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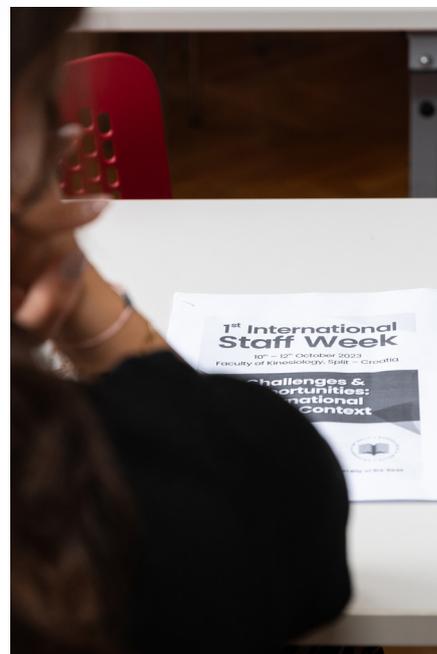
The term 'international' houses within it a diversity of challenges and opportunities that extend and address the boundaries between possibilities and nearly all other creative forms of international dialogue. Even more, the term 'international' within the sporting world has a very special place – it connects and enables, manifests and explores the complexity between sports performance, space and all of its forms of participation/manifestation within the international sports context.

By putting international at the heart of dialogue, the Faculty of Kinesiology, University of Split had the pleasure of inviting colleagues to participate in the 1st International Staff Week 'Challenges and Opportunities: International Sports Context'. The three-day event took place at the Faculty of Kinesiology where it welcomed, together with the academic staff from the Faculty of Kinesiology and the Faculty of Sport and Physical Education, University of Novi Sad, Serbia, representatives from all nine SEA-EU Alliance partners: the University of Cadiz (Spain), the University of Brest (France), the University of Kiel (Germany), the University of Gdansk (Poland), the University of Malta (Malta), the University of Naples Parthenope (Italy), the University of Algarve (Portugal), and the NORD University (Norway).

Following the general aim of the SEA-EU Alliance, the event aimed to gather people from academic and non-academic fields and backgrounds to explore and share examples of good practices within different sports topics, as well as to expand and strengthen the international present and future collaboration across the SEA-EU Alliance.

Since the activities of the Alliance are not limited to research and teaching, this Staff Week provided the opportunity for participants to address and discuss challenges and opportunities related to innovative and flexible approaches in the development of sports and healthy actions such as how to meet a European standard for a 'healthy campus' or how the universities facilitated health-promoting measures in physical activity in the COVID-19 pandemic times.









The event was opened by prof. Frane Žuvela, PhD, Dean of the Faculty of Kinesiology in Split, who also expressed his warm welcome to its European partners, while the role and importance of the University of Split in the SEA-EU Alliance was stressed by a warm welcome by Vice-Rector for International Relation of the University of Split, prof. Zoran Đogaš, PhD (SEA-EU project manager) and prof. Igor Jerković, PhD, Vice-Rector for Science and Quality both from the University of Split. The program continued with short presentations of all SEA-EU Alliance partner universities together with the sports opportunities and engagements each of the universities have to offer.

During the next few days, the participants learnt about the different initiatives through planned activities and were able to join in and get hands on various experiences.



Apart from learning on the opportunities and possibilities offered by each partner university, the participants took part in the sessions addressing issues related to Healthy Campus certification, implementation of the Healthy Campus certification at the University of Algarve, examples of good practices in sports management, Erasmus+ sports project - SAVE, and how to raise the awareness of the importance of physical activity among the elderly population.



The third day of the event reflected the authors' thematic interest in students' role in the European Higher Education Area, the professional career development of young people in physical education and sports, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on elite athletes.



Together with the official part of the programme, the participants took part in two social events – Split Sightseeing Tour and guided Nordic walk tour on park-forest Marjan – and one workshop on the 'Reanimation in Sport: Lifesaving minutes'. Through all of these activities, the participants learnt and experienced not only topic-related knowledge but also encountered and experienced the diversity of the local socio-cultural history and its environmental values.



