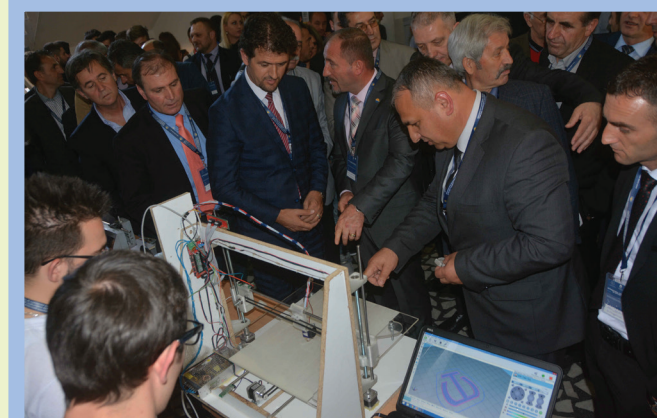


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## LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE FOR STUDENTS DORMITORY



The cornerstone for Students dormitory of Dzemal Bijedic University of Mostar was laid on March 11, 2016. The very ceremony was attended by the Vice president of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina Melika Mehmudbegović, chairman of the House of the Representatives of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Edin Mušić, federal minister of education and science, Elvira Dilberović, H.E. the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Bosnia and Herzegovina Cihad Erginay, H.E. General Consul of the Republic of Turkey in Mostar, Ayse Selcan Sanli and the delegation of the City of Antalya led by Mayor Menderes Turel together with the General manager of TRT Senol Goka and Mr. Huseyin Kansu. In his speech, prof. dr. Sead Pašić, Rector of Dzemal Bijedic University of Mostar thanked to all who contributed to construction of this important facility. In addition, expressed special gratitude to the citizens of Antalya and its Mayor Mr. Menderes. "As you all probably know, our friends from Turkey have understood our need and made the decision for the City of Antalya to finance the construction of our new

Students dormitory" prof. Pašić said. Dzemal Bijedic University of Mostar is successfully cooperating with Akdeniz University for over a decade and the City of Mostar and City of Antalya are twin cities. By constructing this modern facility, we will significantly improve not only the accommodation offer but also the student standard in general. "I am also certain, that the implantation

of this project will help intensify academic cooperation between Dzemal Bijedic and Akdeniz University, I terms of even more dynamic exchange of students and professor but also in the field of science. In addition, this project represents a significant contribution to the development of economic, cultural, political and every other form of cooperation between these fraternal cities", prof. dr. Pasic emphasized.

Link: <http://www.unmo.ba/svecana-ceremonija-polaganja-kamen-temeljca-za-izgradnju-studentskog-doma.aspx>



## 1000 YEARS SINCE THE BIRTH OF THE GREAT SCIENTIST OF THE TURKISH WORLD, YUSUF HAS HACIB REVERENCED AT INTERNATIONAL VISION UNIVERSITY

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The panelists were, Prof. Firat PURTAŞ, PhD, TURKSOY Deputy Secretary General as a panel manager, Prof. Babek GURBANOV, PhD from the Turkish Music State Conservatory, Assoc. Prof. Oraz SAPASHEV, PhD from the El Farabi University-Chair of TURKSOY, Saida BURKHANİDİNOVA, PhD, from External Publications Office and

Assoc. Prof. Ömer ÖZKAN, PhD from Gazi University Faculty of Literature.

Large number of university professors, invited guests and students participated in the panel.

The organization of the event was a result of the cooperation agreement that was signed in January 2016 between TURKSOY and International VISION University.

**For additional information you may visit the link below:**

<http://www.turksoy.org/tr/news/2016/04/28/yusuf-has-hacip-dogumunun-1000-yilinda-evlad-i-fatihan-topraklari-makedonya-da-anildi>

<http://www.yenibalkan.com/kultur/vizyon-universitesinde-yusuf-has-hacib-ile-ilgili-panel-h6356.html>

## 14<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCES CONGRESS OF THE TURKISH WORLD

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The congress was opened by the Rector of the International VISION University, Prof. Fadil HOCA, PhD in the ceremonial hall, and in his opening speech, he said:

"We are proud of the fact that with this organization we contribute for raising of the standards of higher education. It is also our pleasure to promote our country with this kind of events"

In the opening ceremony, after the opening speeches, the second part of the program started. During this part Mr. Furkan ÇAKO, Minister in the government of Republic of Macedonia talked about the foreign investments and

foreign investment policy in Republic of Macedonia, Sakarya University Vice Rector Mr. Ümit KOCABIÇAK addressed on the topic of university management system, and the last speaker Mr. Hasan Oktay, President of Caucasus Strategic Research Center, presented the topic "The Importance of the Caucasus in the Turkish World".

