

## INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ON INNOVATIVE MARKETING



The Department of Marketing, Faculty of Business of the Aleksander Moisiu University, Durrës, organized the first International Scientific Conference in the field of Marketing Innovation entitled "Marketing Management and Transformation Model", on 24-25 February 2017.

The Department of Marketing, Faculty of Business is the first department who has organized an international scientific conference, wholly focused on marketing management.

This conference aimed to strengthen the relationship and to further expand its network of national and international cooperation between specialists in the field of marketing, academics, students of the Master of Science Doctoral agencies for marketing and all stakeholders in private or public sectors, who are operating in Marketing Management.

All marketing theories, policies and

strategies derived from them serving multiple connection created during these digital transformations, between institutions, businesses, consumers, all segments and target audiences.

In this conference were presented 106 papers, attended by 158 authors from different cities and countries, including England, the Netherlands, Italy, Turkey, Tunisia, Macedonia, Kosovo and from almost all public and private universities in Albania.

The conference was held in the New Campus of the AMU.



## THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY "ALEKSANDER MOISIU"



Aleksander Moisiu University opened its doors to students in the 2006-2007 academic years, aiming to "promote and develop critical and analytical thinking and a sense of responsibility and commitment to the human community, cultures, and different events and issues that concern the individual and the community". It was intended not just to open a new institution in the country, but a different institution, which would lead to better western academic experiences.

As a result of the institution's leaders it grew continuously in infrastructure, programs of study, but above all brought a new philosophy of work, based on international best practices.

Today, after 10 years, Aleksander Moisiu University gathered together on its 10th anniversary ceremony, lecturers, students, founders and leaders over the years; who have contributed to the establishment of this institution that currently numbers 18 thousand students in six faculties with 96 programs of study and 528 full-time and part-time professors.

In her welcome speech, the Rector of AMU, Prof. Dr. Kseanela Sotirofski expressed her attitude to the first Rector of AMU, Prof. Dr. Agim Kukeli, for the initiative taken.

Aleksander Moisiu University was awarded by the President of the Republic of Albania, His Highness Mr. Bujar Nishani, for the outstanding contribution that the university has given in the field of education, science and culture with the title, "Naim Frasheri".

## INSTITUTIONAL SELF EVALUATION REPORT

Aleksander Moisiu University went through the accreditation process, a process which began in June 2016 with the establishment of the working group for drafting the report of self-evaluation institutional, followed by several months of work on the collection of the documentation required by APAAL and design the draft report of the internal evaluation.

Institutional Self Evaluation Report presents an in-depth study of the institutional organization of AMU. Drafting of the report was carried out on the basis of State Quality Standards and SUE. This document has been prepared with input from all academic and administrative units in AMU. Interviews, focus groups, round tables and questionnaires comprise research methods used. Preparation of the self-evaluation report is scheduled Institutional Self Evaluation Group set up for this purpose with the contribution of students.

Collecting data for qualitative and quantitative approaches have been pursued top-down and bottom-up. Availability of evidence supporting the Institutional Self Evaluation Report produced in close cooperation horizontal hierarchical structures and components. Institutional Self Evaluation Group and faculty coordinators have held meetings to discuss progress weekly and daily assigned tasks. Also, Institutional evaluation team had constant communication with experts and trained APAAL of them dated 17/06/2016. Following the consultation meeting about the first draft of Institutional Self Evaluation Report, academic and administrative staff and students were given a week time to review the draft and send suggestive comments.

Institutional Self-Evaluation Report is compiled according to the guidelines of the Institutional Assessment Manual for Institutions of Higher Education in

Albania 2016-2017, organized in 5 areas of evaluation:

1. Organization and its Management
2. Resources
3. Curriculum
4. Teaching, Learning, Assessment and Research
5. Students and their support

On 19-20 September 2016 AMU was visited by external evaluation team composed of a group of experts, professors from British universities, who based on the study of the internal evaluation report and conducting interviews institutional working group, administrative and academic staff, students and graduates, developed and delivered in AMU External Evaluation Report. This report had a very positive feedback for AMU.

Currently, AMU is pending finalization of the accreditation after the approval by the Accreditation Council for Higher Education Institutions in Albania.

## THE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE "THE STATE, SOCIETY AND LAW: CHALLENGES OF DEMOCRACY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE" APRIL 29, 2017

The Faculty of Political Sciences and Law of Aleksandër Moisiu University of Durrës, in cooperation with Luarasi ltd University College, Tirana; Hasan Prishtina University, Faculty of Philosophy, Pristina, Kosovo; Institute of European Studies, Tirana; South Eastern European University, Tetovo, Macedonia; International University of Struga, Macedonia; Law Faculty, Ukshin Hoti University, Prizren, Kosovo; Centar University, Ulcinj, Montenegro; Tirana Business University; International Institutute for Private Commercial and Competition Law; Institute of Southeast European Studies; Center for International Relations and Balkan Studies, Tetovo, Macedonia and the Albanian Institute of the Development of Electoral System, Tirana are proud to announce the organization of the fifth international scientific conference "The

State, Society and Law: Challenges of Democracy and Good Governance". The vision and mission of this periodic activity is to promote research, discussion and critical thinking about issues related to the functioning of state and government, society and law as a connecting bridge in coordinating and good functioning of these elements in function of sustainable development and the challenges posed by this process. The main aim of the conference is to stimulate debate amongst academicians, experts, representatives of national and international organizations, regional government authorities and interest groups, etc., in order to present their most important findings for issues, problems, and processes of major interest, which are present in Albania, in the region and wider in the Southeast Europe. One of the main objectives of

this scientific activity is to identify and to share ideas and practical solutions based on scientific evidence that support the objectives of democracy and good governance, by orienting the process to harmonize the three key aspects that are good governance and the state, society and law. This activity provides an opportunity to bring together stakeholders from government, academia, national and international representatives, representatives from NGOs to share practical solutions towards achieving a sustainable and inclusive society. In order to give its contribution, AMU and its academic partners in Tirana, Pristina, Prizren, Tetovo and Ulcinj, will organize an international conference, whose presentations will subject of public debate, the media and further more of the professional publication in the scientific journal of AMU.

## ABOUT US

Aleksandër Moisiu University in Durrës was established by the Council of Ministers Decision No. 801 dated on 20.12.2005 and is one of eleven public universities in Albania. When the University opened its doors in the 2006-2007 academic years, one thousand of students from across the country started their studies. Today in the 10th year of its academic life, Aleksandër Moisiu University has about 18,000 students and six main units such as: Faculty of Business, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Information Technology, Faculty of Political Juridical Sciences, Faculty of Professional Studies, and Faculty of Integrated Studies with Practice (FASTIP). This institution is based in the best western academic experiences. The students are in the center of attention in all activities and services provided. The degrees are offered in two languages (Albanian and English) and the evaluation system is presented according to the European credit transfer system ECTS and the American Credit System to

create easy redability, the transfer and continuation of undergraduate studies at other universities within and outside the country. UAMD can play a crucial role in student exchange form Albania to other countries and vice versa. Albanian students can have period of studies in any European countries as they are very familiar to the English language. In the same time the UAMD offers a good environment for foreign students. In the other hand the courses of at the Faculty of Integrated Studies with Practice, which is a unique one in the Albanian Higher Education System, are held in English Language with international professors. This faculty can host professors that can come to teach in different period of the academic year. Also the students of Doctorate Studies can go for research of their thesis abroad. Moreover with the building of the new university Campus our university can host foreign students.

