

## Numerous Important Events Held and Organized at the University of Sarajevo from 3 to 7 July 2017

*- Expressed Activities at the University of Sarajevo Prior to Vacations-*

From July 3 to July 7, 2017, the University of Sarajevo was a hotspot for numerous events organized with the aim of implementing quality as a recognizable success factor.

The first event that marked this week was a seminar entitled “Quality Assurance Quality at Higher Education Institutions: Examples of Good Practice” organized to get the University of Sarajevo better prepared for the study programs accreditation and institutional re-accreditation that is expected.

The discussion “Science and its Evaluation” stirred quite attention where the introductory speaker was one of the most highly revered Bosnian scientists, Dr. Kemal Hanjalic, University of Sarajevo and Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands professor emeritus.

Then followed meeting within the EUA study development on research capacities in the Balkans and a round table “Library and Information Services in Academic Libraries as a Support of Learning and Participation of Student with Disabilities.”

The solemn Doctors of Science promotion held at the National Theater Sarajevo made the University of Sarajevo richer for seventy one candidates promoted in Doctor of Sciences from the areas of Humanities, social, medical, natural, mathematical and biotechnical and technical sciences as well as the Arts Group.

Meeting between Prof. Dr. Yousef S. H. Al-Zalzalah and Rector, Prof. Dr. Rifat Skrijelj resulted in an academic cooperation strengthening agreement between the Universities of Kuwait and Sarajevo.

The work week was filled with a series of important events ending in a bestowing the Ambassador of Knowledge honorary title upon Prof. Dr. Rifat Skrijelj, University of Sarajevo Rector.

### **“Quality Assurance System at Higher Education Institutions: Examples of Good Practice” Seminar Held**

4 July 2017 – A seminar “Quality Assurance System at Higher Education Institutions: Examples of Good Practice” was held UNSA Rectorate on Tuesday, 4 July 2017. In the seminar Director of the Agency for Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Croatia (AZVO), Prof. Dr. Sc. Jasmina



Havranek and her associates Dr. Sc. Vesna Dodikovic Jurkovic, Mirjana Gopic, B.Sc. Iur. and Mr. Sc. Sandra Bezjak introduced to attendees the challenges faced by higher education institutions in the Republic of Croatia during the accreditation of study programs and institutional re-accreditations, with the aim of making the University of Sarajevo better prepared for accreditation of its study programs and institutional re-accreditation that is expected in the near future. University of Sarajevo Rector, Prof. Dr. Rifat Skrijelj opened the seminar with a welcome address highlighting the University's efforts to implement and improve the quality assurance and quality management system following the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area through the work of the Quality Management Committee at the University of Sarajevo, the Quality Assurance Office, the Quality Assurance Committee at the UNSA organizational units, but also through the work of every teacher and associate at the University of Sarajevo. He emphasized that the seminar is an opportunity to bring important knowledge to help in doing serious tasks on the path of understanding, establishing and improving quality in the areas of science and higher education. After the welcome speech, Prof. Dr. Havranek introduced participants with the history and creation of the Agency, the activities that Agency implements, international membership that is being realized in Europe and the world, as well as the cooperation they have in the region with others Accreditation agencies. Seminar participants had the opportunity to hear the following presentations:

- Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance - ESG, 2015 - Dr. Sc. Vesna Dodikovic Jurkovic, AZVO
- Reaccreditation procedure - Mirjana Gopic, B.Sc., AZVO Assistant Director,
- Re-accreditation of higher education institutions - implemented activities and future plans, and impact on the higher education system - Mr. Sc. Sandra Bezjak, AZVO Assistant Director
- Study programs Evaluation in the light of the Croatian Qualifications Framework - Mr. Sc. Sandra Bezjak, Assistant Director.

## **“Science and Its Evaluation” Discussion**

5 July 2017 –

An eminent and the most highly-respected Bosnian scientist, Dr. Kemal Hanjalic, University of Sarajevo and Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands professor emeritus was a keynote speaker at the discussion entitled “Science and its Evaluation” which was held at the University of Sarajevo’s Rectorate. On behalf of the UNSA academic community and Rector- Prof. Dr. Rifat Skrijelj, the attendees were greeted by Prof. Dr. Izet Radjo, UNSA Vice-Rector for Research who delivered an appropriate welcome address and subsequently presented the activities of the University of Sarajevo's management in the area research, as well as the determination



of the University and all of its bodies led by Rector Skrijelj on the way to further development and advancement of science and research at the University of Sarajevo.

