museum contributing Edirne's recognition is the result of sustained hard work... I thank everyone who helped our museum's foundations and live up to see these days."

VISIT OF PROF. İBRAHİM KALIN AT UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK TIRANA

In November 2018, the Chief Counselor to the President of the Turkish Republic Prof. İbrahim Kalın, H.I. E Ambassador of Turkey in Albania Mr. Murat Ahmet Yörük, the President of Türk İşbirliği ve Koordinasyon Ajansı Başkanlığı - TİKA Dr. Serdar Çam, Vice President of Religious Affairs Asst. Prof. Selim Argun and Authorities of Turkish Airlines honored the Maarif International Schools | University of New York

Tirana with their presence.

"It is a pleasure to be here and I am happy that Tirana has a University like yours. Education is very important because you carry it for the rest of your life" were some of the words that Presidential Spokesperson Ambassador Prof. İbrahim Kalın mentioned.



UNYT CAREER FAIR '19

On May 28th, 2019, the University of New York Tirana hosted its yearly successful Career Fair.

UNYT Career Fair has become an indispensable networking platform for students and alumni of the University of New York Tirana.

Students and alumni went from booth to booth to meet representatives of over 30 national and international companies. The best and the brightest were able to secure internships and jobs with the top brands of the industry.



UNYT GRADUATION CEREMONY 2019

On the 5th of July, the University of New York Tirana part of the Turkish Maarif Foundation held its 14th annual graduation ceremony, at Art-Turbina, celebrating the accomplishments of 110 graduating students. Albanian and Turkish institutions, representatives, ambassadors, academics, students and their families attended the ceremony.

The Ceremony started with the address speech of Prof. Dr. İsmail KOCAYUSUFOĞLU, Rector of the University of New York Tirana.

The event was attended by Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports of Turkey, Prof. Halis Yunus Ersöz, who in his greeting

speech said that this university will play a very important role in strengthening the friendship between Turkey and Albania.

While the Turkish Ambassador in Tirana, H.I.E Murat Ahmet Yörük, said that the Maarif Foundation is looking forward to making this university not only the most prestigious in Albania, but also the most prestigious of the whole region.

UNYT was particularly honored to have as a keynote speaker of this year's graduation ceremony Mr. Seyhan Pencablğil, "CEO of the Year in Europe" and CEO of BKT, considered as the "Best Local Bank in Albania".



UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK TIRANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

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UNYT aspires to establish itself as a dynamic, multicultural and leading center for higher education in the Balkans and beyond. The mission of UNYT is to provide students with the opportunity to obtain university degrees at the Bachelor, Master or PhD level, in a variety of academic and professional specializations, in collaboration with prestigious American and European universities. The diversity of diplomas offered at UNYT includes dual Bachelor degrees conferred in Tirana by the State University of New York-Empire State College (SUNY/ESC), USA and Master Degrees in collaboration with the University of Greenwich, UK.

UNYT is proud to have 14th generations of graduates (2006 - 2019), whose employment or graduate studies' record is currently more than 93%. Many of these graduates now work for prestigious companies in Albania and abroad, while others continue their graduate level studies in top western universities including Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, London School of Economics, etc.

Research projects are fundamental to the character of UNYT, its reputation, and contribution to society. The overall goal is to increase research capacity and intensity by raising the proportion of academic staff conducting research and producing publications and other outputs of the highest quality. UNYT supports interdisciplinary research across all of its departments.

