



NICE – Network for Innovation in Career Guidance and Counselling in Europe

The 6th International Conference of the project ERASMUS Academic Networks NICE, held on May 28 - 30, 2015 in Bratislava, attended by 140 participants from universities and professional institutions from 30 countries.

The conference took place under the auspices of the Rector of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Prof Dr Robert Redhammer, which represents vice-rector Associate professor Dr Štefan Stanko, who greeted the participants and has submitted a project coordinator Christiane Schiersmann of Ruprecht Karls Universität in Heidelberg, letter of thanks the Rector of STU, for many years of the successful conduct and outcome of the NICE project (2009-2015).

The NICE project that has been launched in 2012 and will finish in September this year, is carried out with the support of the European Community as a part of the Lifelong Learning Programme, Sub-programme ERASMUS Academic Networks.

The significance of the conference was underlined by participation of the Director General of the Higher Education Section of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sports of the Slovak Republic, Prof Dr Peter Plavčan, who personally welcomed the participants of the conference. Within the framework of the plenary session there were several interesting



interesting papers presented, namely that by a member of the European Parliament, Directorate General for Economic and Scientific Policies, Susanne Kraatz, entitled “Professionalization of Lifelong Career Guidance for Employment and Social Inclusion in Europe – Perspectives of European Policies”. The conference included thematic workshops, which created a space for presentations by representatives of universities and institutions and for mutual discussions.

At the conclusion, the participants signed MEMORANDUM on cooperation in education and research in agreement with European priorities of lifelong education and lifelong career guidance. The network aims to make a significant contribution to further development of career guidance in harmony with the European priorities of lifelong learning and lifelong career guidance. and strengthen the cooperation in the field of research and education



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The conference also had a cultural dimension, including the Chamber Orchestra STU TECHNIK under the baton of Mirko Krajčí "Simple Symphony by Benjamin Britten" played at introduction and the evening performance of the Folklore ensemble TECHNIK with a range of Slovak songs and dances. The performances of both ensembles, the sightseeing of the historical centre of Bratislava and the visit of Museum of modern art DANUBIANA, were received with a warm welcome.

Conference contributes to the further deepening and development of international cooperation of universities and professional institutions in the field of research, education and transformation of good examples and experiences. To expand interdisciplinary cooperation between universities and professional institutions in the social sciences.

The conference provided an opportunity to present the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava as a modern educational institution in a broad international context. Contributed to strengthening the prestige of STU in international projects and increase interest in further cooperation with STU in the future. It created an opportunity to present Slovakia as a mature, culture and modern country.



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