In the sessions which were parallelly held in the university, were presented around 185 papers from different fields such as law, economics, political sciences, culture and education.

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The international congress which was hosted by International VISION University represents scientific and traditional event held in Republic of Macedonia and Balkan region for a first time.

International VISION University as a co-organizer of the congress hosted 185 participants with a large number of scientists from 25 universities among 13 countries.



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<http://www.yenibalkan.com/gundem/14-uluslararasi-turk-dunyasi-sosyal-bilimler-kongresi-basladi-h7213.html>

<http://www.turkkongre.com/>

<http://www.haberler.com/makedonya-da-14-uluslararasi-turk-dunyasi-sosyal-8721028-haberi/>

## THE NATIONAL AND KAPODISTRIAN UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS

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Especially, the Department of the Museums and the Historical Archive comprises 16 museums and the Historical Archive. These 17 independent units collaborate with each other to protect, enhance and promote the academic heritage of NKUA. During the academic year 2015-2016 the Athens University History Museum represented the Museums Department of NKUA by participating in the International Universities Museums Conference - Balkans University Association, Trakya University and in the 17th Annual Meeting of Universeum in Amsterdam.

Within the context of developing new strategies for attracting a wider audience and attempting to engage visitors beyond the university community, the Athens University History Museum has initiated a number of diverse projects. Until the end of the year the Athens University History Museum will open a new exhibition gallery to its public



that is dedicated to the significant and interesting museum building's history. The exhibition will explore the diverse uses of the Museum's building by employing a range of mediums, artefacts and interactive exhibits.

Moreover, the Athens University History Museum and the Athens University Department of Informatics have collaborated for the development, implementation and evaluation of a project following CHESSE methodology and using information technology tools to create a digital interactive storytelling that will be presented to the general public during fall.

The NKUA presented almost one year ago a new digital social network, concerning its alumni community. The "Alumni Integrated Information System", available at <http://alumni.uoa.gr/>, operates as a hybrid social network platform that allows alumni to interact, while at the same time our University will be able to offer a wide range of services, such as seminars, webinars, e-surveys, full access to e-Libraries, the latest news about each School etc. The new network is also expected to provide additional tools of information about job vacancies and the announcement of new research programs.

Last but not least, NKUA stood by the refugees during this ongoing crisis from the very first moment. Academic and administrative personnel, individually and collectively, have been offering various types of assistance to those suffering people through the "NKUA Observatory-network of solidarity and support for the refugees" that is effectively administering several project groups (PG) for various relevant services.

## SUMMER WATER SPORTS ATTRACT ALL – PROFESSIONALS AND AMATEURS

**On August 17 this year at the training campus for water sports of National Sports Academy - Sofia in the town of Nessebar was held a special marine event “Flotilla” in connection with the activities envisaged under the Project WET (Watersports Enhanced Together - Water sports stronger together/ within the action SPORT of the EU ERASMUS PLUS program.**

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Flagman of the event was personally the Rector of NSA prof. Pencho Geshchev. Sailing yachts

were followed by rowing fleet of the sector Boating at NSA, canoeing and water skiing. In the water entered also 40 swimmers.

Once again students, teachers and friends of the NSA demonstrated the power and attraction of the water and irreplaceable feeling of doing sports in it. Through the water they rediscover the significance of youth inspiration and joy in life. Water sports have numerous beneficial effects on the body, but they are among others the most wonderful tool to increase physical activity of all groups of population.

Immerse yourself - grab the oars - dive - surf - swim  
**BE ACTIVE! GET WET!**

On August 18 was held a rowing event to familiarize children with kayaking and rafting. A lot of spirits and emotions accompanied this event. Specialists in rowing sports and students in their role of instructors had fun at the same time with the kids.

All were happy and the sports of rowing and water opportunities won new fans.



# THE HEALTH MUSEUM OF OUR UNIVERSITY IS ON THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE TEMPORARY LIST



The Health Museum of our University, which is being visited by hundreds of thousands every year, has been accepted into the UNESCO World Heritage Temporary List. The Specialist Yaşagül Ekinci Danişan told that the historical assets in Edirne were taken into UNESCO World Heritage List four times. She also added that our University is unique in the history since it embodies a medical faculty and a science center. The past and future of medical science was united in this Museum. The Health Museum, which was once an advanced

Science Research Centre of the Islamic and Ottoman Medicine, provided services that the modern world tried to reach with its architecture, hospital, medical faculty and hospital hotel. There are 1681 cultural assets from 175 countries in UNESCO World Heritage List. However, Health Museum is the unique among them since it embodies the medical, health and science centers together.

