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## ISSBS IN THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION

ISSBS has started the process of obtaining FIBAA international accreditation for its Master's study programme Knowledge Management which requires a carefully planned education process. In order to obtain accreditation, the faculty has to carry out a comprehensive self-evaluation, receive a good reference from the visit of an international group of evaluators and meet international standards of quality in higher education.

Im Akkreditierungsverfahren  
applied for accreditation



FIBAA (Foundation for International Business Administration Accreditation) is a Swiss non-profit agency for quality assurance in higher education which audits, assesses and furthers the development of higher education institutions around the world. International accreditation of the study programme Knowledge Management will contribute to the promotion of the faculty in the region, and improve its recognition and competitiveness of its graduates.

our Associate Dean for Education, pred. Suzana Košir, prof., during her study visit to Australia in February and March 2010. She also presented the faculty's educational activities and assistance to students in transition from high school to university.



During his visit to Australia, Ms. Košir established cooperation with their Community of Practice which is aimed at exchanging experience in the field of teaching and teacher training. We aim to establish a similar community at the ISSBS. Their cooperation resulted in an initiative to jointly prepare a handbook for higher education teachers. In the frames of Women's Network, Ms. Košir exchanged information and experience in the

field of women's rights and participation in higher education in Slovenia and Australia.

In May 2010, ISSBS hosted a visit by dr. Lorelle J. Burton, Associate Dean for Education at the University of Southern Queensland, who talked about excellence in teaching and education.

## VISITING HIGHER EDUCATION TEACHERS IN 2010



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Naložba v vašo prihodnost  
OPREDELJEVALNA POMOČ EVROPSKE UNIJE  
FINANCIJSKA SKLADNOST

Each year ISSBS hosts guest lectures by various foreign lecturers in order to encourage the exchange of expertise and experience and foster international cooperation. In April and May 2010, the faculty hosted visits by many recognized higher education teachers and experts from all around the world who carried out lectures in the frames of the Master's study programme Knowledge Management.

Visits by foreign lecturers have strengthened the cooperation between ISSBS and its partner faculties from the USA, Asia, Australia and the Middle East, and established the foundation for future cooperation on various projects and initiatives.

The operational programme is partially financed by the European Union, i.e. European Social Fund. It is being carried out in the frames of the Operational Programme Human Resources Development 2007-2013, development priority 3: "Development of Human Resources and Lifelong Learning"; primary orientation 3.3: "Quality, Competitiveness and Responsiveness of Higher Education".

## COOPERATION BETWEEN ISSBS AND AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND

Australian University of Southern Queensland has shown an interest in the Guide through an academic year - a handbook for higher education teachers and associates of the ISSBS. The Guide was presented by





15 April 2010 / Dr. Frederick Kohun from Robert Morris University, Pittsburgh, USA compared European and American systems of higher education and presented the nature of doctoral studies in the USA and the functioning of higher education in general.



6 May 2010 / Dr. Jay Liebowitz from the University of Maryland, Washington, USA is an expert in the field of knowledge management. He has recently been named one of top ten management experts in the world. He gave lectures at Mercator, d.d. and at the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology of the Republic of Slovenia.



7 May 2010 / Dr. Kongkiti Phusavat from Kasetsart University, Bangkok, Thailand is an expert in the field of quality assurance in higher education.



14 May 2010 / Dr. Joseph Shevel from Galilee College, Israel is director and founder of Galilee College, international institute of Management. He spoke about international education markets and the internationalization of higher education.



18 May 2010 / Dr. Lorelle J. Burton from the Faculty of Sciences, University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba, Australia gave a lecture on preparing prospective students for successful studies and on cooperation with high schools in order to facilitate the transition of students to university.



20 May 2010 / Dr. Hans Vossensteyn, executive director of the Center for Higher Education Policy Studies (CHEPS), which is part of the Universiteit Twente in the Netherlands, gave a lecture on models and financing of higher education.



27 May 2010 / Jon File, executive director in the field of development and consultancy of CHEPS in the Netherlands, carried out a higher education strategic game with students. He is an expert on the effects of government policies on higher education institutions and on the development of higher education management through education and training programmes.

### DR. JAY LIEBOWITZ'S LECTURE AT THE MEETING OF THE CLUB OF ENTREPRENEURS ZLATOROG CELJE

Celje, 6 May 2010 – Club of entrepreneurs Zlatorog Celje organised a meeting with dr. Jay Liebowitz, a visiting lecturer at the ISSBS. At the meeting dr. Liebowitz highlighted



the importance of social networks that enable company management to identify how their employees create, exchange and apply knowledge. He also underlined that networking and knowledge exchange significantly influence the success of a company and its competitive advantage. His presentation was followed by a discussion.

The meeting is an example of successful cooperation between academia and economy, which enables the faculty to identify the needs of entrepreneurs and upgrade its educational and research process accordingly, and gives entrepreneurs the access to contemporary knowledge.

Club of entrepreneurs Zlatorog Celje and ISSBS plan for more cooperation in the future which will spread knowledge, ideas and initiatives, and thus enrich Celje's social and business environment.



### STUDENT CONFERENCE "ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND MANAGEMENT IN THEORY AND PRACTICE"

Celje, 20 May 2010 – ISSBS held its first student conference entitled "Entrepreneurship and Management in Theory and Practice", organised by the Student Council of ISSBS.

Conference guests included Branka Gorjup, human resources coordinator at CETIS, Marijana Kolenko, principal of Primary School

Lava, Savina Vybihal, prof., entrepreneur, dr. Lorelle J. Burton, Associate Dean for Education at the Faculty of Sciences, University of Southern Queensland, Australia, and Robert Ašenberger, entrepreneur.



Their presentations of theory and practice of functioning of companies and organisations gave students an insight into the recruitment process and into how organisational atmosphere affects business performance. Students also learned about methods of managing work-related stress and pitfalls of leadership.



### THIRD STUDENT OLYMPICS

The now traditional gathering of students, higher education teachers and other staff of ISSBS, organised by the Student Council of ISSBS, took place on Friday, 21 May 2010 in Ljubččna. ISSBS student olympics is eagerly awaited annual event taking place at the end of an academic year, where students and faculty staff get better acquainted with each other. This year's event was attended by over 120 participants, including ISSBS' dean, doc. dr. Srečko Natek, teachers and other faculty staff.

Informal gathering of students and professors reflects a personal and friendly approach to students which ISSBS intends to encourage also in the future.

