

INTERNATIONAL VISION UNIVERSITY ORGANIZED AN INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

International Vision University organized the 1st International Congress of Economics and Business ICEB'15, at the International Vision University Campus in Gostivar, which was held on 10th of June 2015 (Wednesday), in partnership with the Sakarya and Celal Bayar State Universities.



The International Congress was held with the join of many representatives, from a total of 34 universities including 135 participants from 7 different countries (Turkey, Macedonia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Kosovo and Montenegro). However, this International Congress was an occasion which represents the most obvious example of the academic cooperation between the International Vision University and the Turkish State Universities.

The opening ceremony of the Congress

took place with the attendance of the Turkish Minister, Furkan Çako; the Turkish Ambassador in Skopje, Ömür Şölendil; the Director of Yunus Emre Institute, Feyzullah Bahçi; the President of TMBH, Erdoğan Saraç; the President of MATTO, Tuna Eyüp Kahveci and the President of MATÜSITEB, Tahsin İbrahim. As it was founded as a first Turkish accredited university which will give education in Turkish language



in Europe even in the Balkans, the participants in the congress especially

have indicated the importance and the meaning of the International Vision



University for the Turkish minorities of the country. Beside to this the second important point was that, International Vision University is a very great initiative in the filed of education, which will strengthen the educational as well the economical and commercial relationship between Turkey and Macedonia, shared by the Turkish Ambassador Mr. Şölendil.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF SOCIAL SCIENCIES IN BUDAPEST-HUNGARY

Kaposvar University-Hungary, Sakarya University-Turkey and International Vision University- Macedonia organized the 7th Balkan Congress of Social Sciences between August 25 and 30, 2015.

The International Congress of Social Sciences was held in main campus of the Kaposvar University, with the attendance of more than 150 professors from 40 different universities and with the participation of more than 33 scientists from Hungary. International Vision University with the participation of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Abdulmecit Nuredin and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mensur Nuredin, Vice Rectors of the university, provided a scientific contribution to the Congress.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Abdulmecit Nuredin,

Vice Rector of International Vision University in his greeting speech expressed his personal satisfaction and pleasure of being there in the congress on behalf of their institution and for performing a scientific activity in a common culturel region as a partner of this event. "Today, according to the current education system, which can be divided into individual and social goals of education, education is to create a balance between the human beings and society. Therefore, I acknowledge my satisfaction that International Vision University adopted this universal criteria with this scientific activity together with the Kaposvar University" said Mr. Nuredin.



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In December 2015 Sofia Mayor Mrs. Yordanka Fandakova and Bulgarian Minister of Youth and Sports Mr. Krassen Krlev opened together with the Rector of NSA "Vasil Levski" prof. Pencho Geshev new football stadium with artificial turf. The stadium is part of the Academy campus in Studentski grad, Sofia. The newly built sports stadium is with artificial turf, modern and meeting the highest international standards

in the design and implementation of such facilities. Opened only days before the national Student Day - December 8th the stadium is a kind of gift from the Academy to their students and all football experts for better study and sport achievements. It is envisaged that the stadium will serve the training process, practical exercises and student tournaments and competitions. The laboratory measurements for FIFA

compliance were realized and the International Federation certified the sports facility with FIFA quality pro (highest category). In his speech the Rector prof. Pencho Geshev thanked everyone who took part in the realization of this large-scale project and expressed the hope that it will be place for training sportspeople who will bring glory of the Bulgarian football. In his greeting Mrs. Fandakova recognized the role of NSA "Vasil Levski" in the presentation of Sofia for European Capital of Sport - 2018 and praised the sports facility. Minister Krlev stressed the importance of making efforts to upgrade and maintain all national sports facilities because it is where coaches and physical education teachers of Bulgarian children are prepared. After the official ribbon cutting by prof. Geshev, Mayor Fandakova and Minister Krlev, started a demonstrative football match, which was attended by students majoring in football in the Academy.

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President of the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) Dr. Ari Graça was awarded the prestigious title of Doctor Honoris Causa of the National Sports Academy "Vasil Levski" in November 2015. The symbols of the honorary title handed Rector of NSA "Vasil Levski" prof. Pencho Geshev in the presence of academic representatives and officials among which were the Minister of Youth and Sports Mr. Krassen Krlev, Charge d'Affaires Ambassador of Brazil to Bulgaria Mr. Ricardo Guerra December Araujo, President of the Bulgarian Federation of Volleyball Mr. Dancho Lazarov, academic community of the NSA, a number of Bulgarian volleyball

legends, as well as judges from the European Volleyball Championship hosted by Sofia. Congratulations to the new Doctor Honoris Causa made Minister of Youth and Sports Mr. Krassen Krlev, which highlighted the role of Dr. Graça for the development of volleyball in the world, wished him success in his work for the strategic plan of the international volleyball federation and ended with the words "I congratulate Dr. Graça for awarding him the honorary title of Doctor Honoris Causa of the NSA, and I congratulate the Academy for another big name of world sport, which became part of its community". Before giving his first lecture on "Sport Governing" Dr. Graça

said "It is my great honor today to be here and stand before you in this cradle of sport science and again I want to say that I am extremely proud to receive the title of Doctor Honoris Causa of the National Sports Academy."



