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LECTURE BY A FOREIGN EXPERT FROM THE RENOWNED UNIVERSITY OF OULU, FINLAND

In November 2021, as a part of the »Foreign Visiting Teachers« project, Dr. Janne Harkonen, a foreign expert gave a lecture at the ISSBS. Dr. Harkonen is an Associate Professor at the renowned University of Oulu in Finland. He had given lectures on writing and publishing scientific articles at postgraduate level, namely the Postgraduate Seminar and Business Skills Development courses. In 2022, we are also planning a lecture by Dr Kris Law from Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Dr Moti Zwilling from Ariel University as part of the same project.

Hosting internationally renowned lecturers in various fields is part of the Public Call Shorter and Longer Visits by Foreign Experts and Higher Education Teachers at Slovenian Higher Education Institutions 2019-2022, which is co-financed by the European Social Fund and the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport.



DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSOR AWARD TO TWO DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN PROFESSORS

The title of Distinguished Visiting Professor was awarded to Professors Dr Frederick Kohun and Dr Jay Liebowitz, who are both visiting professors at the ISSBS and active in the ISSBS conference activities. The title of Distinguished Visiting Professor is awarded to an individual

who has made a significant contribution to the development and reputation of the ISSBS through their teaching, research and other work. Both professors are also involved as lecturers and mentors in the PhD Knowledge Management programme, with the 6th generation of students enrolled this year.



The PhD programme, taught by world-renowned lecturers in recent years, is carried out in English. Currently, 27 students are enrolled in all years, not only from Slovenia, Croatia and Albania, but also from Mexico, Russia and some African countries.



INVOLVING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN PROJECTS

The ISSBS participates in an international Erasmus+ project called »Inclusive University – a Set of Tools Dedicated to HEI for Better Respond to Disabled Students Needs« as a partner institution. As part of the project, two seminars were held on 11 and 12 October 2021 in which students with special needs were actively participating as well, among them one ISSBS student. The main goal of the project is to create the image of students with disabilities as equal members of the academic community. The project will thus contribute to improving the situation and performance of students with disabilities at universities.



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ABOUT INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS AT ErasmusDays 2021



In October 2021, the ISSBS participated in the pan-European event “ErasmusDays 2021”, which promotes the Erasmus+ programme. The ISSBS presented itself with four events: “From Erasmus students to Erasmus students 2021”, which focused on the implementation and promotion of international student mobility, as well as “International Erasmus+ project challenges and learning opportunities”, “LittleBigEntrepreneurs - entrepreneurial learning in practice with examples from Slovenia, Estonia and Greece”, and “Erasmus+ projects dissemination tool”, which were part of the promotion of the ISSBS international projects, their activities, results and dissemination. The virtual events were attended by more than 142 participants, students of the ISSBS, project partners as well as external participants.



The meeting presented the partners’ entrepreneurial activities and learning games implemented so far:

- Võru Keskkool Kool Primary School (Estonia) presented the “chocolate” activity,
- Borci za severno mejo Primary School (Slovenia) presented “Christmas market” activity and
- Chania Directorate of Primary Education (Greece) presented “animations”.



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ERASMUS MOBILITY FOR PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS



In the past months, in the framework of the Erasmus programme, five inbound mobilities of foreign professors were carried out, namely from the Split Faculty of Economics (Croatia), the Politechnica University of Timisoara (Romania) and the School for Management and Technology of Felgueiras (Portugal). We started the new academic year with two outgoing mobility placements for female students at the international office of Istanbul Bilgi University (Turkey) and, for the first time, at the National Metal and Materials Technology Centre in Bangkok, under the auspices of Kasetsart University (Thailand).



In February and March 2022, we are expecting the arrival of two students from the University College of Enterprise and Administration in Lublin (Poland) and three Thai students from Kasetsart University, who will carry out part of their studies in the local company Šumer d.o.o.

VIRTUAL EXCHANGES FOR STUDENTS - INTERNATIONALISING AT HOME



From November to December, 10 ISSBS students participated in a four-week Virtual Exchange programme in the framework of the “Think local, work global in virtual teams” project, implemented by the Catholic University of Valencia (Spain), The Virtual University of Tunis (Tunisia) and the EMUNI University (Slovenia). In virtual meetings, students from different cultural backgrounds discussed how to think locally and act globally in virtual groups.

COOPERATION WITH THE ENVIRONMENT

Over the past months, we have hosted the following guests from practice:

- the Assistant Director for Technology of Nova Vizija, IT Engineering and Consulting d.d. from Žalec, Dejan Zili, who is a top expert in managing large IT projects and business intelligence,
- the Director of Creaplus company, mag. Andrej Guštin, who lectured the students on e-payment and e-payment and e-commerce security.



We also organised educational visits to Ahac d.o.o., ANB Trade d.o.o. and Šumer d.o.o. From the perspective of social responsibility and integration with the environment, a workshop “Odštekonomija”, where students learnt about the benefits of knowing economics in everyday life was organised at Slovenska Bistrica High School.

»LittleBigEntrepreneurs« PROJECT MEETING

At Borci za severno mejo Primary School in Maribor, the project meeting of the “LittleBigEntrepreneurs” project partners took place on 18-19 November 2021. The project develops key entrepreneurial skills and an entrepreneurial mindset in children through the design thinking method.



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