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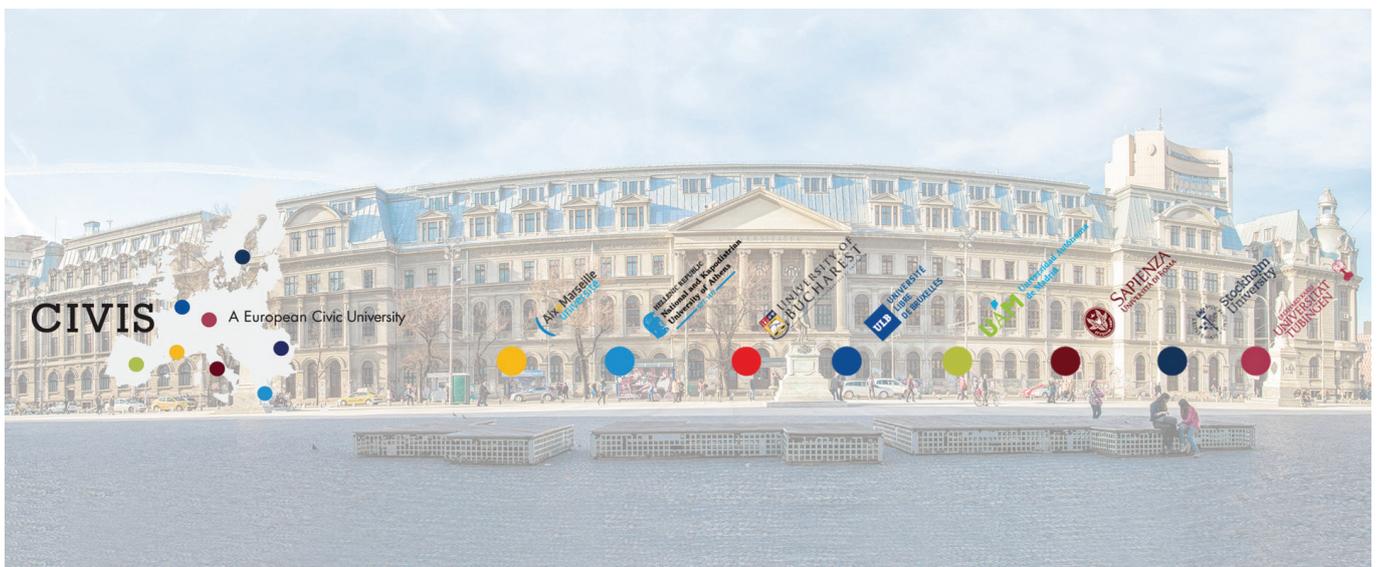
Considered the most appreciated university among employers in Romania, according to the QS University Rankings, the University of Bucharest offers to its students and teachers - members of the academic community the opportunity to study in a prestigious international community, built around the CIVIS Consortium - the European Civic Alliance, recently selected as a pilot project by the European Commission within the initiative for the European Universities Network.

CIVIS aspirations will now be transformed into actions and results in order to stimulate cooperation at all levels and to increase the quality and attractiveness of our European Civic University, composed of Aix-Marseille Université (France), National Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece), University of Bucharest, Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium), Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Spain), Sapienza Università di Roma (Italy), Stockholms Universitet (Sweden) and Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (Germany).

This year, the University of Bucharest also confirms its good reputation and attractiveness among young graduates. Almost 22,000 candidates (21,937) chose to continue their higher education studies at the 19 faculties of the University of Bucharest. This represents the highest number of candidates in the last three years.

Thus, almost 5 enrolled candidates competed for a budgeted place at the University of Bucharest and 106 Olympic students chose to continue their studies and academic formation at our university.

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de Bruxelles (Belgium), Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Spain), Sapienza Università di Roma (Italy), Stockholms Universitet (Sweden) and Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (Germany).

The CIVIS project will play a role model and will define a way to unite universities, to increase the opportunities offered to 384.000 students and 55.000 employees, in addition to strengthening our international position in relation to Africa and the Mediterranean area. This project represents a substantial and stimulating challenge.

More details here: <https://unibuc.ro/civis-alianta-universitara-civica-europeana-selectata-ca-proiect-pilot-de-catre-comisia-europeana-in-cadrul-initiativei-pentru-retele-de-universitati-europene/?lang=en>



THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CANDIDATES IN THE LAST THREE YEARS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST. MORE THAN 100 OLYMPIC STUDENTS CHOSE TO STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

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More details here: <https://unibuc.ro/cel-mai-mare-numar-de-candidati-din-ultimii-trei-ani-la-universitatea-din-bucuresti-2/?lang=en>

Obtaining this European funding represents a first step and implies a great responsibility to contribute to the development of the European Education Area. This vast project belongs primarily to our students and staff. Soon it will be their duty to turn CIVIS into reality!