The Rector of Trakya University, Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu, also added that the Health Museum was turned into

a university, then a museum with the dedicated struggles of our lecturer Ratip Kazancıgil and the whole Rectors from 1974 until today. What we're saying today is that Trakya University was founded in 1488, not in 1982. When mentally-ill people were burnt in Europe with the excuse of being possessed by a demon, patients in this Health Museum were being cured with water sound, scents and various occupations. We hereby tell our civilization through our style. Finally, The World showed its respect by adding us to this list.





## BALKAN TOUR OF PEHLIVAN ELEKTRAK

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Our Team firstly attended to 2014 TUBITAK Alternative Energies Cup Formula G-Solar Car Racing which is an organization where the practices related to technology, science and engineering is competed at University level and they also attended to TUBITAK Electro-Mobile Races in 2015. They also did us proud by winning the 3rd place in Turkey, 2014, special jury award and the best design award in 2015.

Pehlivan-Team also became the pride of our University by representing our country and our university at the highest level with the technological and knowledge sharing in brother universities in the Balkan countries. In accordance with this purpose, "Balkan



Tour Project" was held for the presentation of the car named Pehlivan-Elektrak by Trakya University on 21st April, 2016-27th April, 2016 at the following countries and Universities:

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki-GREECE, Tetova State University-MACEDONIA, Mostar, Bašarçı-BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA, University of Montenegro-MONTENEGRO, and Polytechnic University of Tirana-TIRANA.

The car was tested by Customs and Trade Minister of Turkey named Bülent Tüfekçi before Balkan Tour. The car is



totally the production of Team except for the motor, battery pack, seats and tires. The car which has carbon-composite structure and has been produced at Pehlivan Team Workshop through vacuum infusion method weighs 245 kg. When the battery is full, the vehicle could go 120 km and costs 0, 75 TL and reaches maximum 110km/h.

Pehlivan Elektrak Consultant Assist. Prof. Nilhan Taşkın also mentioned about their plan related to a hybrid car which would use both solar power and electricity.

JOSÉ MANUEL BARROSO, PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR 2004 - 2014, DELIVERED A PUBLIC LECTURE ON "THE DIGITAL CITIZENS OF EUROPE AND THE WORLD" AT SOFIA UNIVERSITY "ST. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI"

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José Manuel Barroso pointed out that one of the greatest transformations in the world of today came with Internet and the digital technologies. "The world of today in terms of science has nothing to do with the world of my youth when I was a student," Mr Barroso went on to say. He specifically mentioned the opportunities we had in terms of access to information.

"This is a huge transformation. We should ask ourselves whether Europe can cope with a transformation of such a magnitude and bear its fruit; the real picture shows that in Europe there are many national barriers which make the process difficult for the citizens, the internet companies,

the StartUps, the telecommunications, the governments and the firms to make the best of the digital inventory at hand," Mr Barroso said, and drew a comparison between Europe and the USA.

José Manuel Barroso pointed out that digitalization is of a great importance for the economy, enterprise and industry in the European countries. He underlined also that the EU had showed to all those who predicted the end of Europe that the integrative forces within

the Union are stronger than the forces of disintegration. According to him, the values embedded in the Lisbon Agreement are of particular importance: human dignity, freedom, democracy, the supremacy of the law, the parity of sexes and safeguarding the rights of the minorities. "In my opinion, we can cope even better together, as a union, rather than if each one of us sticks closely to its narrowly set nationalist ways," Mr Barroso said in conclusion.



## SOFIA UNIVERSITY "ST. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI" HOSTS STUDENTS' DISCUSSION ON THE TOPIC: "BULGARIA AND GERMANY – PARTNERS IN EUROPE"

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President Joachim Gauck started with the fact that the links between the Europeans and, more specifically, between the Bulgarian and the German peoples are various and illustrate the depth of our common history roots. He touched also on the refugee crisis that came to show that Europe was not an island and that what happened in other

parts of the globe affected us directly.

