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8TH GRADUATION CEREMONY



On 15th January 2016, ISSBS organized the 8th graduation ceremony for undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. 104 alumni

graduated in 2014/2015 were awarded their diplomas. Among them, there were 28 from



the Economics in Contemporary Society (ECS) study programme, 42 from the Business in Contemporary Society (BCS) professional study programme, 33 of the Knowledge Management (KM) master programme and 1 graduate of the Management and Quality in Education (MQE) master programme. As a part of the graduation ceremony, the ISSBS dean thanked all graduates' mentors and awarded excellence awards to the best graduates and most successful students. For the first time, ISSBS commendation for tutoring have been awarded.

ISSBS' STUDENTS ABOUT THEIR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE



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Ania Kiara Felandres, ECS: traineeship in Vienna, Austria

»I didn't expect to go on traineeship in Vienna. It was a surprise and I didn't miss the chance. The city has rich culture and is very diverse. The traineeship itself was an experience without comparison. Everyone should experience this kind of opportunity, and no one should miss it! You can discover new things and learn, mostly how to become more independent and ingenious and you can use this in your further life and career. Cooperation with hosting organisation was successful and educational, but most of all, I have learned something about myself. Before the traineeship experience, I was a bit lost and scared, and I didn't know exactly what I want to do in my life. Now I know much better



than before. It was hardworking and sometimes exhausting experience but I had my own space. Through this traineeship, I have gained a lot of self-confidence, determination and courage. Knowledge of organising and planning is very important for life, as well as relying on yourself. When new opportunity will show, I will definitely take advantage of it, because I know there is a long way ahead of me. With every experience, we have to become better and one step further to our goals. If I had to choose again, I would choose something even more challenging, because now I know, I can do it. To everyone who is considering to go abroad, I advise not to hesitate, and to go and explore their outer and inner world.«

ROUND TABLE »INTO THE FUTURE WITHOUT PRESENT«

On 15 December 2015, ISSBS organized a round table entitled »Into the Future without Present«. The discussion was chaired and moderated by senior lecturer **mag. Rado Pezdir** from ISSBS. The main topics of the round table were important events in 2015, evaluation of current social situation and the need for changes and reforms. Guests presented their views and comments on how they see the sudden withdrawal of economic topics from serious public debates and future



development of Slovenia. **Dr. Blaž Vodopivec** expressed hope that someone in the future will find a way to form a society, which will agree to the necessary changes and move on from status quo. **Dr. Milan Balazič** pointed out the weaknesses of Slovenian society such as »inability of risk, satisfaction with small plans and ideas and transferring responsibility to the state«. **Mr. Milan Matos** as experienced entrepreneur and manager, presented his view of the situation in the country and society. He emphasised, that »we are still coping with questions of separation, not with questions of creation. We have to carry out the needed reforms and start to create our own future«. ISSBS' round tables are always very well attended, both by students and by the interested public.

INAUGURAL LECTURE OF DR. JANEZ ŠUŠTERŠIČ

On 5th of January 2016, **Dr. Janez Šušteršič** held an inaugural lecture »Who stole the Economic Policy? Economic Policy in the Grip of Democracy« for his election into the title of Professor. Professor Šušteršič has warned, that economists normally neglect the fact that the decisions about objectives and economic policy measures are made only on the basis of expert analyses and recommendations. He



presented basics of contemporary approach to economic policy, which also includes interests of decision makers and all stakeholders, which can influence their decisions. Economists should understand, how the political market functions and consider actual decision-making process or suggest institutional changes to improve its quality.

GUEST LECTURE OF DR. MANCA KOŠIR



On 3rd February 2016, **Dr. Manca Košir**, journalist, publicist and an intellectual, held a guest lecture with »What can Manca Advise to Future Managers – Importance of the Community«. Lecture was a part of the course Organization and Management carried out by **Dr. Marko Zebec Koren**. Dr. Košir addressed questions such as, why is community important and what it means; how to overcome the individualism of selfish customers and primacy of the instrumental mind; how to get rid off soft despotism (Taylor), and which virtues should future managers foster and what kind of world should they build.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON QUALITY AND E-LEARNING IN EDUCATION

On 11th January 2016, ISSBS and Centre for Educational Research and Development (Kosovo) organised the International Conference on Quality and e-Learning in Education in Hotel Emerald in Kosovo. Purpose of the conference was to open discussion on topics, which in the last decade appeared as main international trends all over the world. Following the recommendations and OECD and EU projects, there is a lot of literature and good practises on leadership and quality in many countries that were discussed through the Kosovo national context. The conference was intended for directors of education municipal directorates, school headmasters, teachers/professors from primary and secondary schools as well as all decision-makers of higher education institutions in both sectors (public & private) in the Republic of Kosovo. Over 300 participants attended the event and are highly interested for the similar event also next year.