In the framework of integration in the European Area of Higher Education, as described in the Bologna Card

(charter), Aleksander Moisiu University has in spotlight the institutional participation in joint projects that offers the European Union in the field of Higher Education. So far the University is a partner in eight "Tempus" projects of the European Union, alongside with other Western and regional universities, projects which focus on the reform and consolidation of higher education in the Balkan countries. Furthermore we are partner in the Capacity building and many Credit Mobility of Erasmus+ programme.



## INTERNATIONAL BALKAN UNIVERSITY



International Balkan University is established in the heart of Balkans, in Skopje, in 2006, with the mission to build bridges of cooperation and brotherhood between the different nations and cultures in the Balkan region, as well as offer modern and qualitative education to the younger generations in the spirit of our motto - we educate the leaders of tomorrow. IBU is a foundation, non-profitable university, one of its kind in the Republic of Macedonia. IBU is a gathering point for students from all over the region, including Turkey. This makes IBU a multinational and multicultural institution. If we add the fact that IBU is an English speaking, teaching and learning medium, then we can conclude that the epithet "international" fits our University the best.

Recognized and accredited by the Board of Accreditation and Evaluation of the Higher Education of the Republic of Macedonia and the Council for Higher Education of the Republic of Turkey, IBU conducts its educational process with 19 undergraduate and 11 graduate programs. Since 2013, IBU is also enlisted in the ÖSYS Booklet, an exclusive opportunity for Turkish students to easily enroll at IBU.

With more than 150 bilateral, Erasmus+ and Mevlana agreements and protocols of cooperation, IBU offers outstanding opportunities for mobility and international experience to its students and staff. On the other hand, the close and intensive cooperation with the business world provides our students tremendous chances for practical training, internship and jobs after their graduation.

In the light of the vision of our founders, we are committed to continue our growth as one of the most prominent universities in the Balkan region and beyond.

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

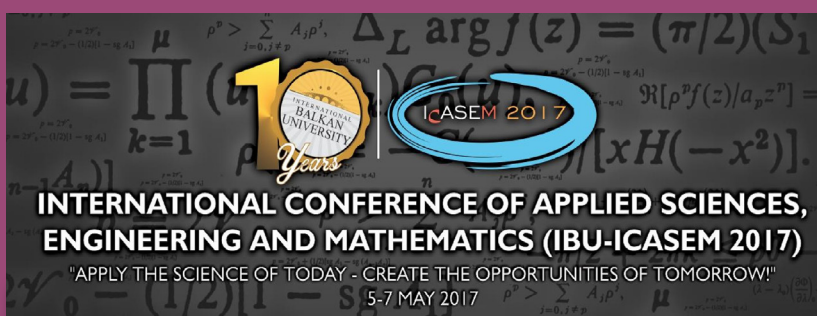
(IBU-ICSSH2017) Skopje, 12-14 May 2017



International Balkan University in partnership with 15 universities from various countries is organizing the 2nd International Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities (IBU-ICSSH2017) in Skopje on 12-14 May 2017. We make a concerted effort to provide participants with opportunities to interact and seek new directions in the broad area of topics, but are not limited to: Political Sciences, International Relations, Education, Communications, Management, Business, Economics, Philology, Psychology, Legal Studies, History and Arts. For more information, visit our website: [www.icssh.ibu.edu.mk](http://www.icssh.ibu.edu.mk)

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON APPLIED SCIENCES, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS

(IBU-ICASEM2017) Struga-Ohrid, 5-7 May 2017



International Balkan University in partnership with 15 universities from various countries is organizing the International Conference on Applied Sciences, Engineering and Mathematics (IBU-ICASEM2017) in Struga and Ohrid on 5-7 May 2017. The proposed wide areas of themes acts motivating for further research activities, at the same time encouraging the prospective collaboration among academics, researchers and industry. The participants are encouraged to select one of the areas listed below, but not limited to: Mathematics, education and application; Protein engineering; Industrial Engineering, Electrical and electronics engineering; Computer and communication engineering; Chemistry, chemical and environmental engineering; Architecture and Civil engineering. For more information, visit our website: [www.icasem2017.ibu.edu.mk](http://www.icasem2017.ibu.edu.mk)

## INTERNATIONAL VISION UNIVERSITY CELEBRATED ITS SECOND ANNIVERSARY



On the occasion of the 2nd anniversary of the International VISION University, 50th anniversary of the municipal secondary school "Gostivar" and the 21st of December-Day of the Education in Turkish Language in Macedonia, a solemn ceremony was hosted by IVU.

The celebration was attended by directors of municipality schools, mayors, ministers, MPs, professors from the country and abroad, representatives of various institutions and organizations and citizens of Gostivar.



## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PSYCHOLOGY AT INTERNATIONAL VISION UNIVERSITY



International Conference on Psychological Counseling and Guidance was held at International VISION University. In the conference frame, Professor of Psychological Counseling and Guidance and Dean of the Yıldız Technical University Prof. Mehmet Engin DENİZ, PhD shared important information with participants.

Rector of the International VISION University, Prof. Fadil HOCA, university administration and students participated to the conference.

Since its establishment, International VISION University, continuously organizes conferences, which are often attended by important speakers.

# INTERNATIONAL VISION UNIVERSITY HOSTED A CEREMONY FOR AWARDING THE BEST STUDENTS



International VISION University awarded best students in the past academic year 2015/2016 granting scholarship to study in 2016/2017 academic year, and Certificates of recognition for outstanding contribution in the academic year 2015/2016. Scholarships were awarded by the Rector, Prof. Fadil HOCA, PhD and certificates for outstanding contribution were awarded by the Vice-Rector Prof. Abdülmecit NUREDİN, PhD.

The Rector congratulated the students and appointed that the University has always strived to give support and to reward the best students, while announcing that this event will be traditionally held each year.

While presenting the awards for outstanding contributions as a student in the academic 2015/2016 the Vice-Rector prof. Abdülmecit NUREDİN, PhD added that these students will be entitled to participate in seminars and conferences that will be organized by the University.



## ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

**With over 240 years of prominent history, a contemporary education environment and distinguished academic staff, Istanbul Technical University (İTÜ) is renowned in Turkey with its engineering and architecture education.**



İTÜ was established in 1773, during the time of the Ottoman Sultan Mustafa III. under its original name "Muhendishane-i Bahr-i Humayun". Since then, İTÜ has undertaken the leadership in the Ottoman Empire reformation movements and had invaluable influence on the reconstruction, modernization and administration of our nation during the Republican Period of Turkey. Engineers and architects graduated from İTÜ had devoted tremendous effort on building the infrastructure in the cities and villages of Turkey via bridges, factories, buildings, power plants, telecommunication networks. Today,

İTÜ has its signature under numerous first and unique projects of Turkey. First cube satellite, first electrical minibus, first hydrogen propelled boat, first unmanned automobile, first national computer, first television broadcast are realized by İTÜ and first university radio is established by İTÜ.

İTÜ is a worldwide known benchmark for engineering and architecture education with its esteemed historical background, modern education and prominent academic body. In Turkey, only İTÜ graduates have the eligibility to take the "Fundamentals of Engineering" and "Professional of Engineering" exams which have global recognition

and are American-based. İTÜ is not only distinguished by its technical education but also consolidated its academic existence by its undergraduate and postgraduate education in art and economics.

İTÜ is a state university that defines the professions of engineering and architecture in Turkey by providing a modern education environment while possessing its conventional structure. İTÜ educates pioneers in engineering and architecture not only well-known at national but also at international scale with their strong international ties.