In his presentation, Academician Hanjalic spoke about the state of science in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the trends in science and its evaluation in the world, both in developed and developing countries. He also gave recommendations for the development of science and scientific research work in Bosnia and Herzegovina and at the University of Sarajevo. Following the Academician Hanjalic's introductory lecture, an exchange of views on this important subject took place, in which members of the UNSA Council for Science and Arts, University management, Vice-Deans and teachers and associates of the University of Sarajevo participated. Rector Skrijelj referred to the key issues that Academician Hanjalic listed and emphasized the need for University of Sarajevo's higher level of autonomy. For this Michaelmas, Rector Skrijelj announced the continuation of cooperation and numerous activities, including the organization of a round table that dedicated to the University of Sarajevo's autonomy issue.

Having pointed out that teaching activity is currently undergoing serious reforming as primary task at the University of Sarajevo, which is disproportional with the true needs of the society, Rector Skrijelj stated that since the start of his mandate period, the University management has been undertaking a comprehensive string of steps in order to get this University activities' segment improved thus refining higher education's name. An activity singled out by Rector Skrijelj is the project of employing 200 best students as assistants, researchers and experts at University of Sarajevo organizational units. And that this project has already been proposed to the Sarajevo Cantonal Government.

A University of Sarajevo and Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands professor emeritus, Prof. Kemal Hanjalic, was born in Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kingdom of Yugoslavia) on 30 November 1939 was educated in Bosnia Herzegovina and the United Kingdom and received the following degrees: Dipl. Ing. (Mechanical Engineering – Energy Engineering) University

of Sarajevo, Bosnia Herzegovina (1964), MSc (Thermodynamics and Related Studies) University of Birmingham, UK (1966), and PhD (Fluid Mechanics) Imperial College, University of London, UK (1970).

During the period 1964-1971, he was a research assistant, researcher and senior researcher, Institute for Thermal and Nuclear Engineering ITEN/Energoinvest, Sarajevo, Bosnia; he was Lecturer Associate (1974), (1975-78) he was Head of Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Sarajevo and Full Professor (from 1979); (1980-87) Director, Institute for Process- Power and Environmental Engineering, then Dean of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, University of Sarajevo; (1985-1987) Mayor of Sarajevo; (1987-91) Minister of Science and Technology in the Government of Bosnia



and Herzegovina; (1991-1993) DFG Guest Professor, Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuernberg, Germany; (1994) Professor, Michigan University of Technology, Houghton, MI, USA; (1994-2005) Professor and Head of Section Thermal and Fluids Sciences, Faculty of Applied Sciences, Department of Multi-scale Physics, Delft University of Technology, Delft, Netherlands; he is currently guest professor at the Darmstadt University of Technology, Darmstadt, Germany.

Prof. Hanjalic is a member of the American Association of Mechanical Engineers (ASME); American Physics Society (APS); International Association of Hydraulic Research (IAHR); European Community for Flow, Turbulence and Combustion (ERCOFTAC); member of the scientific programme Committee and of the industrial advisory committee of ERCOFTAC, and chairman of the ERCOFTAC special interest group for turbulence modeling. He is chairman of the IAHR working group on refined flow modeling, chairman of the executive committee and member of the scientific council of ICHMT (International Center for Heat Mass Transfer, Secretariat in Ankara, Turkey); Member of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina (1989), Fellow of the Institute of Physics (2004), Fellow of the Islamic World Academy of Sciences (2005)

Prof. Hanjalic presented over 40 keynotes, panel and other invited lectures, and made over 200 contributions (most published in refereed proceedings) at conferences worldwide.

Prof. Hanjalic has over 1500 journal citations and over 30 book citations.

## **EUA Study on Research Capacities in the Western Balkans Countries Preparation Meetings**

5 July 2017 - The European University Association (EUA) is currently conducting research to make a study on the Western Balkans countries research capacities within the SPHERE project financed by the European Commission (SPHERE project- Support and



Promotion for Higher Education Reform Experts). The aim of the study is to gather information and opinions from higher education representatives and research institutions in the Western Balkans countries in order to provide the best possible support for the regional research potential development.

Within the information collection activities for the mentioned study, the University of Sarajevo was by visited Prof. Dr. Melita Kovacevic, full professor at the University of Zagreb, as a EUA expert on the project.



Professor Kovacevic met with the UNSA management representatives, Prof. Dr. Izet Radjo, Vice-Rector for Research and academician Dejan Milosevic, Chairman of the UNSA Council for Science and Art; organizational unit management representatives and teachers, associates and PhD candidates from our University.

The purpose of the meetings was to discuss and exchange views on the support of scientific research activities and the development of research potential at the UNSA.

