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11TH GRADUATION AND AWARD CEREMONY

On 17th January 2019, 11th ISSBS' graduation and awards ceremony was held in Celjski dom. 91 students, who graduated in the academic year 2017/2018, received their diplomas. At the ceremony, ISSBS also traditionally awarded the outstanding graduates for success in their studies, best students in class and most involved student tutors.



The unique part of this year's graduation ceremony was the promotion of the ISSBS' first doctor of science Mojca Gornjak. ISSBS also awarded prof. dr. Majda Kokotec Novak with honorary title of "Professor Emeritus" for exceptional merits and achievements in education and scientific research, that have contributed significantly to the overall development and recognition of the faculty.

In the current academic year, the 12th generation of students is enrolled at ISSBS,

namely 424 students in two undergraduate (1st cycle), two postgraduate (2nd cycle) and one doctoral study programme.



ROUND TABLE »NEW SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS: OPPORTUNITY OR DANGER?«

On 6th December 2018, ISSBS has organized a round table "New Social Movements and Women's Rights: An Opportunity or Danger", which included debates on the rights, role and position of women in today's world.



The current topic was discussed by the following round table guests: the Vice-Rector and Professor of Sociology at the University of Maribor dr. Marina Tavčar Kranjc, dramaturge at the Celje City Theatre and former Artistic Director of the Borštnik Festival Mrs. Alja Predan and the director of the supply chain in Pivovarna Laško Union, d. o. o., Matej Oset. The round table moderator was dr. Špelca Mežnar, ISSBS' professor and judge of the Slovenian Constitutional Court.

The guests of the round table have agreed that it is necessary in all areas of social life to care for the balance. "Trends show the direction of equalization, both socially and privately. In order for opportunities to be accessible to any woman, a lot of things will need to happen in society first," added Dr. Tavčar Krajnc.

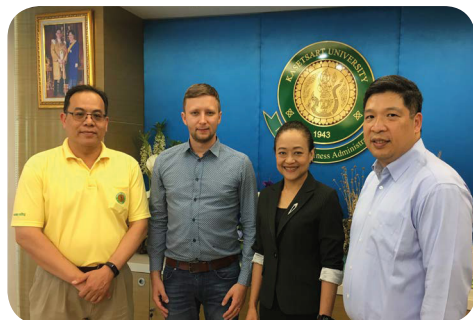
"I think that we, all men and women, must be aware that the process of liberating women and men from stereotyped patterns and roles is something that needs to be cultivated all the time. This is the only way we will achieve coherence in all areas of life, because equality and equal access to opportunities is often a source of joy and is mutual" concluded Mrs. Alja Predan.

ERASMUS+ MOBILITY OF STUDENTS AND STAFF

ISSBS is carrying out three mobility projects within the Erasmus+ programme. In the first half of the 2018/2019 academic year, five ISSBS staff members concluded their mobility for teaching or training at partner institutions abroad (Lebanon, Thailand).



In the beginning of November 2018, senior lecturer Jurij Štukovnik visited the partner institution Kasetsart University in Thailand as part of his mobility. ISSBS, Kasetsart University and Slovenian company Gorenje d.o.o. have already cooperated in arranging summer traineeship for Thai students in Slovenia, and the Thai partners have expressed interest to continue student exchanges for traineeships and study, as well as staff exchanges for the purpose of teaching



and training. In January 2019, four ISSBS higher education teachers attended mobility for training at the Lebanese International University in Lebanon. Within Erasmus+ programme, ISSBS plans many additional outgoing mobilities of staff in 2018/2019 to Israel, Tunisia, Thailand, Spain, Poland, Croatia, etc. Since January 2019, three foreign students from Poland and Turkey have started their mobility for study at ISSBS.



Erasmus+

RESEARCH PROGRAMME "MANAGEMENT OF EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY"

ISSBS has been selected by the Slovenian Research Agency (SRA) as a research concessionaire in the form of a research programme "Management of Education and Employment in Knowledge Society" (P5-0049) for a six-year period from 2019 to 2025. The coordinating institution of the research programme is the Faculty of Management Koper, University of Primorska. The leader of

the research programme is prof. dr. Dušan Lesjak.

The results of the research programme will contribute to the development of knowledge in the field of management of education and employment and other relevant sciences so that theoretical knowledge and models will take into account social reality, which will ensure a greater social relevance of the results, findings and recommendations needed by both science and the knowledge society. The results will develop further theories, which will be useful for all stakeholders in education and employment both at systemic and institutional levels, and at the same time they will be useful in the implementation of European policies and have direct relevance for stakeholders in Slovenia and EU.



SLOVENIAN RESEARCH AGENCY

NATIONAL SEMINAR WITHIN CiSoTRA PROJECT

On 25th October 2018, the first national seminar of the CiSoTRA project "Civil Society for Social Inclusion of Unaccompanied Minors in Transition to Adulthood - Role of Community" took place at ISSBS. In the first part of the seminar, the representatives of the Government Office for the Care and Integration of Migrants, Slovene Philanthropy and the Social Chamber of Slovenia presented the situation of juvenile and young migrants in Slovenia, as well as projects and initiatives for better integration of migrants into society.

In the area of inclusion of unaccompanied minors and young migrants, there are still a number of unresolved challenges/problems such as: unaccompanied minors are not treated as children, there is no individual/integrated treatment, ensuring better protection for minors who choose to leave Slovenia (ensuring safe transition to the target country), promotion of training of experts and strengthening of institutional capacities, it is even more necessary to



encourage cooperation among organizations working in this field, and more initiatives and concrete solutions are needed in the field of transition of minor migrants to adulthood.



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STUDY VISIT FROM ARGENTINA IN THE FIELD OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

Representatives of partner universities from Argentina carried out a study visit in the field of sustainable tourism between 15th and 19th October 2018 in cooperation with the Slovenian Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Guests visited Slovenian organizations that are most active in the development of Slovenian tourism and its promotion in the international arena (eg. Slovenian Tourism Organization, Faculty of Tourism Studies - Turistica, Higher Vocational School for Catering and Tourism Bled ...). The study visit took place in the framework of the international project "Knowledge Transfer Network and Cross-Border Cooperation" (NUCIF).



The main objectives of the project are to strengthen the cross-border university network by developing a management model open to local public institutions and private enterprises, promoting universities' expertise in key issues in the development of Latin America (e.g. agriculture, the environment and climate change, sustainable tourism and cultural goods, circular economy) and to build and test common learning plans to support cross-border co-operation of the institutions.



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