# A SUSTAINABLE AND UNIQUE WATER STRATEGY MODEL: HİDROTÜRK

A project presentation meeting was held at the Ayazağa Campus to introduce The Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs General Directorate of Water Management and İTUNOVA TTO's project "Hidrotürk" which was developed as a model unique to our country in order to develop water quality and ecological models. A large number of guests attended the meeting including our Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Karaca, our Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ali Fuat Aydın, İTUDepartment of Civil Engineering 1980 graduate and General Director of Water Management, Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs Prof. Dr. Cumali Kınacı, and İTUNOVA TTO General Manager Dr Ercan Çitil.

The project basically aims to create a specific model of its own water quality or ecology modules, taking advantage of hydrology as a decision-making tool for water management and ensuring that it is in accordance with the conditions of our country, in accordance with international standards, uses open source code and interface, and is applicable to the basin or sub-basin scale. The target, within the scope of Hidrotürk, is to test the project model, prepare software and verify by basin-based applications. The project is expected to progress as follows: introduction to modeling, basic training in hydrology, water quality, and ecology, the present case of hydrology used in other countries, determination of the limits of water quality and ecological models, basin-based implementation, integration of the resulting model into national information systems, and lastly, model training.

Prof. Dr. Mehmet Karaca: "Our responsibility will be our motivation"

Prof. Dr. Veysel Eroğlu, Department of Civil Engineering 1971 graduate and Minister of Forestry and Water Affairs addressed the participants in a telegraph, wishing the project success, noting the importance of the development of

Turkey's own hydrological, water quality and ecological modeling tools in order for water resources to be sustainable. Our Rector, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Karaca, who gave the opening speech of the program, stated that the first phase of the national water strategy had moved beyond the imagination stage. Dr Karaca stated that, as with everything else, if there were no dreams in an area, it would not be possible to have this dream realized, that Hidrotürk is a work that requires great responsibility and that this responsibility will be a source of motivation at the same time.

Prof. Dr. Cumali Kınacı: "We need a unique model that reflects Turkey's

point."

Among the people behind the scenes of the study, Hidrotürk manager and our Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ali Fuat Aydın conveyed the great significance of the work to the participants noting that the project was a turning point in the modeling process of water resources in our country. Dr Aydın said of the project which involves 20 experts from 7 universities coming together with a common goal of developing the most appropriate water strategy model that they began with the question: "Why do we need a model?" The Vice Rector reminded us that in modeling studies in situ detection of the environmental

effects of reactions is very costly and time consuming emphasizing that it is not possible to transport any water environment into a laboratory environment. Pointing out that this increases the importance of modelling even more, Dr Aydın said the following: "Models provide the advantages of determining the

most appropriate options for solving environmental problems, saving time and money, providing better analysis of different scenarios and environmental risks, allowing a better understanding of operation in system and natural processes and in accordance with these factors, in light of the correct predictions to be made for future scenarios, leading to various plans for sustainable development."

İTUNOVA TTO General Manager and Hidrotürk Project Coordinator Dr Ercan Çitil said that he believed they will achieve success in this extremely important and ambitious project and that thanks to high-tech tools, in this regard, Turkey will close the gap between itself and the world. Dr Çitil added that they regarded Hidrotürk as a work that can continue beyond the 3 year project and that they were open to providing every contribution in this process.



conditions."

Among those attending the presentation, Director General of Water Management, Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs, Prof Dr. Cumali Kınacı began by discussing the fact that even though the water resources of the world are limited, demand for these resources is constantly increasing, noting the need for a unique model to ensure that the water resources available in our country are protected and used in the most efficient way. Dr Kınacı declared that it would improve capacity if a model would be developed that takes into account the needs of our country in terms of basic functions, reflecting the conditions in Turkey stating "A model for sustainable water management is indispensable. Despite having previous marketing models in Turkey, these models were never used because they are not open-code. We need to make further improvements at this



## 90 ERASMUS+ STUDENTS FROM 16 COUNTRIES AND 54 EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES WERE RECEIVED BY THE NKUA



February 6, 2017: the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens welcomed 90 students, who will study at the NKUA during the spring semester of the academic year 2016-17 through the ERASMUS+ European programme. For the current year, the NKUA counts 615 ERASMUS+ agreements, through which it cooperates with 316 Universities. Let it be noted that 2017 is the 30th anniversary of the start of ERASMUS and the occasion will

be celebrated with many events throughout Europe. According to the records of the Department of European and International Relations of the NKUA, during the programme's 30 years (1987-2017) about 5,000 students from European Institutions have studied at the NKUA, whereas 13,000 students from the NKUA have been accepted for studies and traineeships by Institutions and receiving organizations of all European countries.

## NATIONAL AND KAPODISTRIAN UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS



The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens celebrates this year its 180-year anniversary since its foundation (inaugurated on 3rd May 1837) and the new University logo has been announced.

A number of events have already taken place from the beginning of 2017 and many others are planned for the forthcoming months to celebrate the contribution of the University to the society, to culture, arts and sports since its foundation, to highlight the University's with national and international social and cultural institutions, as well as to honor its benefactors/donors through time.

## NEW MBA PROGRAM

New MBA Program series! Launch of a new Master in Business Administration Program, with specialization in Internal Audit.

<http://www.ddomo-ia.econ.uoa.gr>

## New English-speaking master programs at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

### A MASTER'S DEGREE IN ARCHAEOLOGY!

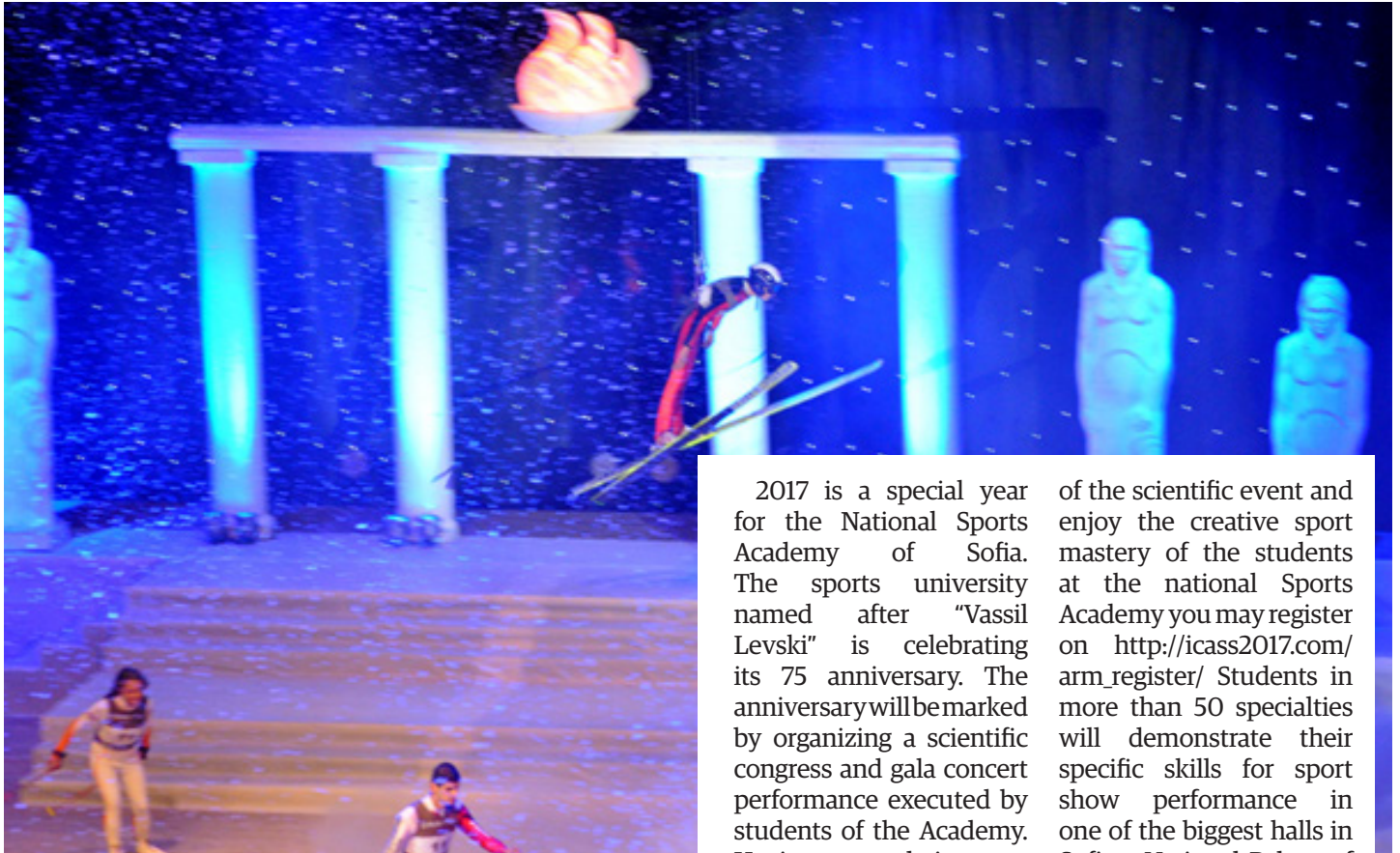
A one-year Master's program taught in English, devoted to the advanced study of the archaeology of Greece, the wider area of the Aegean, Cyprus and the Eastern Mediterranean, including Mesopotamia.