THE FIRST ROMANIAN-TURKISH MATHEMATICS COLLOQUIUM

The Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics of Ovidius University of Constanta organized and hosted “The First Romanian-Turkish Mathematics Colloquium” between October 14 and 18, 2015. The event is an absolute first, being the first Romanian-Turkish bilateral meeting in the field of mathematics. It was organized by Ovidius University of Constanta and Galatasaray University, Turkey, with the strong support of the Consulate General of the Republic of Turkey in Constanta.



The official opening of the conference included addresses from the representatives of Ovidius University of Constanta: Professor Constantin Popa, Vice-Rector for research, dr. Denis Ibadula, head of the organizing committee and Professor Mihai Girtu, Vice-Rector for international relations, and dr. Alexandru Bobe, Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics. The opening ceremony featured a speech of His Excellency Ali Bozcaliskan, Consul General of the Republic of Turkey in Constanta. Professor Muhammed Uludağ, Head of the Department of Mathematics of Galatasaray University, Istanbul, represented the Turkish co-organizers, speaking, along with Professor Lucian Beznea, Director of the Institute of Mathematics of the Romanian Academy, about the need to strengthen the relations between Balkan mathematicians.

The ceremony was attended by Zeky Uysal, President of the Turkish Businessmen Association of Dobruja, Baykara Atilla, Secretary General of the Turkish Businessmen Association of Dobruja, and Meriem Mambet,



Co-president of the Saladin Agiacai Association and owner of Aurora Hotel in Mamaia, generous conference sponsors.

The main themes of the colloquium targeted current research topics in the fields of pure mathematics (algebra, number theory, topology, commutative algebra, mathematical analysis,

differential geometry) and applied mathematics, including virtual reality.

Conference participants were pleasantly surprised when oriental gastronomy crossed paths with mathematics in a Turkish culinary show. The event was organized by the Yunus Emre Institute Turkish Cultural Centre, the Consulate General of the Republic of Turkey in Constanta, the Saladin Agiacai Association, Aurora Hotel and Golden Baklava. The “Doina Dobrogei” ensemble from Medgidia performed traditional Dobrujan dances and traditional Turkish dances.

The First Romanian-Turkish Mathematics Colloquium was an extremely successful event, greatly appreciated by the participants. The Turkish Society for Mathematical Sciences expressed interest in organizing the second edition of the conference in 2017.

THE “MEHMET AKIF ERSOY” LECTURESHIP IN TURKISH LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION

Starting this year, young people belonging to the Turkish community of Dobruja can study their native language and culture with native Turkish teachers at the “Mehmet Akif Ersoy” Lectureship in Turkish Language, Culture and Civilization set up at the Faculty of Letters of Ovidius University of Constanta. The lectureship was set up with help from the Turkish community, by means of funds offered by the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), the university being the first institution to benefit from support in the development of such an education promotion project in Constanta.

The lectureship opening ceremony was attended by members of the Ovidius University of Constanta management team, as well as by the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey in Romania, His Excellency Osman Koray Eras, the Balkan Area and Eastern Europe Director of the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency, Mahmut Cevik, the Department for Interethnic Relations Secretary of State, Dr. Aledin Amet, as well as public figures from the economic and cultural life of the Turkish community of Dobruja.



THE CULTURAL POLYPHONIES INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

The Faculty of Letters of Ovidius University of Constanta, working in partnership with the Turkish Democratic Union of Romania and with support from the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), organized the third “Cultural Polyphonies: Turkish Language, Culture and Civilization across the World” International Congress between November 26 and 28 2015.



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The conference theme was Orient - Occident. Complementarities, convergences, harmonies. The participants, academics and researchers with diverse scientific interests, aimed to achieve new perspectives, mediated by interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches of cultures, seen as sums of values and

mentalities, their organizing values, exemplary models, and identity sequences. The aim of the conference was to identify ways of managing cultural differences, means of intercultural and multicultural communication, characterised by tolerance, consensus, and harmony.

Participants to the various sections included distinguished politicians and academics from Romania, the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Cyprus, Kosovo, the Republic of Macedonia, Kazakhstan, the Republic of Moldova, Crimea, the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Bulgaria, representatives of governmental and non-governmental organizations involved in preserving the cultural identity of minorities in Romania, teachers and researchers.

PROFESSOR DR. HABIL. ANASTAS GERDZHIKOV IS THE NEW RECTOR OF SOFIA UNIVERSITY "ST. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI"

At a General Assembly held on 17th November, 2015, in Lecture Theater 65 of the Rectorate of Sofia University, Professor Dr. Habil. Anastas Gerdzhikov was elected Rector of the oldest and most reputable higher academic institution in this country with 190 votes. The other candidate for the post, Professor Dr. Tony Spasov, Corresponding Member of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, garnered 162 of the votes.