Final thoughts

Organized for the first time, the 1st International Staff Week 'Challenges and Opportunities: International Sports Context' managed to create, connect and interchange links between people of different backgrounds and interests, from academics to students; it managed to share knowledge and viewpoints on key issues relating to the different challenges and developments within the sports context as well as to improve awareness of the importance of sport in educational institutions. Since the Faculty's purpose is to be friendly yet academically demanding, we believe that the event provided a possibility for partner universities to present themselves as well as it enabled students to ask questions, make comments, exchange practices and opportunities that might help them decide which partner university to choose, for instance, for their future Erasmus study period institution.



Finally, we hope that the participants and the readers will find all of the ideas in this volume as exciting and enriching as we have, and we anticipate that they will discover further possibilities in these interdisciplinary explorations. We look forward to continuing many of these dialogues and directions in future Staff weeks!

Official programme

Tuesday, 10 October

(Faculty of Kinesiology, Nikola Tesla 10/4th floor, Lecture Room 6)

09.00 – 09.30	Registration
09.30 – 09.45	Welcome speech by the Governing Board of the Faculty of Kinesiology
09.45 – 10.00	Presentation and the role of the University of Split in the SEA-EU Alliance
10.00 – 10.30	Presentation of the International Office Faculty of Kinesiology
10.30	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.30	Short Presentations of the SEA-EU University Partners 11.00 – 11.10 University of Cadiz (Spain) – Coordinator – online* 11.15 – 11.25 University of Gdansk (Poland) 11.30 – 11.40 University of Malta (Malta) 11.45 – 11.55 University of Naples Parthenope (Italy) 12.00 – 12.10 University of Algarve (Portugal) 12.15 – 12.25 NORD University (Norway) – online* 12.30 – 12.40 University of Brest (France) – online* 12.45 – 12.55 University of Kiel (Germany) – online*
13.00	Lunch break
17.00	*Social event: Split Sightseeing Tour

Wednesday, 11 October

(Faculty of Kinesiology, Nikola Tesla 10/4th floor, Lecture Room 8)

09.00 – 09.30	Registration
09.30 – 10.00	Introducing Healthy Campus certification Prof. Ivo Carvalhosa, Development and Healthy Campus Coordinator-FISU online*
10.00 – 11.00	Keynote: 'Implementing Healthy Campus certification at the University of Algarve' Ass. prof. Nuno Miguel Viegas Rodrigues, Sports Office of the Academic Association of the University of Algarve
11.15	Coffee break
11.30 – 12.00	'Examples of good practices in Sports Management: Case study' Ivan Tustonjić, mag. cin.
12.00 – 12.30	'Presenting Erasmus+ sports project – SAVE' Assoc. prof. Ivana Milovanović, Faculty of Sport and Physical Education University of Novi Sad, Serbia; Teach. assi. Tea Gutović, Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences, University of Split
12.30 – 13.00	'Raising awareness of importance of physical activity among elderly population' Full prof. Jelena Paušić, Faculty of Kinesiology University of Split
13.00	Lunch break
17.00	*Social event: Nordic walk tour on park-forest Marjan

Thursday, 12 October

(Faculty of Kinesiology, Nikola Tesla 10/4th floor, Lecture Room 6)

09.00 – 09.30	Registration
09.30 – 10.00	'Students' Role in European Higher Education Area' Full prof. Đurđica Miletić, Faculty of Kinesiology University of Split
10.00 – 11.00	Keynote: 'Professional career development of young people in physical education and sports: active students, active communities - a better future' Ass. prof. Darinka Korovljev, Faculty of Sport and Physical Education, University of Novi Sad, Serbia
11.15	Coffee break
11.30 – 12.00	'The COVID-19 pandemic through inter-university scientific collaboration - the impact of the infection on elite athletes' Prof. primaries Anamarija Jurčev Savičević, MD, PhD, Public Health Institute of Split and Dalmatia County
12.00 – 13.00	*Workshop: 'Reanimation in Sport: Lifesaving minutes' Teach. assi. Marijana Geets Kesić, MD, Faculty of Kinesiology University of Split
13.00	Lunch break
13.30	Closing remarks

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