<http://meditarch.arch.uoa.gr/site/meditarch>



## “VASSIL LEVSKI” IS CELEBRATING ITS 75 ANNIVERSARY

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Both events will be held in the period 30 November - 02 December 2017. The International scientific congress “Applied sports sciences” has the ambitious aim to bring together most respected sports researchers from different countries and research institutions. If you would like to be part

of the scientific event and enjoy the creative sport mastery of the students at the national Sports Academy you may register on [http://icass2017.com/arm\\_register/](http://icass2017.com/arm_register/) Students in more than 50 specialties will demonstrate their specific skills for sport show performance in one of the biggest halls in Sofia - National Palace of Culture.

Having so long and traditional cooperation relations in academic fields on the Balkans and having established this long needed regional umbrella association - Balkan Universities Association on the initiative of Trakya University - Edirne, we take the occasion to invite all interested colleagues working in sport and sport related topics to present their research results at the forthcoming congress in Sofia, Bulgaria.

We wait you in Sofia, the National Sports Academy for our congress event!

## OVIDIUS UNIVERSITY OF CONSTANTA VISITED BY HIGH US DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICIALS



Hoyt Brian Yee (left) and Professor Sorin Rugină (right) during the discussions with the students.

Ovidius University of Constanta was visited on February 23, 2017 by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, Hoyt Brian Yee. Mr. Yee is currently responsible for U.S. relations with the countries of Central and South Central Europe, previously, being Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Zagreb, Croatia from 2010 to 2013, Consul General in Thessaloniki, Greece, from 2006-2009, and Principal Officer in Podgorica, Montenegro from 2002 to 2005.

The high US foreign affairs official discussed with the managerial team of Ovidius University of Constanta the ways in which the strategic partnership between the US and Romania can be expanded in the fields of higher education and research. The support of the US Embassy for the Ovidius University American Corner, the involvement of the Romanian-US Fulbright Commission

in the exchanges of students and scholars, and the support of the Romanian-American Foundation for entrepreneurial education at Ovidius were evoked during the discussions.



Rector Sorin Rugină (left) offering Hoyt Brian Yee (right) a painting of Publius Ovidius Naso

During the visit, Hoyt Brian Yee spoke to the students and academic staff gathered in the aula of Ovidius University of Constanta about the US-Romania strategic partnership, focusing on three main issues: joint security, common prosperity and the respect for the rule of law. The introductory remarks were followed by a session of questions and answers with the students and the press.

Evoking the celebration in 2017, in Constanta of the Publius Ovidius Naso year Professor Sorin Rugină, the Rector of Ovidius University of Constanta offered the high US official a diploma of excellence and a painting representing the Roman poet who died in exile in ancient Tomis, 2000 years ago.

### Italian delegation from Sulmona visiting Constanta on the occasion of the Ovidius Year

On March 4, the Rector of the Ovidius University of Constanta, Professor Sorin Rugină, received the visit of the delegation headed by the Mayor of Sulmona, Italy, Ms. Annamaria Casini. The Italian delegation comprised representatives of the business community of Sulmona, Katia Di Marzio, the director of Ovidio Classical Lyceum in Sulmona, Caterina Fantauzzi, the architect, Professor Raffaele Giannantonio, and it was accompanied by the Mayor of Ovidiu, Romania, Mr. George Scupra, the principal of George Calinescu High School in Constanta, Ms. Elena Crăcea. The Italian delegation was visiting Romania to sign a twinning agreement between the cities of Sulmona and Ovidiu, at the invitation of the Mayor of Ovidiu.

The meeting focused on the Ovidian Bimillennium, as in 2017, the Ovidius Year, we commemorate 2060 years from the birth and 2000 years from the death of Ovid, the Roman poet Publius Ovidius Naso, exiled by Emperor Octavian Augustus to Tomis, Constanta of nowadays, Romania. Both parties emphasized the need to strengthen the ties between two points on the world map that marked the life of Ovidius, Sulmona and Constanta, and to jointly organize a series of future cultural and scientific events. The Rector of the university presented the plans for the Ovidian Bimillennium celebrations that will start in the second half of March and the Mayor of Sulmona invited Ovidius University officials to attend the events dedicated to Ovid, in Sulmona, in April of this year.

After the discussions, and the visit of the university campuses, the Italian delegation expressed the appreciation for the way Ovid's symbols are integrated in the life of the only higher education institution in the world bearing the name of the poet of love and exile.



## OVIDIUS UNIVERSITY OF CONSTANTA ACADEMICS TRAINED IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AT UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

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Professor Mihai Girtu (left) and Assistant Professor Costin Șorici (right) at the White House.

An assistant professor from Ovidius University of Constanta won a Romanian-American Foundation Young Scholar Award, dedicated to Romanian academics from technical universities and faculties interested in entrepreneurship. Dr. Costin Octavian Șorici is one of the six winners of the award, who completed in December 2016 a semester-long fellowship in

residence at the University of Rochester - AIN Center for Entrepreneurship, studying and performing independent research, curriculum development, classroom observation, and participating in community-based entrepreneurial activities. At the end of the semester, top university administrators joined the young scholars to observe an active and successful entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Ovidius University was represented by Professor Mihai Girtu, Vice-Rector for research and innovation.

In Rochester, the Romanian academics visited the AIN Center for Entrepreneurship, talking to university officials, as well as former deans in charge of implementing a cross campus entrepreneurial approach to education and research. The visit continued in Washington DC, at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, the office hosting the Small Business Innovation Research Program, at the Department of State, the Office of the Science and Technology Adviser, and the White House/Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the Office of Science and Technology Policy. Extensive discussions on how the Romanian authorities could support entrepreneurship in universities were held during the visit at the Romanian Embassy in Washington DC.

Building on the expertise already gained, the Ovidius University of Constanta is now in the process of drafting a strategy for a cross campus entrepreneurial approach. New measures and the suitable policies are designed in partnership with Junior Achievement Romania, with financial support from the Romanian-American Foundation.