Professor Dr. Habil. Ivan Ilchev, the out-going Rector, handed the key of the University to the new Rector wishing him to open ever more widely Sofia University to the world. Professor Ilchev thanked both candidates for the post for behaving in an honourable way in an atmosphere that some people had tried to discredit.

Professor Anastas Gerdzhikov expressed his gratitude to all who supported him and also to all those who supported Professor Tony Spasov. He also expressed his gratitude to Professor Tony Spasov for the tolerant campaign and pointed out that the latter was a worthy competitor. According to Professor Gerdzhikov, in the debate between the two, with the support of the academic community, the main problems and solutions that the University has to step on, have been sketched out. "I hope that that key will be a sign that we will open the University to the city of Sofia and to the world." He appealed to the academic community to continue the debate and that the latter should not take place once every four years. "Help us with the fact that your ideas have been many more than the ideas of those 50 people who actively got involved in the last four years. When, instead of 50, there are 400 or 500, then the difference would be obvious. This is why I wholeheartedly appeal to you to work with the working groups in the projects

and in all the activities of the University the way you actively did over the past month," Professor Gerdzhikov added.

Anastas Gerdzhikov completed his secondary education in 1982 at the National Gymnasium for Ancient Languages and Culture. In 1984-1985 he read classics at Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski. In the next academic year he continued his studies at the



Humboldt University in Berlin where he graduated with an MA in 1990 with a thesis on the topic of "Aristotle's Critique of Plato's Political Works."

In 1990 he became a part-time lecturer, and in 1991 a full-time assistant-professor in Latin at Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski. He specialized in Austria (1994, the scholarship of the Austrian section for academic exchange) and in Germany (1997, a scholarship of the German section for academic exchange). In 2001 he was conferred a PhD degree for the thesis of "The Concept of 'Clementia' in the Tradition of Roman Literature from the Period of the Republic and the Ideology of the Early Principate". In 2004 he was elected docent in ancient literature (habilitation work on "The Image of the Prince in the Corpus of the Latin Panagerics"). In 2006 he was conferred the degree of the "Doctor of Philological Sciences" for his work "The Mirror of the Prince. Origin and Development of the Genre of Speculum regale in Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages". Since 2008 he has been Professor in Ancient and Medieval Literature (habilitation work

"The Development of the Genre of Speculum regale in the XIIth and XIIIth centuries").

Professor Gerdzhikov reads the lecture course on Latin (phonetics and phonology, morphology, syntax) and Roman literature at the Department of Classical Philology at Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski both to BA and MA students.

The scientific interests of Professor Anastas Gerdzhikov are in the domain of Roman literature and the political theory of Antiquity and the Middle Ages. He has authored four monographs and more than forty articles on ancient literature and high academic education. He is the first translator in Bulgarian of

Aristotle's "Politics".

Anastas Gerdzhikov was deputy-minister of education and science (2001-2003), governor of the Scientific Research Fund (2007-2008) and member of the Specialized Council for Studies in Literature at the High Attestation Commission (2007-2010). In 2010 he was appointed deputy-rector of Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski and was in charge of accreditation and the scientific activities (2010-2011) and of the educational process, PhD students and continuous education (2011-2014).

He is on the editorial boards of Strategies of the Educational and Scientific Policy and of the Bulgarian Journal of Science and education. Professor Gerdzhikov is competent in English, German, French and Russian.



SOFIA UNIVERSITY RECTOR TAKES UP THE POSITION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE ASSOCIATION OF BALKAN UNIVERSITIES FOR 2016



The second meeting of the Association of Balkan Universities was held at the Trakya University in Edirne, Turkey. The organization set up in 2008 includes more than 70 academic institutions of higher education in all the Balkan countries.

During the meeting Professor Dr. Ivan Ilchev, who was elected on the board of the Executive Committee of the Association of Balkan Universities last year, received the banner of the organization. The Rector of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" will be the next chairperson of the Association for a period of one year.

Amongst the main objectives of the organization are the enhancement of the cooperation between the universities in the region, the improvement of the mobility of faculty and students, joint applications for projects, setting up of joint bachelor's and master's programs.



CENTER FOR PEACE AND TRANSCULTURAL COMMUNICATION OPENED AT SUT

December 03, 2015 Today, at the State University of Tetova was the opening ceremony of the Centre for Peace and Transcultural Communication. This center was opened in collaboration with the State University of Tetova and Northern Illinois University in Chicago, United States of America. This center was launched by SUT Rector, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti, Executive Vice-President and Provost of Northern Illinois University, Mrs. Lisa C. Freeman and Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Macedonia, Abdilaqim Ademi.



The SUT Rector, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti addressed a speech to the participants in this inauguration, who said that this center is meant to promote peace, conflict management and intercultural understanding worldwide.