During the discussion after that President Rosen Plevneliev appealed to the national governments to refrain from laying the blame for the failures solely on Brussels and attributing success only to the EU. "The strength of the European Union is based on the national states. Not a single institution had abrogated the latter of any of their rights, neither had any intention to do it." President Plevneliev pointed out. The Bulgarian head of state pointed out that the new European integration projects would make the European Union member-states stronger without abrogating their sovereignty or national identity.



## RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TETOVA, PROF. DR. VULLNET AMETI, WAS AWARDED THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC PRIZE IN CHICAGO

Yesterday, on 04.19.2016, the University of Tetova recorded another success at international level. Thanks to the work and valuable contribution of the Rector, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti for increasing and developing the University of Tetova, and building bridges of inter-institutional cooperation with Northern Illinois University in Chicago and bringing the American and Albanian academic community together in the field of higher education, the leadership of this prestigious American university in coordination with Central Asia Productivity Research Center (CAPRC) and the Illinois Institute of Technology, awarded the Rector of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti the prestigious prize: International Educator of the Year.



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This prize was awarded to Rector Ameti in the framework of the 12th edition of the traditional Silk Road summit, which in its bosom gathers the most eminent political and scientific personalities from Central Asia and the US and it is focused on the presentation of newest achievements in technology and in the energy industry. For the first time in its history, in this edition, the prize is awarded to an academic personality, to the Rector of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti, which was until now traditionally presented to political persons.

The prize awarding ceremony took place in the presence of ambassadors and diplomatic corps of the Central Asian countries like Turkey, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, the energy adviser to President Obama, Mr. William Jones, other personalities of US political

and economic spectrum and a broad academic audience from Chicago and the world.

On this occasion Rector Ameti, on behalf of the University of Tetova and the entire Albanian people, thanked the participants for the honor given to University of Tetova and the Albanian people, pledging that will vigorously continue his commitment to higher education so that Albanian academicians and students become an integral part of worldwide scientific-academic forum.



# UT AND NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY ORGANIZED A SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

The Faculty of Applied Sciences of the University of Tetova, in cooperation with the College of Engineering and Technological Engineering of Northern Illinois University from Chicago, organized the second international scientific conference ICAS2. The Rector of University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti, at the opening of this conference emphasized that this international conference represents a scientific value, and for the participants and researchers from the region and the world, which supports the research quality, constitutes an excellent opportunity to make a forum of scientists from the field of applied science.

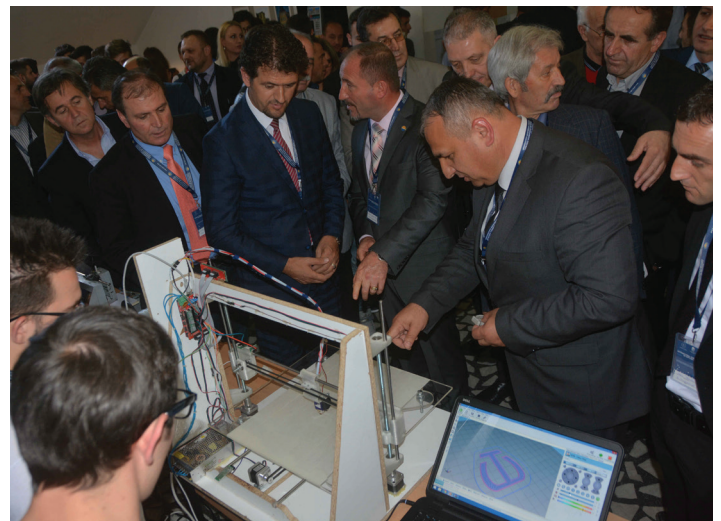


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The dean of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, Doc. Dr. Nderim

Zeqiri praised that the conference marks a successful step in connecting different scientific fields which address various topics. "This international conference once again brings together several scientific fields, by treating topics in design, structuring and projection, construction, infrastructure and roads, up to the mechatronic systems, control systems, materials, Geodetic and Geoinformatic planning, traffic and transport management etc.", said Doc. Dr. Nderim Zeqiri.

The coordinator of conference ICAS2, Doc. Dr. Ferit Idrizi, said that the conference will be held in four scientific sessions. "For this conference, we have selected a total of 50 papers for presentation, which will be presented in four parallel sessions, such as Mechatronics, Construction and Architecture and two other sessions that for the first time we organize. Faculty of Applied Sciences takes care to provide space for perspective. As you noted, this year's conference, besides the significant number of new researchers has two new sessions: that of Geodesy and of Communications", said Doc. dr. Ferit Idrizi.



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