# NEW CORPUS AT KONSTANTIN PRESLEVSKY UNIVERSITY OF SHUMEN



Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen opened a new building. The ceremony took place on the 19th September 2016 when was the ceremony about the beginning of the new academic 2016-2017 year. The Corpus was opened by Prof. Dr. Habil Georgi Kolev, PhD - Rector of Shumen University, Mr Fikret Ince - Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Alcomet AD and a member of the Shumen University Board and Mr Teodor Marinov - Head of the Digitalized Production and Process Industries Department at Siemens

Bulgaria.

The new equipment will be used by students and the academic staff from Communication and Computer Technologies and National Security majors.

There is a Situation Center for Crisis Management and Disaster where students from National Security Major will solve problems related to overcoming natural disasters, accidents, fires and terrorist threats. There is also Programming of Siemens-Controllers Centre where students will

learn to program controllers for digital programming machines in modern manufacturing units, in logistics centers and small businesses. Siemens Company made a donation of 22,000 BGN for the equipment consisting of 6 controllers from the Simatic Series for enhancing the controllers` environment. The corpus itself was built by Shumen University. The rest of the equipment was financed by the Faculty of Technical Sciences.

This year the Faculty of Technical Sciences at Shumen University has a 10th Years Anniversary.

## THE OLDEST LITERATURE COMPETITION

Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen organizes the oldest literature competition for students in Bulgaria that will be held between 19-21 May in Shumen. It is its 40th edition.

Students from all Bulgarian Universities may apply and participate in the contest. The literature competition program includes three

areas - poetry, fiction and criticism (journalism and journalism). The Grand Prize of the Competition is a book that will be published by Konstantin Preslavsky University Press.

The deadline for registration is 12th May, 2017. The applicants may register at [litkonkurs.shu.bg](http://litkonkurs.shu.bg). The awards will be announced on May, 21st.



## SHORT INFORMATION ABOUT ST. CYRIL AND ST. METHODIUS UNIVERSITY OF VELIKO TURNOVO

St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Turnovo was established in 1963 as the Brothers



Cyril and Methodius Higher Institute of Education. Officially it is proclaimed as a second Bulgarian University on October 14, 1971.

Currently the training in the university is provided by nine faculties: Faculty of Modern Languages, Faculty of History, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics, Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Philosophy and Faculty of Orthodox Theology; a branch college in the town of Vratsa and a Pedagogical college in the town of Pleven.

The total number of students is about 11 000 from Bulgaria and abroad. Bachelor's degree is acquired in 63 degree courses, Master's degree - in 103 degree courses, and PhD - in more than 50 degree courses.

The University of Veliko Turnovo is a respected and preferred partner by academic institutions across Europe, the United States, Africa and Asia. The University maintains active contacts

with lots of higher institutions all over the world and has more than 100 agreements for direct bilateral cooperation.

Within the framework of Erasmus + programme the University has more than 300 agreements for academic mobility and research with universities from all European Union countries.

One of the most significant international programmes that the University of Veliko Turnovo has established and actively supports is the annual International Summer



Seminar in Bulgarian Language and Culture. Over the years these seminars have been attended by hundreds of students, teachers, scholars, journalists, among others, from five continents. The one-month study program includes an intensive course in Bulgarian for the different language proficiency levels. The majority of those who study Bulgarian use the language in their scholarly research or for business purposes. The participants in the summer seminars have the opportunity to attend daily lectures on a variety of topics connected with

Bulgarian language, literature, history, and artistic movements.

The university complex includes the main campus, ceremonial hall (aula) of 500 seats and study buildings, the central library, a sports centre, student dining hall, dormitories, plus three campuses in the centre of Veliko Turnovo with libraries, student dining halls and dormitories.

The University of Veliko Turnovo is located in a peaceful and romantic town which combines historical grandeur and unique beauty, values and traditions. The history of the Second Bulgarian State began here when the city was the capital of Medieval Bulgaria, in a time when knowledge and culture reached their peak. Today Veliko Turnovo has a leading position in the Bulgarian academic and cultural life.

In the beginning of 21st century the University of Veliko Turnovo is the largest Bulgarian university outside the capital and it is a highly-respected centre for humanities and arts, maintaining a wide range of international contacts and enjoying both a national and international reputation.



### GOVERNING BODY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VELIKO TURNOVO:

Prof. Hristo Bondzholov, PhD - Rector

Prof. Stoyan Burov, Dr. Habil - Vice-rector for Academic Affairs

Assoc. Prof. Dimitar Dimitrov, PhD - Vice-rector for International Relations

Prof. Rozaliya Kuzmanova-Kartalova, PhD - Vice-rector for Quality Management and Accreditation

Oleg Bozhanov - Head of Administrative Staff

## UT ORGANIZED A SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE TITLED: “LIFE, DEEDS AND HUMANITY SAINT MOTHER TERESA”

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“Life, deeds and humanity of Saint Mother Teresa”. These activities were declared open by the Rector of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti. He, on this occasion, in the presence of the attendees said that in our university we have organized countless events and activities of educational and research nature, we have marked various anniversaries of our national history, we have inaugurated publications, magazines and works of important, national and international eminent personalities, but today, as never before, we feel happy and proud that our University officially begins activities dedicated to Mother Teresa's canonization, the Nobel Prize winner, Albanian saint, the

greatest humanist world has ever known. “University of Tetova, the most important center of education and science of the Albanians of Macedonia, has remembered and honored for years the worthiest representatives of our nation, all those who represent the unique values of the Albanian nation, such as education, science and culture.

Therefore today, on behalf of the University of Tetova I welcome you to this magnificent ceremony at the solemn opening of the exhibition of Prof. Dr. Miftar Memeti, dedicated to Mother Teresa, a project that afterwards will continue the proceedings of the scientific conference titled: “Life, deeds and humanity of Mother Teresa”. Year 2016, the year of Ismail Kadare,

the genius of Albanian literature, Adem Demaçi, the symbol of Albanian resistance, Rexhep Qosja, academician and colossus of Albanian literature and many other personalities, culminated on September 4 with the canonization of Mother Teresa, at the Holy See in the Vatican. This decision was and will remain the greatest honor that His Holiness, Pope Francisco made to the Albanian nation and the entire humanity. By canonizing her, the Holy See eternized the boundless humanity of Mother Teresa, the Albanian humanist, the polite and good woman that was always near the destitute, the sick, the elderly and orphans", said Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti.

He also added that the canonization of Mother Teresa immortalized her colossal personality's values, the saint that lived among people, who taught them of generosity, patience, charity, compassion, mercy and altruism. "We Albanians are fortunate to belong to Mother Teresa's nation, who she represented with her values and virtues that today the whole world recognizes. Great successes of every civilization are always carried out by a small number of the brightest minds. They synthesize all the efforts of a race, a nation, of a certain age. Mother Teresa embodies a typical example of civilization and humanity of her century, as a universal genius, Albanian and global, earthly and heavenly.

The author of the exhibition, also the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Dr. Miftar Memeti said that in the project, Mosaic dedicated to Mother Teresa's personality have participated a large number of artists. "The idea of this project began in February of this year and it was begun to come true by 56



artists, colleagues of the Faculty of Arts and with students who have graduated from this faculty, but who are active in their artistic creativity", said Prof. Dr. Miftar Memeti.