"I am pleased to address you today on this important day for students, professors and the public opinion, because today, we, together with Northern Illinois University, from the United States of America, have opened the Center for Peace and Transcultural Management. The founding of this center aims to promote the global peace, conflict management and intercultural understanding. Centre for Peace and Transcultural Management, based at the State University of Tetova, aims to provide neutral academic platform, on which will be based the promotion of the diversity of discussions, with the aim of achieving peace through education models.

Through this centre, governments, students and key stakeholders will have access to resources to effectively manage conflicts and misunderstandings, to ensure global peace and economic prosperity", said the SUT Rector, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti.

The Rector, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti also said that our universities, founders of the center, will be engaged specifically in conducting the research of issues related to peace and

intercultural management, will create a base of information on critical regional issues, will organize workshops, symposia and annual conferences, in which academic lectures will be held in accordance with our joint mission. "Apart from the aforementioned activities, the Centre for Peace and Transcultural Management in the future will offer certification training programs, symposia, courses for students, as well as for any other intercultural program that the center's officials consider important for the implementation of the mission. On this occasion, on behalf of the leadership of the University, academic staff and students, we would like to express our deep appreciation to the leaders of Northern Illinois University, from the United States of America, for their willingness to establish this center at a time when peace and communication between people has become a top priority for all of us", said the SUT Rector, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti.

Executive Vice-President of Northern Illinois University, Mrs. Lisa C. Freeman, said that through this center it will be created a new model for intercultural and interethnic collaboration. "We are very enthusiastic for the collaboration with the State University of Tetova and for this I thank the Rector of the State University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti, as well as the Minister of Education and Science, Mr. Abdilaqim Ademi, who is here with us. Through this collaboration we want to create a model of intercultural and interethnic cooperation here in Macedonia. It's a good opportunity for us to demonstrate academic strength for the benefit of the academic world and the community. Through this collaboration we will promote democracy, peace, intercollegiate collaboration and create bridges of collaboration among students also", said Mrs. Lisa C. Freeman.

On the other hand, the Minister of Education and Science, Abdilaqim Ademi said that this center has a great symbolic significance and is launched in the most important moment for the region.

"I am glad to be here today at this modest ceremony, but with a great symbolic significance, not only for SUT, but also for the whole country, because today is launched a center which is not based in the capital of our country, which is usual for such centers to be opened in the capital cities, but instead, it is being opened in Tetovo, at

the State University of Tetova, and here lies the symbolism, because through this center, SUT, Tetovo, our country and the region will convey the American experience for democratic processes in our country, for the prevention or the management of conflicts, and also the promotion of peace between nations and peace in the region.

This center is launched at the moment I would say the most important for the region, especially given the challenges our country, the region and Europe are facing and I hope that the US experience will be conveyed very well through this center and through the State University of Tetova. The Ministry of Education and Science and the Government of Republic of Macedonia, highly estimate this action and the step made by both universities. We encourage both universities to continue their collaboration and this will be a window for students and the academic staff, but also for the university in general, to cooperate and to expand their collaboration to apply for various European and international funds, but more important, I think this center and this experience can be conveyed very well by the university, because university is an institution where there are not only employees and the academic staff and students, the university has positive influence and role in society and, I believe this center will be as I said earlier, a center from which will be conveyed the American experience for conflict prevention and the management and promotion of values of peace and will be one that in the United States of America will promote not only our university and our country but also the Albanian people in general. Thank you and congratulations", said the Minister of Education and Science, Abdilaqim Ademi.

At the inauguration of this center present was the academic staff of SUT, such as vice-rectors, Secretary General, senators, deans, heads of study programs, professors, students and other guests.



INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE TITLED “RELIGION AND VIOLENCE” HELD IN THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF TETOVA HAS FINISHED

October 16, 2015 “Religion and Violence” was the topic of International Scientific Conference held at the State University of Tetova. This conference was organized in cooperation between SUT and two Austrian prestigious universities, the University of Vienna and the University of Innsbruck. This conference which lasted three days in the premises of SUT was attended by scientific researchers of this field, and many other guests, among them the religious personalities of the country, the region and the world.

At the opening ceremony of the conference titled “Religion and Violence”, the Rector of State University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti noted that SUT as a center of education, research and free discussion is honored to open the doors and to host an important event for many topics to be addressed. “Today, I am very much honored that together with my staff, we’re hosting personalities of international reputation, who will refer to the above topic, but above all I believe that, together with You we feel respected, especially with the presence of religious representatives who in times of peace and in social strife in various stages of transition, humbly and determined, always worked in favor of the establishment of common religious and national values. Religions and cultures, although different, convey the message of peace, understanding and progress, as their mission is not only divine, but also national”, said the Rector, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti.

The opening ceremony of the conference was also closely followed by the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Macedonia, Abdilqim Ademi. In his speech he said that, unfortunately, today the world is still horrified by the bloody wars in the countries of the East, where monotheistic religions and their sectarian divisions are incriminated. “Albanians are lucky, and perhaps the only positive example in the world that have managed to coexist in unprecedented multi-religious harmony. It was characteristic even in periods when religions defined everything in the development of human identity”, said the Minister of Education and Science of Macedonia, Abdilqim Ademi.