We start this three-year project with a budget of 5 million euros, granted by the European Commission, but our ambition goes much further, with the commitment to develop a transnational European campus, linked to European regions and to create links within and outside Europe.

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Moreover, the University of Bucharest develops partnerships and strategic projects with national and international institutions, companies and non-governmental organizations, which become opportunities for our students and graduates.



LEARNERS FROM FOUR CONTINENTS ATTENDED THE SUMMER COURSES OF ROMANIAN LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

Between July 22 and August 4, 2019, the University of Bucharest organized the 59th edition of the Summer Courses of Romanian Language, Culture and Civilization. This summer school is the oldest initiative of a Romanian university to promote the Romanian language and culture in the world.

This year's edition was attended by 30 students from 14 countries: United States, Canada, Brazil, Korea, Turkey, Russia, Great Britain, France, Germany, Spain, Poland, Bulgaria, Croatia and Italy.

Young people participated to intensive Romanian language courses, conceived in a communicative

perspective, at workshops and conferences on topics regarding Romanian culture and civilization, cultural events, and also visited several museums. All these contributed to the enrichment of Romanian language knowledge and to the familiarization of the participants with important aspects of Romanian civilization.

Hosted for the tenth year in a row by the Faculty of Letters, the courses are the expression of nearly 60 years of tradition in promoting the Romanian language, culture and civilization. For over half a century, the Summer Courses of the University of Bucharest have earned a well-deserved prestige through the participation of numerous Romanian and foreign university professors, as well as of distinguished academics, writers and artists.



More details here: <https://unibuc.ro/cursanti-de-pe-patru-continente-la-cursurile-de-vara-de-limba-romana-de-cultura-si-civilizatie-romaneasca-de-la-universitatea-din-bucuresti/?lang=en>



THE MOST #CREATIVE SUMMER WEEK, POWERED BY UNIBUC AT SINAIA

Sinaia was, for one week, the most creative mountain resort in Romania. Between July 15 and July 20, 2019, the University of Bucharest in partnership with the National University of Theatre and Cinematographic Art "I. L. Caragiale", the National University of Arts, the University of Architecture and Urbanism "Ion Mincu" and the National University of Music Bucharest, organized a new edition of the Creativity School.

Bringing together more than 20 students from different faculties, the event proposed to the participants a series of interactive interdisciplinary workshops, supported by the most creative trainers. Awarded with the distinction

for the most innovative course within the second Gala of the University Senate Awards in Bucharest, Creativity School from Sinaia offered to students from all levels an interactive, multi-, inter- and transdisciplinary program, which aimed to stimulate and enhance their creative potential.

During the five days, the students participated in numerous workshops, and faced several challenges: going on hiking, making advertising clips, singing, and also having a lot of fun. And the ticket to access the most fun camp this summer was creativity.



More details here: <https://unibuc.ro/cea-mai-creativa-saptamana-a-verii-powered-by-unibuc-la-cumpatu/?lang=en>



THE RESULTS OF THE PROJECT "THE MAIN ELEMENT OF US" WERE PRESENTED AT UT

On July the 4th 2019, at the University of Tetova were presented the results of the project "The main element of us", a joint project of the University of Tetova, "Nisantasi" University from Turkey, Sofia University from Bulgaria and the organization Adefis Juventud Internacional from Spain.

Initially, a joint meeting was held between the management of the University of Tetova and that of the universities from Turkey and Bulgaria, as well as with the representatives of the Spanish organization Adefis Juventud Internacional, at the premises of the Rectorate of the University of Tetova. In addition to welcoming the successful realization of the joint project "The Main Element of Us", the interlocutors in

of scientific research by well-known scientific authorities, said Prof. Dr. Hazir Pollozhani.

The Rector of the University "Nisantasi" from the Republic of Turkey, Prof. Dr. Esra Hatipoglu regarded this project as highly important as it identifies several topics concerning cultural organization and enhancement of cooperation in the field of education, culture, and technological innovations. "We as a university give our best in preparing students for the changes that take place in the world. We always come across discussions on education in general and we often emphasize that education will not be valid if we are not committed to quality enhancement and professional preparation of the



this meeting also discussed about the deepening of future cooperation in the field of culture, education and scientific research.