In the meantime, Mother Teresa's biographer, Don Lush Gjergji, commenting on the work of the painter Miftar Memeti and the organization of scientific conference dedicated to Mother Teresa, before the audience cited three principles that guided and inspired St. Teresa. "Mother Teresa has represented us while she was among us, before the whole world and we have felt happy at climactic moments, such as the Nobel Peace Prize on December 10, 1979, when she publicly declared: "My Albanian people is in my heart, I pray God for His peace to reach to our families, to our nation and the world, I pray God for my poor and for me, I pray You", it were more than twelve hundred journalists from around the world, she read it in Albanian, translated it into English and she gave it to me in front of everyone and I keep it as a spiritual treasure of her. I want to mention only three principles that have inspired

and led Mother Teresa, the first principle is without love and sacrifice life is nothing, the second principle is, only love will save the world, and its third principle was deeds of love are deeds of peace", said Don Lush Gjergji.

On the Mosaic also spoke Doc. Dr. Mixhait Pollozhani, who praised the most creative moment of the realization of this project lies in the combination of modernity with postmodernity and fitting of minipaintings of the megaportrait. "By linking the artistic process with different stylistic experiences, and by bringing together: himself, his colleagues, his work and the public, the painter Miftar Memeti this time in a more transparent way has established the coherence: the traditional and the contemporary, the rational with irrational. Thereby, once again has artistically coded the portrait of Saint Mother Teresa. Saint Mother Teresa's personality itself constitutes an artistic Pop Art subject. Whereas the assembling of the portrait and launching of accompanying exhibitions contain elements of performance", said Doc. Dr. Mixhait Pollozhani. At the conference titled: "Life, deeds and humanity of Saint Mother Teresa", the Rector of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti presented his paper titled: "St. Teresa from Skopje - the cult of the modern incarnation of all universal human values", while the personal companion of Mother Teresa for two decades, Msgr. Dr. Leo-M. Maasburg presented his paper entitled: "St. Teresa, an icon of mercy", where he spoke about her personality and values, adding that Mother Teresa was an example of humanity worldwide.

The conference dedicated to Mother Teresa was also attended by Bishop of Kosovo, Dodë Gjergji, and many other personalities.



## EUROPEAN ACCREDITATION OF THE FACULTY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE



TRAKIA UNIVERSITY, Stara Zagora, Bulgaria is an autonomous state institution, established in 1995. Teaching and research activities play central role in our mission of being a diverse, vibrant and inspirational learning environment; and sharing benefits of research and innovation. Trakia University is accredited with a very high score 9.27 (out of maximum 10) by the National Agency for Assessment and Accreditation in Bulgaria authority to educate in the ECL "Bachelor" and "Master" as well as educational and scientific degree Doctor.

Within our structure are successfully operating: Faculty of Agriculture with Training experimental station, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine with Clinics, Faculty of Medicine with University Hospital, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Engineering and Technology in the town of Yambol, Medical College in Stara Zagora, Department for information in-service teacher training, and University branch in the town of Haskovo.

In 2015 the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine with Clinics successfully completed the process of evaluation and accreditation by the European Committee of Veterinary Education

- ECOVE, mandated by the parent organizations EAEVE (European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education) and FVE (Federation of Veterinarians of Europe) to act as final arbiter in the European System of Evaluation of Veterinary Training (ESEVT). Thus the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine is acknowledged for its highest standard of achievement for veterinary medical education in Bulgaria, which confirms our commitment to quality and continuous improvement through a rigorous and comprehensive peer review.

The number of our academic staff is 573, of which 99 professors and 175 associated professors. The total overall number of our students is 9688, including 4804 full-time students, 2836 part-time students, 412 foreign students from 31 countries and 71 PhD students. Scientific research is carried out in 124 research laboratories located within our different departments. The information services of students and teachers are provided by the University Library and Information Centre, with over 400,000 volumes specialized literature and periodicals. Different libraries have national and international book exchange with 35 countries and

108 universities, on-line databases and access to the Internet.

Through the years our University has set up several forms of collaboration with stakeholders at regional, national and international level to create synergy from complementary knowledge, skills and resources, and its unique value in providing real solutions and tangible responses to support community development. We are recognized as reliable partner in the European funded projects, working on projects in diverse thematic areas - economics and social sciences, agriculture, human and veterinary medicine. Our institution is active both as coordinator and partner in several European projects such as: Leonardo da Vinci - DUKOM, ADEM; Framework Programs Projects (FP6, FP7), Horizon 2020, REACT, RECSSES, "Royal Society Projects", programs for young scientists and PhD students.



## A FIRST IN THE WORLD FROM TRAKYA UNIVERSITY: AUTISM UNDERWATER CERAMIC EXHIBITION/ BOUGH TO BLUE LIGHT

**Autism Underwater Ceramic Exhibition which is organized by Trakya University Underwater Club and Special Education Club is waiting for its diver visitors.**



The ceramic works of the individuals with autism spectrum disorders were placed to the plane trees in the diving area of "Submerged City" (this area was called with this name since it submerged in Gölçük Earthquake- 1999.

The individuals with autism spectrum disorders in the project prepared the sculptures such as fish, starfish, seahorse and leaves at Trakya University Armağan Dönertaş Education, Rehabilitation and Research Center for Disabled Children under the leadership of Ceramic Teacher, Nail Yurdusev in a month.

The sculptures were placed underwater by Assist Prof. Dr. Anıl ÖZYURT (Academic Supervisor of Underwater Club), Murat Kulakaç (President of Değirmendere Underwater Club), Assist Prof. Dr. Dilber Tezel, Koray Taş, Ali Korkmaz, Erçin Taşkın, Oğuz Kandemir ve Turan Dinler and an exhibition area was created.

The exhibition which was held with the support of Trakya University Rectorate started doing something new in the world by combining autism and underwater.

Prof.Dr. Erhan TABAKOĞLU, Rector of Trakya University, expressed his thoughts about the project like that "We remembered the earthquake, our submerged houses and lives and the precious self-crafted materials of our children with autism spectrum disorders were exhibited underwater. I would like to thank you everyone for their efforts for this exhibition which

includes too much sentimental message in itself". Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Osman Nuri HATİPOĞLU also said that "I would like to thank warmly to everyone who contributed to this original project and combined the terms such as autism, Education, Trakya University, Underwater Club, Armağan Dönertaş, underwater exhibition.



## WINTER MEETING OF THE PROJECT NAMED “FOUR SEASONS IN EDİRNE FROM THE BRUSHES OF BALKAN PAINTERS”



“Painting Exhibition” was held on March 3rd, 2017 in Balkan Congress Centre after the “Winter Meeting” workshop named “Four Seasons in Edirne from the Brushes of Balkan Painters” by Balkan Culture, Art, Education and Advertisement Association (BAKUSET) within the body of Trakya University came to the conclusion.

The President of BAKUSET, Salih Şenol stated that 11 painters from Balkans and 5 painters from Trakya University revived this event with their performances; they presented and reflected Edirne, which is a source of inspiration for the art and artists with its rich cultural and historic fabric, for your tastes. He also thanked the artists for their efforts.

The painter, Katerina Diyardeyla pointed out in his speech that Edirne became a source of inspiration for them with its architectural richness and they desired to make new exhibitions in Edirne.

The exhibition was opened after the speeches was over and the painters took their “Participation Certificate” by protocol.



## BALKAN WORKSHOP: A WORKSHOP ON EDUCATION, PRESS AND RELIGION OF TURKS OF WESTERN THRACE

**The “Balkan Workshop: Education, Press and Religious Situations of Western Thrace Turks” which was organized by Trakya University Balkan Research Institute was held on 25 February 2017 at the Balkan Congress Center.**



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Research Institute was held on 25 February 2017 at the Balkan Congress Center.