Vice Rector of the University of Innsbruck, Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Meixner said that the Conference was organized at the right time, because the world today suffers from violence. “Today, violence has spread to many countries, most of the violence has affected the Middle East, but the violence has erupted in different countries of the West, since the extremists have targeted various international institutions, all this violence displayed by invoking the name of different faiths, but every religion, every believer is clear that no religion or religions do not call for violence, but always call to peace”, said Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Meixner, Rector of the University of

Innsbruck.

Professor of Islamic sciences at the University of Vienna, Prof. Dr. Ednan Aslan underlined that the belief that the wars in the Middle East are convened in the name of religion is wrong. “Religion is growing equally to violence, particularly with regard to the incidents in the Middle East and North Africa. We are witnessing almost every day, that religion is used for violence, and in the end thousands of refugees are coming to Europe and escaping from their countries every day”, said Prof. Dr. Ednan Aslan.

The political advisor of the delegation of the European Union Mr. Tibor Varadi, participant



at the conference, emphasized that measures must be taken to prevent violence. “The main priorities of the EU, under the guidance of religious freedom are the issues addressing violence. We support all stakeholders who want to speak out against violence and to hold accountable the criminals who spread violence. In the name of religion many measures have to be taken to prevent violence, as well as educational campaigns, promotion and respect for diversity, strengthening of intercultural dialogue within society, and many other measures”, said Mr. Tibor Varadi.

The President of the Islamic Religious Community of the Republic of Macedonia, Reis ul-Ulema Sulejman Efendi Rexhepi said that all religions, in their essence contain the leaven of peace. According to him, all holy books convey messages, call to peace, love, prosperity, tolerance and harmony, and today, the majority of mankind preach and accept the message of peace. “We, religious clerics, are the most competent to preach peace and to invite in it. In peaceful time it seems that we manage to extend our influence on the believers, but when any violence or conflict breaks out, believers are getting out of hand, our appeal for calmness and peace fall on deaf ears. This is due to the fragility of our authority and personality we build among the believers. Surprisingly, in war times the clergy comes together while in peacetime stay away from each other”, said Reis ul-Ulema Sulejman Efendi Rexhepi.

The representative of Macedonian Orthodox Community, Boban Mitevski said that no one

should dare to misuse religion for his personal interests. “Each religion is a source of love and goodness, a source of peace and prosperity. Religion must never be misused and there should be no violence in the name of religion. No one should dare to misuse religion for personal interests”, said the representative of the Macedonian Orthodox Church, Boban Mitevski.

The representative of Catholic Community, Kiro Stojanov emphasized that the world should not agree with violence. “We as a Christian community cannot agree with the war and we must not be indifferent towards people who suffer of war and violence. We need to spread the message of peace in order the people to hate violence”, said the representative of the Catholic Community, Kiro Stojanov.

The Representative of Catholic Church of Kosovo, Dodë Gjergji said that the topics that will be discussed in this conference are an imperative in which all of us live. “It is the duty of all social, political, ethno-cultural and academic institutions, civil organizations, as well as religious communities, and of every human who is committed to respond to the questions that concern us and to elaborate the events that surround us. We must help our freedom and citizens not to succumb to provocations, not to be transformed into a tool of violence in the hands of abusers of peace”, said Dodë Gjergji, representative of Catholic Church in Kosovo.

Professor at the University of Innsbruck, Prof. Dr. Zekirija Sejdini said that in the analyses about the potential for violence and religion, were shown two antagonistic opinions. “One opinion is based on the belief that there is a blending of religion with violence. Radical representatives of this attitude do not see the solution in religion. The second opinion, which is usually favored by people of faith is the assumption that religion does not have anything to do with violence”, said Prof. Dr. Zekirija Sejdini.

Present at the conference were also representatives of other religious communities in the Republic of Macedonia, the Republic of Kosovo, Albania, as well as renowned international researchers of social sciences.



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On 27th of November 2015 and on 18th of December 2015, the University of Ioannina conferred upon Dr. Charalambos S. Roussos, Professor and Member of the Academy of Athens, an Honorary Professor Degree, and upon Dr. Dimitris V. Nanopoulos, distinguished Professor at the University of Texas A & M, USA, and President of the Academy of Athens an Honorary Professor Degree during special convocations held in the Ceremony Hall "George Mylonas" respectively.

The Honorary Professor Degree is awarded by our University to individuals who have made profound and enduring contributions to their respective disciplines, who have presented outstanding achievements worthy of national or international recognition

and who have a special affinity with the works and values of our University. The Rector of the University of Ioannina, Prof. George Kapsalis presided over the ceremonies alongside of the Vice-Rectors, the Deans and the Heads of the Departments. Both the Ceremonies were attended by a number of members of the academic community, students and people of the city of Ioannina. Following the reading of the citations, Prof. Charalambos Roussos and Prof. Dimitris Nanopoulos were presented with the honorary degree and the academic dress of our University. They delivered an acceptance speech and lectures. The University of Ioannina is proud to have conferred upon them this honorary degree and it is more than pleased to welcome both of them into the academic community.



