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## 10<sup>TH</sup> GENERATION OF ISSBS' STUDENTS



In October 2016, tenth generation of ISSBS' students began with their study. ISSBS'

dean doc. dr. Srečko Natek encouraged the students at the beginning of the academic year 2016/2017: "The past academic year was challenging for the faculty, but also creative and successful. Croatian Agency for Science and Higher Education (ASHE) had carried out an international evaluation of



ISSBS, and I am sure our further work will justify this recognition and we will take on the challenges that they have recommended to us. The concern for the faculty's reputation and the quality of education should be our first priority. In the past academic year, we have upgraded the IT support. The results of analyzes give us new opportunities for understanding and influencing quality of education and research processes. The quality of the faculty depends on all of us. Therefore, let's continue to work together, encourage and listen to each other, let's take advantage of the many opportunities and let's make the tenth jubilee generation 2016/17 even better!"

## 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADUATION AND AWARD CEREMONY

In January 2017, 9<sup>th</sup> ISSBS' graduation and awards ceremony was held. 121



students, who graduated in the academic year 2015/2016, received their diplomas. The event was also a celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ISSBS and an overview of the faculty's most important achievements in this period. There were 26 graduates of the programme Economics in Contemporary Society, 49 graduates of the programme Business in Contemporary Society and 46 graduates of the masters' programme Knowledge Management. The ISSBS' dean doc. dr. Srečko Natek presented the faculty's achievements in previous academic years, stressed the importance of the acquired academic title and finished his speech with good wishes for graduates. The ceremony was also attended by Mr. Stane Rozman, from the Municipality of Celje. At the ceremony, ISSBS also traditionally awarded the outstanding graduates for success in their studies, best students in class and most involved student tutors.



## MOBILITY PROJECTS AND STUDENTS ABOUT THEIR MOBILITY EXPERIENCE



# Erasmus+



In 2016/2017, ISSBS is carrying out three Erasmus+ mobility projects. In the context of these projects, the faculty will enable four students to take part in an international mobility for study or traineeship. Also, fifteen outbound staff teaching or training mobilities abroad are planned, including mobilities at partner institutions in countries such as Thailand, Morocco, Hong Kong, Moldova, Israel and Kosovo. Mobility projects also include twelve inbound mobilities of foreign higher education teachers, which will increase the scope of interdisciplinary education at ISSBS, international experience of non-mobile students, lectures in a foreign language, and access to course content from other cultural contexts and enable a comparison with the domestic business and academic environment.

**Anja Kragelj, Economics in Contemporary Society: two months of traineeship in Gorenje Austria Handelsges.m.b.H**



»I have often heard the adventures of students who went on the exchange. I did not imagine myself on the exchange, and I was in doubt. After two months of traineeship in Gorenje in Austria, I can say that it was one of the best experience of my life. I was thrilled over the city of Vienna and its beautiful sights. I was working in a really good team and connected co-workers. My traineeship was from the field of marketing, finance and logistics. I also had the opportunity to went with the team of Gorenje to Fair in Salzburg, where I met with new challenges. In the two months in Austria, I have gained valuable work experience and widened my horizons. I will definitely stay in touch with the people I have worked with and with my new friends. After graduation, I wish to go abroad again, but for a longer period of time. Erasmus exchange will definitely have an affect on my future career and personal life. I think that students do not take advantage enough of the available opportunities within the faculty. I am very grateful to the faculty and everyone who enabled me the opportunity for this exchange.«

## FIRST IMPLEMENTATION OF PHD PROGRAMME IN ENGLISH



With the beginning of the academic year 2016/2017, ISSBS started with the first implementation of the doctoral study programme Knowledge management in English. Besides Slovenian doctoral students, four foreign students are also enrolled in the programme. Beginning of the doctoral programme in English is a turning point for the faculty at its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and an important



step towards achieving its long term vision. It aspires to be recognised for its academic quality and social responsibility. All faculty's activities are directed to developing and implementing high-quality and internationally oriented study to increase the employability of (post)graduate students and to enhance their professional development. Implementation of study programmes in English contribute to higher internationalization of education at home, which will further improve the quality of teaching and learning for all students and improve the quality of the international dimension of the Slovenian higher education as a whole.

## CONCLUSION OF ERASMUS FOR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS PROJECT



Erasmus for Young  
Entrepreneurs



In January 2017, ISSBS completed its participation in the project "YOUung ENTERpreneurs in EUrope 2" within the the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs programme. Within the project, ISSBS enabled nine new entrepreneurs from Slovenia to train with host entrepreneur abroad. The aim of the project was to help young entrepreneurs to acquire relevant skills for managing their own business by working with experienced entrepreneurs in other European countries. On the other hand, the project allowed experienced entrepreneurs to share their experience with young entrepreneurs and take advantage of opportunities and ideas of young people.