The program started with the stand

in silence and the National Anthem, continued with the opening speech of Assist.Prof. Bülent AKYAY, Director of Balkan Research Institute. Assist.Prof. Bülent AKYAY stated in his speech that there are some articles about the purposes of the institute which aim to provide a better understanding of the political, economic, cultural and social structures of Balkan Countries with scientific researches and studies and eliminate the deficiencies in academic studies on Balkan researches in Turkey.

Our Rector Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu thanked to the participants in his speech. Apart from the universal values and location of Trakya University, he also stated that it is a university that sees and observes scientific progress in Balkan geography. Our Rector said that our University has a mission to understand Balkans and the geography that we are in clearly. He also indicated the importance of Balkan Institute in this sense. He stated that Trakya University has the first Balkan Institute in Turkey and would like to perform his duty by speeding up the studies to be done in this field. He added that this meeting will be a significant contribution to the studies in this field.

### THE 9TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES FOR THE INDEPENDENCE DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO

The 9th Anniversary Celebration of the Independence of the Republic of Kosovo was held at the Balkan Congress Center on February 26, 2017 by Trakya University, Governor of Edirne, Municipality of Edirne and Association for the Assistance and



Solidarity of Kosovar Students.

The play named “Kosovo” by İnce Mizansen was performed in the event. After the play, a short film called “Kosovo, from War Years to its Independence Days” was watched and a dance show was performed by Mozaik Folk Dance Group. Following the activities, a slide show of the trips organized by the Association for the Assistance and Solidarity of Kosovar Students was watched.

After the plaque ceremony, the celebration came to an end with the concert of a TRT Artist, Ergin Karahasan, from Kosovo.

# UNIVERSI COLLEGE CO-ORGANIZES FIRST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM “NURSES DAY”

Universi College and Organization for Education, Science and Health “KISCOMS” signed a cooperation agreement to realize the First International Symposium “Nurses Day” in Kosovo.



Symposium “Nurses Day” project of Universi College and Organization for Education, Science and Health “KISCOMS” intends to offer continuing education and professional development for nursing professionals and students. At the international symposium “Nurses Day”, professionals of various nursing generations will present their scientific research.

The symposium will be organized on International Nurses Day, and will be organized on annual bases, and become a forum for professional nurses to present their continuous work on the preservation of health, education and scientific research.

The aim of nursing research is to improve and make care safer and more equal for both individuals in need of care and their significant others. Nursing researchers seek knowledge

about individual support needs and how to maintain health throughout life, from birth to old age and end of life. The research results highlight individuals' and their significant others' experiences when faced with disease and ill health, in addition to providing deeper and important knowledge about how to develop professional approach and nursing interventions. Furthermore, nursing research employs, develops and evaluates new methods and nursing interventions. Nursing research also involves education, leadership and organizational factors of importance for the development of nursing. This new knowledge improves nursing care for the benefit of patients, their significant others, the nursing profession, and the society.

This agreement was signed by Rector of the Universi College, Dr. Dugagjin

Sokoli, and Executive Director of the Organization for Education, Science and Health “KISCOMS” Dr. Xheladin Ujkani. Symposium held from 11-12 of May and is expected to host over 1500 participants.



## SHORT PRESENTATION OF UKZ

University "Kadri Zeka" in Gjilan (UKZ) was established by the decision of the Government of Republic Kosova on 06.03.2013, decision number 118/03, which was adopted by the Assembly of Kosova on 05.30.2013, with the idea of promotion and development of higher university education, research, artistic creativity for staff qualification up to doctoral degree. The establishment UKZ enabled the inclusion of the greatest number of students in the region of Gjilan, Presevo Valley and other areas in higher university education.

By Founding Council held on 31.10.2013 it was proposed that the Public University of Gjilan be named: University "Kadri Zeka" in Gjilan. MEST of Kosova has approved the proposal and decided on 11.13.2013. The acronym of the University is UKZ.

UKZ continues the tradition of three Faculties that have so far functioned as branches of the Faculties of the University of Pristina in Gjilan.

As a part of the University, offered programs have existed up to now as branches of the Faculty of Education, Faculty of Economics and the Faculty of Law of the University of Prishtina.

Existing programs have already passed the accreditation process. To these programs we added two new programs, one for each of the new faculties: one program in Computer Science and one program Political Science. All study programs at the University "Kadri Zeka" were approved in the meeting of the University Senate II held on 12.26.2013, in Gjilan.

Therefore, the University has the following structure of programs.



Main Building of Public University "Kadri Zeka" in Gjilan

- Faculty of Education
  - Preschool Program (Ba)
  - Primary School Program (Ba)
- Faculty of Law
  - Program: General Law (Ba)
- Faculty of Economics
  - Program: Banks, Finance, and Accounting (Ba)
  - Program: Management and Informatics (Ba)
  - Program: Marketing (Ba)
- Faculty of Computer Sciences
  - Program: Computer Sciences (Ba)

## THREE UNIVERSITIES SIGN JOINT AGREEMENT FOR MASTER STUDIES

For the first time in Kosovo University "Kadri Zeka" in Gjilan, University "Ukshin Hoti" in Prizren and University "Haxhi Zeka" in Peja, have signed a joint agreement for Master- program Local Government and Democratic Society.

This Agreement signed by the three rectors, defines the unique criteria for student enrollment cycle studies in master level (joint program of partner universities: Local Governance and Democratic Society), the responsibilities of partners, duration, organization and conduct of the studies, and the manner of their conclusion.

Rectors of the three universities that signed the Agreement of joint Master Program Local Governance and Democratic Society, have considered very important this cooperation, citing

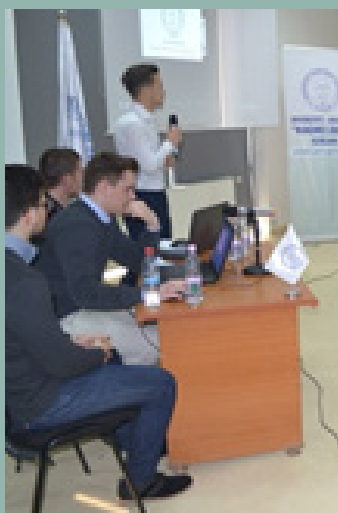


the main objectives of the program, raising the profile institutional expansion offers educational, encouraging mobility of students and staff, advancement of expertise in the field of education, quality assurance, and internationalization, increasing employment of graduates, etc.

By signing this Agreement, partner universities aimed on professional education and scientific qualification of students through the integration of teaching and research process.

The scope of this Agreement extends its effects on law faculties of the partner universities, their students and staff.

## STUDENTS OF UKZ PRESENT THEIR WORK IN THE FIELD OF DIGITIZATION



The cooperation agreement between the University "Kadri Zeka" and the Municipality of Gjilan for the digitization of services Bus Station and secondary schools in Gjilan, has brought results.

Students of the Faculty of Computer Science in the leadership of Dean Xhevdet Thaqi and academic staff have presented their work in compiling electronic school hours, the website of schools, digitization work and service to the bus station and an application for managing payments and hotel services.

## UNIVERSITY "KADRI ZEKA" WILL DEEPEN COOPERATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TRAKYA

**During the meeting was discussed about signing this agreement between University "Kadri Zeka" and University of Trakya. Also, it was discussed for the possibility of applying in joint programs of doctoral studies.**



During the meeting of UKZ Management with Trakya University representatives in Gjilan

The topic of discussion at this meeting was that the University of Trakya will support the University "Kadri Zeka" with academic staff in the accreditation process for new study programs

Both delegations agreed that the

possibility of enhancing cooperation in the exchange of academic staff, the competition for projects of European funds, the organization of joint conferences and the organization of joint summer schools

## NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF GJAKOVA "FEHMI AGANI"



The University of Gjakova "Fehmi Agani" (UGJFA) is a descendant of the High Pedagogical School that prepared the teachers during the second half of the sixties (1968) and the branch of University of Prishtina (2004). As

Public University of Gjakova "Fehmi Agani" is founded by the Government of Kosovo on date March 6, 2013, whereas as university has began operating since October 1, 2013. It is composed by three academic units and seven study

programs, such as: Faculty of Education with two study programs - Preschool and Primary Education; Faculty of Medicine with two study programs - Nursing and Midwifery and Faculty of Philology with three study programs - Albanian Language, Albanian Literature and English Language and Literature. Recently have 2775 students.