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On 25th of November 2015, the University of Ioannina organized a special ceremony dedicated to the memory of Georgios Mylonas, who was an exceptionally important person playing a significant role in the foundation of the University of Ioannina. Georgios Mylonas was the Undersecretary of the Government in 1964, who signed the Act for the foundation of the new University in Ioannina. Honored guests were his children, Mrs. Eleni Mylona, distinguished artist and Mr. Alexandros Mylonas, a well-known actor. During the ceremony, a short film was shown about his exile on the island of Amorgos during the years of dictatorship in Greece. The whole atmosphere was very emotional especially when the Rector awarded an honorary plaque to Mr. Alexandros Mylonas for his father's overall contribution to the University of Ioannina.



INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE, TIRANA (UMT)

The University of Medicine, Tirana (UMT) is a public university in the Republic of Albania. Its history is rooted in the foundation of the Higher Education Institutes in Albania, with the creation of the Higher Institute of Medicine in 1952. In 1957, the Higher Institute of Medicine and other five Higher Institutes of Education formed the State University of Tirana. In that occasion was created the Faculty of Medicine, as the main referent institution for the Albanian Medicine. Due to the highest grade of expertise and professionalism, on January 23, 2013, the Faculty of Medicine was promoted with the status of University,

founding the University of Medicine, Tirana. UMT inherited the Faculty of Medicine and Medical Technical Sciences from the University of Tirana, and created hence the Faculty of Pharmacy, the Faculty of Dental Medicine and the Faculty of Public Health. The University of Medicine, Tirana (UMT) is composed of over 300 academic staff, 80 Full Professors and 8483 students enrolled at the three levels of study Bachelor, Master and Doctoral degree. The University of Medicine, Tirana also offers programs of specialty studies for medical practice at the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Dental Medicine. The

Faculties staffs undertake significant contributions in teaching and research. The quality of our teaching and the impact of our research are the milestones of our success. The degree courses at the University of Medicine, Tirana are designed to produce highly qualified professionals, with experience of medical research and specialization, who will play key roles in the public needs of primary care in the Republic of Albania.

For further information about the events and academic activities of UMT, please consult the official website in the address: www.umed.edu.al

WINTER MEDICAL SCHOOL 3

On 11th-13th December, 2015 the University of Medicine, Tirana, in collaboration with the Student Council of the University of Medicine, Tirana (KSUMT) and Student Organization BRAINSTORM, have organised the 3rd annual event "WINTER MEDICAL SCHOOL 3". This year the Winter Medical School 3 was organised in the 3 days time in the cities of Ulcinj and Budva in Montenegro. This event was organized as a platform of further studying activity that provide students with educational and medical reasoning experiences that would not be available to them within their normal schooling. Professors have answered to many theoretical

doubts of the students in the medical literature and have provided further explanation to studies in the fields. This year the Winter Medical School 3 have encompassed 15 medical lessons and related different findings in all the subjects of medical sciences that are not conventionally offered in the academic lessons and the students could also appreciate the guiding tour in the beautiful cities of Ulcinj and Budva. The Winter and Summer Medical Schools are important events organized by the University of Medicine, Tirana to give the possibility to many student to access to advanced studies in the medical fields.



PROF. DSC. IVAN VASHIN IS THE NEW RECTOR OF TRAKIA UNIVERSITY

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In his election platform prof. Vashin defines his main objective: "The future of Trakia University is build on our potential to combine autonomy with responsibility, to be a model for quality of education and science, to be

important for our country and region, and We compete and cooperate at the international level. "

Prof. Vashin graduated in 1977 in "Veterinary Medicine" in Sofia. In 1978 he joined the department "Hygiene and technology of food of animal origin", Faculty of Veterinary Medicine to Higher Institute of Zootechnics and Veterinary Medicine in Stara Zagora and consistently receives the following titles: assistant - 1978, senior assistant - 1981, chief assistant - 1985, associate professor of Veterinary Expertise - 1991, professor - June 18, 2010 - Veterinary Expertise. He specializes in several universities in Europe - Veterinary University in Nantes and Veterinary University Alfort in Paris, France, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Liege, Belgium, and Iowa State University, USA.



The newly elected Rector of Trakia University has extensive managerial and administrative successful experience as Head of Department, Vice-Dean of Academic Affairs in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Vice-Rector for Administrative and Financial Activities, Vice-Rector of Academic Affairs for two terms, Acting Rector on his election as rector, a member of the faculty and academic council.

"I believe that together, thanks to our capacity, knowledge, skills and commitment we will work for the good name of Trakia University - only then it will work for us!" - Prof. Ivan Vashin, DSc.