## **Round Table Discussion**

### ***Library and Information Services in Academic Libraries***

### ***As a Support of Learning and Participation of Student with Disabilities***

6 July 2017 – A Round Table Discussion Library and Information Services in Academic Libraries as a Support of Learning and Participation of Student with Disabilities was held as a joint activity of two CBHE projects School-to-Work Transition for Higher education students with disabilities in Serbia, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Montenegro and Library Network Support Services: Modernizing libraries in Western Balkan countries through staff development and reforming library services. Prof. Dr. Maida Cohodar Husic, University of Sarajevo Vice-Rector for Quality addressed the participants and expressed the satisfaction that the University of Sarajevo is a partner in implementation of projects that are devoted to the issues of rights and needs of student with disabilities.



The presenters at the Round Table Discussion were members of two Projects:

- Doz. Dr. Lejla Hodzic (Trans2Work Project member);
- Mr. sc. Irena Pejic (Library Network Support Services Project member);
- Merima Zukic, MA (Trans2Work Project member);
- Doz. Dr. Lejla Hajdarpasic (Library Network Support Services University of Sarajevo Project Coordinator);
- Prof. Dr. Lejla Kafedzic (Trans2Work University of Sarajevo Project Coordinator);
- Mr. Sc. Nadina Grebovic Lendo (Library Network Support Services Project member).

UNSA faculty members and students attended the Round Table Discussion along with other universities, academic librarians, public and school librarians who exchanged their

experiences and opinions in terms of improving the quality of library and information services for people with disabilities.

## 71 PhD Candidates Promoted at the University of Sarajevo



6 July 2017 – The ceremony of promoting PhD candidates at University of Sarajevo Doctor of Science was held at the National Theater Sarajevo on Thursday, 6 July 2017. At the ceremony, UNSA Rector, Prof. Dr. Rifat Skrijelj, Vice-Rectors and the UNSA Faculty/Academy Deans promoted 71 PhD candidates into Doctors of Sciences. In his welcome address, UNSA Rector Prof. Dr. Skrijelj pointed out that the University of Sarajevo, as the oldest

BH University with the greatest potential for the progress and reforming of our society, since its founding has promoted more than 160 000 graduates, over 16 thousand Master theses defended and including today's promotion 3140 Doctors of Sciences. After this solemn act, the University of Sarajevo has become richer for seventy-one Doctors of Sciences from the areas of Humanities, social, medical, natural, mathematical, biotechnical and technical sciences groups as well as the Arts Group. "We are witnessing the rapid change in our world and environment, carrying enormous opportunities and risks. The competences are segment becoming more important than origins, ethnic, religious, racial, sexual and social affiliations. Therefore, doctors of science as intellectuals par excellence have a special role in the process that shapes the future, since they represent the 21st century's face and needs, and foundation of the competence of every nation and state" stressed Rector Skrijelj. He also stressed that the acquisition of the Doctor of Science academic title is a key milestone on the life path of every academic community member, since after this act they become independent researchers, i.e. he gets the right to independently formulate their own research. "This form of academic freedom carries special responsibility, because it must be borne in mind that knowledge is always conditioned by human need and it is never there for itself. It stems from reality and returns to it to influence the change. That is why the task of every new generation of doctors, even the ones we are promoting right now, is to introduce changes that will in itself include a spark of new changes, because true intellectuals are those who carry vital humanity in themselves that does not tolerate perfection, statism, dogmatism and other obstacles to human progress" said Rector Skrijelj, and congratulated to doctors of sciences on previous achievements and expressed the desire to apply new knowledge and skills to the general welfare of their community and humanity as a whole. Striving to Knowledge Society, the University of Sarajevo promoted: 12 candidates into Doctors of Technical Sciences, 6 candidates into Doctors Medical Sciences, 5 candidates into Doctors Doctor of Geosciences and Doctors of Dental Sciences, four candidates into Doctors of History, Doctors of Lit., Doctors of Pedagogical Sciences, Doctors of Education, Doctors of Agricultural Sciences and Doctors of Veterinary Sciences, 3 candidates into Doctors of Islamic Sciences, Doctor of Health

Sciences and Doctors of Linguistics, 1 candidate into Doctor of Political Sciences, Doctor of Sociology, Doctor of Journalism, Doctor of Science in Sports and Physical Education, Doctor of Criminal Sciences, Doctor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Doctor of Science in Musicology, Doctor of Biology, Doctor of Mathematics and Doctor of Forestry Sciences. On behalf of the promoted Doctors of Sciences, Dr. Sead Semsovic addressed the attendees. He said that individual maturation was primarily the result of the efforts and responsibilities of each individual, and that the social context itself and the diverse living conditions would have a share in it. "A complete intellectual has always been busy; he must constantly work on correcting himself. As just as he tirelessly works to fill his biography and bibliography, he must act on building his own humanism. Only a wisely balanced relationship of these external and internal dimensions will make scientists complete" said Dr. Semsovic.