The Vice-Rector for Science of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Hazir Pollozhani, reconfirmed the professional engagement and serious approach of the University of Tetova in fulfilling the institutional obligations for all projects of national and international character. As he said, this commitment is evidenced by the concrete results we have achieved in the international realm, transforming into the main - leading institution of many projects, such as the today's one, whose results speak for our mutual successes. "In the strategy of our University, we have listed the scientific research and studies as the main priority of this institution's work, so today, we are proud when our university is selected among prestigious international universities and credible agencies, to lead the realization of projects, and also, UT is considered as an appropriate institution for the development

new staff. Our main goal is to prepare for all the challenges that await us regarding these issues and start talking about artificial intelligence, data collection, analytical processing and computerization, and discuss more and more every day about new methods to be introduced in education," said Prof. Dr. Esra Hatipoglu

Professor Zeynep Birsu from Nisantasi University, briefly presented the Erasmus Plus program. According to her, this program changes year by year with the increase of the funds available to professors and students. "Currently, the Erasmus Plus program also allocates funds for development, research, entrepreneurship projects, in order to strengthen cooperation between industry and universities. Creating a strategic partnership center has become very important in order to work with different sectors and from next year there will be new Erasmus plus programs and certainly the funds for professors and students will increase even more", stressed Prof. Dr. Zeynep Birsu.

The Vice-Rector for International Cooperation of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Arbër Çeliku spoke about the project "The main element of us". "The project is conceived in such a way to include, besides the scientific education aspect, the building of bridges of friendship and cooperation among nations. The very important element of this project is that it doesn't end here, but instead we are building new strategies for the future over a longer period of time and jointly have designed a master program in the field of intercultural and transcultural communication. Certainly, in this project, we are thinking to include universities from Europe, the United States of America and to transfer the competencies of this project to the Center for Peace and Transcultural Management", said Prof. Dr. Arbër Çeliku.

UT PARTICIPATES IN THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOLOGNA DECLARATION

The University of Bologna - The Alma Mater Studiorum, in collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research, with the support of the Magna Charta Universitatum Observatory and the European University Association (EUA), on June 24 and 25, with a scientific conference marked the twentieth anniversary jubilee of the Bologna Declaration.

Over 800 participants from more than 50 signatory states of the Bologna Declaration and over 200 rectors of universities attended the academic march organized in honor of this Declaration, which created a common European higher education space.

The conference was held in several parallel sessions, where the achievements and challenges faced by universities throughout the 20 years were presented, including the social dimension of higher education, the academic and civic values in changing societies, sustainable development and the role of higher education, etc.

The University of Tetova was represented by a delegation

The project "The main element of us" is financially supported by the National Agency for European Education and Mobility, as well as the European Union through the Erasmus Plus international program.

In gratitude for the contribution and commitment to this project, the Vice-Rector for Science of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Hazir Pollozhani, awarded a gift depicting the portrait of the Albanian humanist Mother Teresa to the Rector of the University "Nisantasi", Prof. Dr. Esra Hatipoglu, and the first Secretary of the Bulgarian Embassy in our country, Stanimir Gizdev.

consisting of Ass. Prof. Shefik Shehu, Head of the Project Office, Ass. Prof. Kushtrim Ahmeti - university coordinator for ECTS, Ass. Prof. Agon Memeti, Head of the Office for Science and Innovation and Mr. Sc. Vjollca Memishi-Fejza from the Office for Evaluation and Quality. During the conference, the representatives of the University of Tetova held meetings with a significant number of personalities participating in this event.



The host Rector, Prof. Dr. Francesco Ubertini, expressed readiness to deepen cooperation between the two universities in bilateral projects, but also within the framework of initiatives and respective platforms within the European Union. Meanwhile, the President of the Magna Charta Universitatum Observatory, Dr. Sijbolt

Noorda, expressed gratitude and satisfaction for the contribution and intensification of cooperation with the University of Tetova, in recent years, culminating in the organization of the regional workshop in 2015 and expressed readiness for the organization of similar activities in the coming years.