NATIONAL CENTRE FOR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND COMPETENCE "AMERICA FOR BULGARIA"

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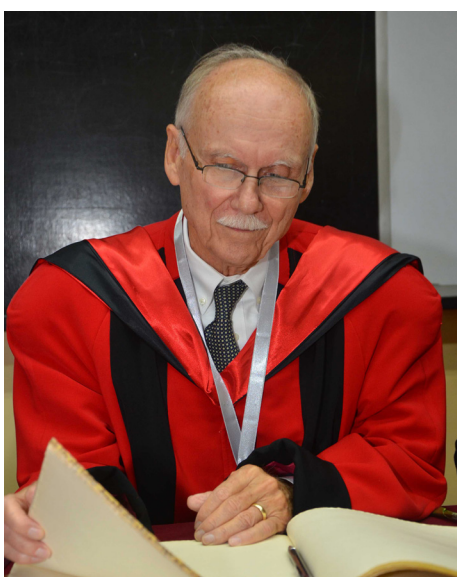


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"America for Bulgaria" Foundation provided 800 000 lv for the modern building where the center is situated. The center offers services in the field of animal farming and modern expertise, with the latest international

practices. Modern laboratories offer opportunities for analysis of raw materials. Professionals in the agricultural sector will also be trained.

After the opening ceremony of the center Dr. Daft was awarded the honorary title of Doctor Honoris Causa of Trakia University. Based on his experience in sector "Agriculture",



on his own initiative during his visit to Trakia University in 2009, he offered "America for Bulgaria" Foundation to fund the renovation of an office and the establishment of Extension Service in the dairy farming in Trakia University. The efforts of Dr. Daft under this project are aimed at raising the interest of the owners of livestock and agricultural farms to create conditions for sustainable employment by providing training for the improvement of the professional qualification of employees in the manufacturing process. His is the idea of establishing a National Center for Professional Training and Competence "America for Bulgaria" in the agricultural sector, whose activities take place in cooperation



with professors from Wisconsin State University and Iowa State University. For all these merits Dr. Lynn Daft was awarded the honorary title "Doctor Honoris Causa" of Trakia University. Hopefully in the future Dr. Daft and "America for Bulgaria" Foundation with their experience and expertise will continue to be a partner of Trakia University.

THE PATENT TO THE PROJECT OF OUR ACADEMIC MEMBER

Prof. Dr. Şaban Gürcan who is an academican at Medical Faculty of Trakya University got approval for the patent without examination on January 6th, 2016 with "the device which monitors the changes of expiry date of the product" whose patent process was started in 2013.

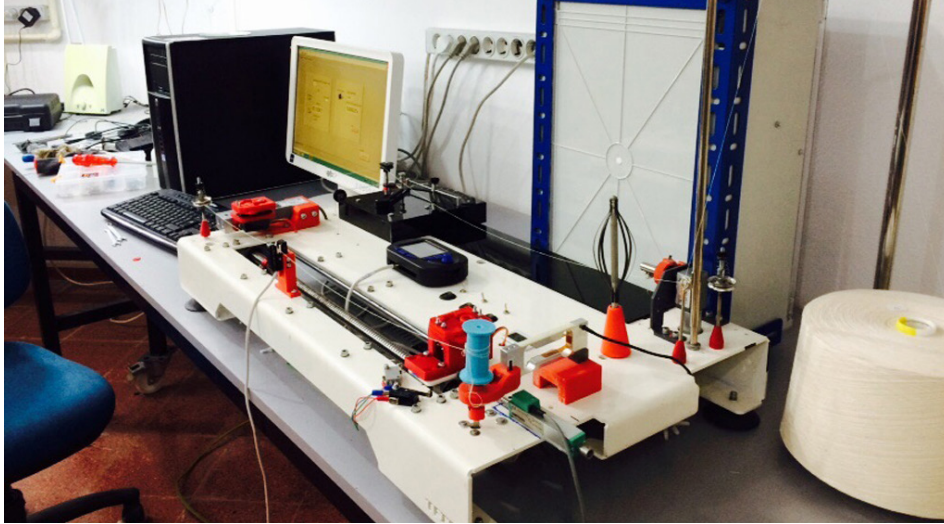
The project which has been presented under the consultancy of Istanbul Bahçeşehir College "Lucky" Robotics and Project Team of 7

students and our Professor has been deemed worthy of the world's number three in Germany, 2012. The device was designed for the products which have certain expiry dates in certain temperatures, also considered as a system which automatically resets the expiry date when the product was at unsuitable temperatures and gives information to the consumer by dynamically evaluating the changes related to the expiry date.



INNOVATIVE TEXTILE DEVICE

Dr. Özdemir Ay who is the academican at the Textile Department of Trakya University has produced a computer-controlled machine by transforming the four thread test device into one device for the use of students in the laboratory environment.