## **Academic Cooperation Strengthening between the Universities of Sarajevo and Kuwait**

*A Meeting of Prof. Dr. Yousef S. H. Al-Zalzalalah and Prof. Dr. Rifat Skrijelj*

7 July 2017 – Prof. Dr. Yousef S. H. Al-Zalzalalah, professor at the University of Kuwait Faculty of Administrative Sciences and Petrolink Holding Company president, visited the University of Sarajevo Rectorate, where he was received by Rector, Prof. Dr. Rifat Skrijelj. At the meeting were also present directors of the International Institute for Middle-East and Balkan Studies (IFIMES)

Doz. Dr. Zijad Becirovic and Mr. Bakhtyar Aljaf and UNSA Vice-Rectors - Prof. Drs. Aida Hodzic, Izet Radjo, Aleksandra Nikolic, Zeljko Sain and Prof. Zijad Mehic.

Within Mr. Al-Zalzalalah's first visit to the University of Sarajevo, Rector Skrijelj in his welcome speech presented the history and development of the University of Sarajevo, emphasizing the

comprehensiveness of the University that covers fields of Humanities, social sciences, medicine, natural sciences and biotechnology, and technical sciences and arts.

The focus of the meeting was discussions on deepening cooperation between the Universities of Sarajevo and Kuwait in accordance with the Agreement on Academic Cooperation signed



between two institutions. Particular emphasis was placed on the need to intensify students and faculty exchange, as well as joint participation in international projects.

Mr. Al-Zalzalah stressed that the Kuwaiti Ministry of Higher Education and the University of Kuwait will provide a number of scholarships which will facilitate the study at the University of Kuwait for interested University of Sarajevo students.

In giving his assessment of proposed cooperation ideas, Rector Skrijelj pointed out that the implementation of students and faculty staff exchange between the University of Sarajevo and the University of Kuwait will be an excellent basis for the planned economic cooperation between our two countries.

The meeting was ended with a declared mutual interest in the improving academic cooperation, and in time to come a meeting of the management of the University of Sarajevo and the University of Kuwait will be organized.

## **UNSA Rector Awarded with an Honorary *Ambassador of Knowledge* Title**

7 July 2017 – University of Sarajevo Rector, Prof. Dr. Rifat Skrijelj received today the honorary title Ambassador of Knowledge. The title was awarded by the Slovenian Life Learning Academia from Slovenia. The honorary title Ambassador of Knowledge was bestowed upon Rector Skrijelj by Life Learning Academia director, Mrs. Merjetka Kastner at the UNSA Rectorate. It had been planned to award Rector Skrijelj with the title on ceremony to be held at the Academic-Economic Congress held in Brdo near Kranj on 31 May 2017, however Rector Skrijelj postponed the receiving due to a discussion on the Sarajevo Canton Law on Higher Education. The Academic-Economic



Congress is one of the leading international events in the region that gathers individuals and organizations from around the world annually with the goal of presenting achievements, potentials, and mentors in the field of knowledge at the global level. The emphasis is on learning, knowledge and networking. "Receiving the recognition from an eminent institution such as the Life Learning Academia, which is at the same time recognition of the University of Sarajevo, means a lot to me. It is especially important to mention that this recognition, given to me as Rector, improves the international reputation of the University of Sarajevo" said Rector Skrijelj. He also stated that it is an honor to be inducted in the company of Dr. Zijad Becirovic, Dr. Franz Fischler, Edward Charles Francis Publius de Bono, Dr. Akkan Suver, Prof. Dr. Nikica Grbic, Mr. Zoran



Zivkovic, Mr. Milan Petrovic and other Ambassador of Knowledge title recipients. Rector Skrijelj also mentioned the successful cooperation with the Slovenian universities and stated that today's meeting with the Life Learning Academia and IFIMES directors promises new cooperative forms and enriches the cooperation between the University of Sarajevo and Slovenian institutions. At the receiving ceremony were also present Dr. Zijad Becirovic, Director of the International Institute for Middle-East and Balkan Studies (IFIMES), UNSA Vice-Rectors: Prof. Drs. Aida Hodzic, Izet Radjo, Zeljko Sain, Zijad Mehic, Maida Cohodar Husic and student Vice-Rector Mirza Ibrahimovic.

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