UT HOLDS THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NATURAL, HEALTH AND TECHNOLOGICAL SCIENCES

At the University of Tetova, in the presence of many scholars from the country, the region and the world, the International Congress of Natural, Health and Technological sciences began its work. Within this congress, from 15 to 17 May 2019, five international scientific conferences, organized by five different academic units of our University, will be held.

The Faculty of Physical Culture, in the framework of this congress organizes the sixth International Scientific Conference; The Faculty of Applied Sciences holds the fifth international scientific conference; The Faculty of Medical Sciences is organizing the fourth international scientific conference; The Faculty of Mathematical and Natural

of a success marked by our faculties, our universities, co-organizers of the International Congress of Natural Sciences, Health and Technology. Today's congress will promote the new issues of the scientific journals of the five faculties, with 291 scientific papers of about 500 co-authors, well-known scholars, scientific researchers from the country and the region, who have contributed to the advancement of science, new contributions and overcoming the problems that pose a challenge to the sciences of medicine, physical culture, applied sciences, natural sciences and the sciences of food technology and nutrition. We assess that these activities are of particular importance to the academic community as



Sciences holds the third International Conference and the Faculty of Food Technology and Nutrition organizes the first international scientific conference.

At the official opening of the works of this congress, the Rector of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti, said that this congress offers a valuable opportunity for all relevant experts of the respective field, to discuss and analyze among themselves experiences, research and new scientific contributions. "Today, we all have the pleasure of being part

they enable the exchange of ideas, the acquisition of multiple knowledge, the creation of links and friendships of local and foreign scholars. The University of Tetova feels honored today that it is host to this scientific congress, as I assure you that in the future we will continue to work with dignity, dedication, and professionalism in all academic, cultural and human processes", said the Rector of UT, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti.

The Rector of the University of Medicine in Tirana, Prof. Dr. Arben Gjata, considered this congress as a highly successful

scientific activity for the fact that besides presenting very important scientific works from natural, health and technological sciences, scholars will share their experiences and encourage very productive debates that will be of interest to students. "These meetings are the way we can overcome the difficulties we have, because here we have a large number of well-cultured people, who today not only work in the most important health institutions, not only in the countries of the region but even in the Western world; an important intellectual diaspora, and the universities must make the utmost effort to cooperate with this elite of society, to exchange good scientific experiences among themselves, trainings and continuous formation, and I believe this is the right path.

I believe that the University of Tetova and we as the University of Medicine in Tirana are open to cooperation with these people and continue to pursue this path of cooperation, in order for our universities, our students to be formed as professionals and as worthy citizens of our countries, "said Prof. Dr. Arben Gjata.

Whereas, the Rector of the University of Elbasan "Aleksander Xhuvani", Prof. Dr. Skënder Topi, highly appreciated the organization of this congress. As he said, words are scarce for this event if we look at the program of this scientific event which involves the organization of five different

international scientific conferences and within the campus of the university has gathered scientific eminent individuals from different countries of the world. "Words are scarce when you look at the agenda of this congress; to organize five scientific conferences on different days and a joint opening like this today is impressive. Among us there are hundreds of scholars of various fields and hundreds of works will be presented during the conference, imagine how much effort and dedication; certainly for this great organization I would thank on my behalf and on that of the University of Elbasan, the Rector of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti and this time I would also thank the Rector's staff, who have done a wonderful job. This is a great day for the University of Tetova because many important academic institutions are involved in this event and this is a great impetus for our inter-institutional cooperation ", emphasized Prof. Dr. Skënder Topi.

This scientific event was also greeted by the Prof. Dr. Luigi Santacroce, President of the Nursing Degree course, from Bari of Italy.

At the solemn opening of this congress was held a professional lecture on research methods in multidisciplinary projects, with particular emphasis on projects made for industry, public actors and other research projects, by Prof. Dr. Arianit Kurti, lecturer at Linnaeus University of Sweden.



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