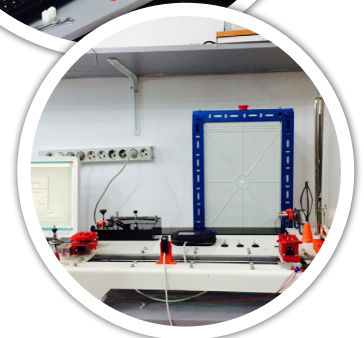


In the Project which was under the consultancy of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hilmi Kuşçu from Machine Engineering Department, Instructor Dr. Özdemir Ay has attained the success of transforming the four devices into one in the laboratories of many universities which will enable the Textile Companies, students of Textile Engineering and Textile Technician Departments to use this device for the quality control of thread and numbering experiments. In this work whose design

and development has been made by Dr. Özdemir Ay, software parts have been made by the academicians of Balıkesir University called Assist Prof. Dr. Raif Sakin and Instructor Akif Birol Dumanay.

The Test Device which totally includes Thread Endurance Test Device, Digital Yarn Spinning Meter, Thread Unevenness Test Device, Electronic Number Assignment for a Thread Test and will be launched to the market at low prices.

Furthermore, a computer programme has been written to control and run the Device. The Device makes a number assignment for a thread, yarn spinning assignment, endurance test for a thread, assignment for the stretching breakage of the thread, quality test for the thread unevenness and reports by entering the results.



We invite you to “International Symposiums” at Trakya University.

38th International Symposium of Excavations, Surveys and Archaeometry is going to be held on May 23rd - 27th, 2016 at Balkan Congress Centre in Edirne at Trakya University by Republic of Turkey Ministry of Culture and Tourism. The symposium, which is held continuously every year since 1979 in Turkey, is one of the most important international symposiums in the world. Archeological excavations, surveys and archaeometric works about findings gathered from these surveys of the scientists, who participated to the symposium from Turkey and abroad, will be presented.

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3RD INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES MUSEUMS CONFERENCE



3rd International Universities Museums Conference is going to be held on April 19th - 20th, 2016 at Complex of Sultan Bayezid II. Health Museum in Edirne by Trakya University. Universities from Turkey and abroad and the member Universities of Balkan Universities Association, who have a Museum under the body of themselves are expected to participate to the Conference in Edirne. By means of the Conference, it is aimed that University Museums will have a chance to introduce their exceptional museums in the Balkans.

UNIVERSI COLLEGE SAMPLE OF SUCCESS

With a magnificent ceremony, Universi College, the first nonpublic institution of sports in Kosovo, has celebrated the 10th anniversary of establishment, where have participated the founders of this high educated institution of Kosovo, ex-students and professors and lots of other guests.



First of all, prof. Mustafë Havolli gave a speech and addressed to all participants, expressing gratitude to all the professors, with whom he collectively has started the institution. Mr. Havolli, among others said that through the journey of the Universi College from the beginning of establishment till this moment where we are celebrating the 10th anniversary we have had some tough challenges, which have been faced thanks to the commitment, first of all to the management, and to all the professors and then of course to all the students as well.

Then he added, the rector of Universi College, dr. Dugagjin Sokoli, has the pleasure to greet and congrats all the participants in this anniversary, as well the graduated students. "In this special day for the Universi College, a day that will be marked for all you students, but for us as well, because together we are reaching a common goal - by saying goodbye to another successful

generation, in other hand you reaching the biggest goals of your lives - by graduating", said Mr. Sokoli, by giving this three advices to the students:

1. Do your jobs with collocation - one by one. During your ordinary jobs try to resist not to get confused from the environment, unknown voices, opinions and jobs of others. And get back to the job you always wanted to make it reality.

2. Spend most of your time listening. For a very long time, I have always thought that my values are shown by talking, but when i wasn't talking, then i got to listen what others had to say, but with the other part of my mind I have been thinking through the whole time what my answer will be.

3. Listen to yourself. It is very important to listen to yourself time after time. You need to have courage to follow your heart and your intuition. Your heart and your intuition knows the truth about what you want to become

in the future. Everything else is need to be put in secondary hand.

At the end, rector Sokoli said that Universi College will always be proud with you, your success will be our success, because you, everywhere you go, whatever your working, we are convinced and believe that you will do it with professionalism. With the knowledge you have gotten here, you will know to put it in practice. Our academic staff's commitment, to give you knowledge, and yours to get that knowledge are the best guarantee for your success in the future.

The Universi College Dean, dr. Abedin Bahtiri, said to the participants: " I feel honored to be here among you all and together with you today we celebrate the 10th anniversary establishment of Universi College and the graduation ceremony of students in four studying programs". Then he continued, The new Campus of College, with the beauty and his functionality amazed everyone and looked like oasis of hope for the Education and Sport. Year after year, the College was growing and rising everyday and more, and graduated students were finding jobs and reflecting that knowledge they have gotten here", Bahtiri continued by adding that, the Universi College goal in the future is, besides existing programs, to create conditions for the development of others programs as well.

In this ceremony with gratitude have been honored establishment-professors of College Universi: dr. Hysen Rakovica (post mortum), dr. Faik Çitaku, prof. Beqir Hasangjekaj, dr. Masar Nixha, dr. Enver Gjinolli dhe mr. Njazi Ukshini.

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