With regard to recent news, from the UGJFA we are happy to inform about the **Establishment of the Sport Council in the UGJFA**

At the meeting initiated by the Rector Prof. Dr. Shaban Buza, at the University of Gjakova "Fehmi Agani" is established the Sports Council. The members of the council are appointed the representative by each faculty, students and a representative of the Rectorate. Two of them will participate in the workshops for the establishment of the Federation of University Sports at the Republic of Kosovo.

## MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF GJAKOVA "FEHMI AGANI" AND THE UNIVERSITY "MOTHER TERESA" IN SKOPJE

In continuation of the Memorandum of Cooperation signed in December 2016, between the University of Gjakova "Fehmi Agani" (UGJFA) and University "Mother Theresa" in Skopje (UNT), the Rector of UGJFA, Prof. Dr. Shaban Buza hosted the Rector of UNT, Prof. Dr. Aziz Pollozhani. The purpose of this meeting was to deepen the inter-university cooperation, through the implementation of joint educational programs, research projects and other academic activities.



More information about the University of Gjakova "Fehmi Agani" you can find in a web page [www.uni-gjk.org](http://www.uni-gjk.org)



## THE SOCRE PROJECT HAS STARTED THE IMPLEMENTATION



In the February 2017 was held the Kick Off meeting of the project named "Developing Social Rehabilitation Through Education-SOCRE", supported by the European Commission through the Erasmus+ program. This project will be implemented in three years (October 15, 2016 - October 14, 2019), led by University Metropolis of Helsinki, Finland and has 16 partner institutions from Kosovo, Finland, Belgium, Portugal, the Netherlands and Russia,

including the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Gjakova "Fehmi Agani".

The objective of this project is to improve education in social rehabilitation through lifelong learning in accordance with the Bologna process, by increasing the cooperation between higher education institutions, practice/professional institutions (clinics and rehabilitation centers) and relevant ministries. While in the Kick Off meeting the key segments that were

highlighted, are: learning based on practice- based development context and distribution of knowledge will be done through networking, workshops, study visits, regional studies ongoing, reflective seminars and piloting courses for higher education institutions that offer education and rehabilitation sciences, as well as teaching staff, professional staff and students that provide rehabilitation services.



## CAMERATA-UNIVERSITY OF IOANNINA ORCHESTRA CONCERT



Concert given by the Camerata-University of Ioannina Orchestra on the occasion of the 104th solemn event of the Ioannina city Celebration. The event took place at the Cultural Center of the Municipality of Ioannina on Monday February 20 2017.

The lyrics of the songs were written by

the Rector of the University of Ioannina, Prof. George Kapsalis and the music was composed by Kostas Lolis.

The Camerata-University of Ioannina Orchestra was introduced in March 2016. It is comprised exclusively of 26 university students, coming from all Schools and Departments.

The Orchestra consists of the following musical instruments: seven (7) first violins, six (6) second, two (2) violas, four (4) violoncellos, two (2) double bass, two (2) flutes, two (2) clarinets and one (1) trumpet. Chief conductor Mr. Georgios Chlitsios.

The Camerata was also accompanied by the Chorus of the Department of Primary Education of the University of Ioannina. Conductor Mrs. Eirini Nikolaou.

### **International Universities Rankings**

The University of Ioannina according to the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2016-2017 is ranked in the 501-600 position among 980 global universities in the overall ranking.

It is also ranked 3rd among Greek Universities together with the Athens University of Economics and Business and the University of Athens.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE BALKAN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION 24-25 March 2017 Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski

Professor Anastas Gerdjikov, Rector of Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Professor Ivan Ilchev, President of the Executive Committee of the Balkan Universities Association and the Conference Organizing Committee are pleased to invite you to participate in the Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski has the pleasure to host and organize the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Balkan Universities Association in the period 24-25 March 2017. The Conference continues the tradition of the successful cooperation of the Balkan universities that are members of the Association.

Complementary to the conference programme Sofia University will organize also a cultural programme, including a walking tour in the capital city of Bulgaria and a tour within the historical building of the university.

Accommodation expenses for two nights (March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>), meals and coffee breaks for up to two representatives of a university-member of the Association will be covered by the organisers. The rest of the expenses regarding the participation (travel, visa fees, medical insurance, etc.) shall be covered by the participants themselves.

Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski will provide also assistance in the visa application procedures if needed.

### REGISTRATION

All interested participants could register through the following link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMyhEm49yZ2Havab\\_Iu-oK5nRnn6F1bGIHQ6NvfNnwQ-nArA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMyhEm49yZ2Havab_Iu-oK5nRnn6F1bGIHQ6NvfNnwQ-nArA/viewform).

The deadline for registration is March 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 (after the deadline the online platform will be closed for registration).

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

#### March 24<sup>th</sup> 2017

<b>12.00 - 13.00</b>	Registration and welcome reception
<b>13.00 - 13.30</b>	Opening
<b>13.30 - 15.00</b>	General Assembly Meeting
<b>15.00 - 15.30</b>	Coffee break
<b>15.30 - 17.00</b>	Opportunities for funding from EU financial schemes of joint initiatives in the framework of BUA. Discussion.
<b>17.00 - 18.00</b>	Walking tour in Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski
<b>18.30 -</b>	Dinner

#### March 25<sup>th</sup> 2017

<b>09.00 - 10.30</b>	Funding opportunities from programmes outside EU. Turkish financial academic schemes.
<b>10.30 - 11.00</b>	Coffee break
<b>11.00 - 12.00</b>	Future academic activities of BUA. Discussion.
<b>12.00 - 13.00</b>	Lunch
<b>13.00</b>	Walking tour in Sofia

All participants are welcome to contribute with presentations and panel moderation to the conference programme. The General Assembly Meeting will include also proposals for changes in the Charter of BUA. If you would like to participate with a presentation in the conference or if you have proposals regarding the Charter of the Association, please contact Ms. Slavka Karakusheva at [skarakusheva@admin.uni-sofia.bg](mailto:skarakusheva@admin.uni-sofia.bg) by March 6<sup>th</sup> 2017.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Sofia!

Cordially,  
Prof. Anastas Gerdjikov  
Rector  
Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski

Prof. Anastas Gerdjikov  
President of the Executive Committee of  
the Balkan Universities Association

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AT 17<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY EKMEKÇİZADE AHMET PAŞA CARAVANSARY

» AGENDA «

- Participation and introduction of the new members.
- Joint activities in the fields: music, archaeology, theatre.
- Round table meetings with thematic groups.
- Strengthening exchange programs: Erasmus +, Mevlana and mobility via protocols.

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**Second Meeting of Balkan Universities Association (BUA)**



After the first meeting of Balkan Universities Association which was founded with the participation of 26 universities upon the request of the Rector of Trakya University Prof. Dr. Yener Yönlük on September 11th, October 8th, 2015 at Campus of Şişlihan Beyazıt II Health Museum, 2014 reached 57 members and the participation of the new members in the second is 149 75m.

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