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## 12th ISSBS GRADUATION AND AWARD CEREMONY

23th January 2020 / In January 2020, ISSBS graduation and awards ceremony was held for the 12th generation of students of the Faculty, increasingly recognizable abroad through its educational and research activities. In the academic year 2018/2019, 80 students graduated. At the ceremony, ISSBS also traditionally awarded the outstanding graduates for success in their studies, best students in class, best final work and most involved student tutors.

In the current academic year, the 13th generation of students is enrolled at ISSBS, namely 448 students in two undergraduate (1st cycle), two postgraduate (2nd cycle) and one doctoral study programme. In November 2019, 1000th ISSBS graduate received her diploma. Ms. Katjuša Kostanjšek completed her master's programme in Knowledge Management with a successful defense of a master's thesis titled 'Personnel Management and Employment of Foreigners from BiH and Serbia'.



## ROUND TABLE "CHALLENGES OF ECONOMIC POLICY IN 2020"



27th November 2019 / A round table on "Challenges of Economic Policy in 2020" was held at the ISSBS, with the participation of the Director of the Institute of Macroeconomic Analysis and Development of the Republic of Slovenia, mag. Marijana Bednaš, the President of the Fiscal Council of the Republic of Slovenia, professor of economics and former Minister of Economic Relations and Development, prof. dr. Davorin Kračun, and international entrepreneur and investor, dr. Tomaž Subotič.

Discussion, which attracted many successful entrepreneurs, was moderated by a faculty associate, prof. dr. Janez Šušteršič, professor of economics and former Minister of Finance. During the discussion, the round table guests tried to answer some questions about the expected economic situation in Slovenia in 2020; why is it deteriorating and whether we should fear another

economic crisis; how are the worsening conditions reflected in the economy and who will be the most affected by the crisis; why the economic policy should respond; whether the 2020 and 2021 budgets are an adequate response to the situation expected and whether Slovenian companies are managed well enough to be able to adapt to a degraded situation.



## STUDENT FIELD TRIPS TO SUCCESSFUL COMPANIES

As part of the "Strengthening and Formalizing Collaboration with the Environment in the Field of Education - ISSBS Network for the Development of Contemporary Studies and Connecting to Practice" project activities, ISSBS students participated in several field trips to successful companies. They visited companies such as Paradajz, Vivapen, DEWESoft, Chipolo, and the Pomurje Technology Park.

The students visited Paradajz d.o.o. company, best known for growing Lušt tomatoes.



One of the owners presented the history and development path of the company, by highlighting the perseverance, crucial for successful operation.



At Vivapen d.o.o., students were introduced to entire process of pen production, from their design, creation of a workshop plan and appropriate tools, injection molding, assembly and packaging. One of ISSBS's field trips was to DEWESoft, a leading company in the software and electronic components manufacturing field, awarded the Golden Gazelle of the Year in 2012. In addition to presenting success stories, the students also took a look at business premises and production, and received much good career guidance. At the same time, they took a look at Katapult, entrepreneurial accelerator offering support to start-ups, including Chipolo.



At Pomurje Technology Park, students were introduced to its goals, purpose and activities, as well as projects promoting the entrepreneurial initiative. They emphasized cooperation with high schools, faculties and companies, as well as innovative ways of cooperation, since they believe that it is important for theory to be translated into practical activities.



## STUDENT FIELD TRIP TO BRUSSELS

12th / 14th September 2019 / In cooperation with the Faculty, the Student Council of the ISSBS organized the first field trip to Brussels. As many as 22 of our students have visited the institutions of the European Union and learned about their activities. They visited the European Parliament, the EU Commission Palace - Berlaymont, the European Quarter, the Parliamentarium, Parc du Cinquantenaire, the Palais Royal and other cultural sites in Brussels.



Students also headed to the city of Bruges, known to have most of its medieval architecture intact, making it one of the best-preserved medieval cities in Europe and therefore being on the UNESCO World Heritage List since 2000.



## RESEARCH PROJECT "SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING SYSTEMS"

ISSBS takes part in a new one-year "Scholarships for Special Achievements - International Comparison and Improvement Proposals for Slovenia" (V5-1935) project as part of the CRP 2019. Targeted Research Programme. The project is co-funded by the Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS) and the Ministry of Labor, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities. The research program leader is assoc. prof. dr. Kristijan Breznik, and the partner institution is RE-FORMA, d.o.o. company.

The project includes carrying out case studies of the promotion of gifted students and students

with outstanding achievements in seven selected EU countries, analyzing the functioning of the Zois Scholarship System in Slovenia and formulating recommendations for improving the system.



SLOVENIAN RESEARCH AGENCY

## "RoMigSc" CLOSING CONFERENCE



9th - 10th October 2019 / ISSBS hosted the International Conference: "Roma and Migrant Integration in Schools: Training, Open Discussions and Voluntary Activities of Young People", which was the last dissemination event of the RoMigSc project (Erasmus +, KA3: 580228-EPP-1-2016-1-SI-EPPKA3-IPI-SOC-IN). The conference was attended by 128 Slovenian and foreign participants, including representatives of the project partners. Some interesting guests presented examples of good practice in Slovenia and other project countries. Participants were also able to take part with their own presentation of a paper or poster describing their project-related experience, good practice, or recommendations on the Roma and migrants inclusion policy.



Inclusion of Roma and Migrants in Schools  
Trainings, Open Discussions  
and Youth Volunteering Activities