

SCIENCE, RESEARCH, INNOVATION

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Various expert events were held in the framework of the conference "Science, Research, Innovation" in the period from 7th to 11th November 2005 in the framework of European Week of Science at the University of Economics in Bratislava, Faculty of Business Administration and Economics in Košice, under the patronage of Prof. Ing. Vojtech Kollár, CSc. rector of the University of Economics in Bratislava.

An open day was held on Tuesday 8th November 2005. Doc. Ing. Štefan Čarnický, PhD., the dean of the Faculty of Business Administration and Economics of the University of Economics, located in Košice, in his introduction informed the participants about the profile of the faculty. Other themes were directed towards providing information about the relevant areas of scientific research activities and results of research achieved in the recent period. Special emphasis was placed on student mobility and collaboration with foreign universities.

On 9th November 2005, Ing. Mária Andrejčíková, PhD., Prof. Ing. Tatiana Varcholová, CSc. and Doc. Ing. Martin Vološin, CSc. provided students with information about the current programmes for student mobility (Socrates, academic mobility, scholarships and grants, scholarships based on bilateral agreements, the programme Common activities Austria - Slovakia – cooperation in science and education, DAAD scholarship in Germany, CEU scholarships for post-graduate study for M.A. or PhD.)

The European Week of Science, Research and Innovation culminated on 10th November 2005 with the main event:

Conference on Science, Research and Innovation with international participation was held under the patronage of Doc. Ing. Vojtech Kollár, CSc., rector of the University of Economics in Bratislava.

RNDr. Michal Tkáč, CSc., the head of the Department of Economic Information and Mathematics opened and led the conference.

The introductory speech was given by the dean of the Faculty of Business Administration and Economics, Doc. Ing. Štefan Čarnický, PhD. who welcomed all foreign and domestic participants of the conference. He emphasized the main aim of the conference and pressed the necessity and possibilities of mutual collaboration between teachers, students and expert specialists from corporate practice in common business research projects.

The main speakers of the conference were: Prof.

Ing. Vojtech KOLLÁR, PhD., the rector of the University of Economics in Bratislava with the lecture "Science and the Quality of Education at the University of Economics in Bratislava"; Prof. Ing. Tatiana VARCHOLOVÁ, CSc., the vice-dean for science and doctoral study at the Faculty of Business Administration and Economics of the University of Economics in Bratislava with a seat in Košice spoke about the main directions of research in her faculty.

A further speaker, Ing. Ján KLEIN, commercial director of XYZ a. s. of Martin held a speech on "3D an Effective Route to Raising Competitiveness of a Company". Peter KUČERA, general director of Lužické strojárne a. s. spoke on: "The Contribution of Education as a Means for Equalizing the Domestic Entrepreneur with the Foreign Investor".

The following contribution was presented by: Doc. Ing. Darina Palúšková, PhD., the Faculty of Civil Engineering of the Slovak Technical University in Bratislava on topic: "Economic Analysis of the Conditions for Gaining the EMS Certificate by Construction Companies"; Michal BEČVÁR from Robert BOSCH Company, České Budějovice informed about: "The Development of Modern Methods of Raising Quality - Six Sigma"; Prof. RNDr. Michal TKÁČ, CSc., the head of the Department of Economic Information and Mathematics, the Faculty of Business Administration and Economics of the University of Economics in Bratislava with a seat in Košice held a speech on: "Economic Aspects of Improving Quality"; and Ing. Monika BAČOVÁ, PhD., assistant professor at the Department of Economics, Faculty of Business Administration and Economics in Košice presented: "Solution of Selected Problems of SME's Support in Slovak Regions". Jana JASOVSKÁ and Zuzana KIMÁKOVÁ presented results of their research on: "The Image of the Faculty of Business Administration and Economics of the University of Economics".

More than 250 participants visited this conference. Forty-nine participants from corporate environment attended the conference and nine gave lectures,



which will be published in proceedings from the conference.

On the final day of the European Week of Science in Košice, workshops were held in all departments of the Faculty of Business Administration and Economics. For example, teachers, students and experts from economic practice were present at a workshop in the Department of Economics led by the head of department Ing. Eva Kafková, PhD. Especially the following themes were discussed:

- the importance of the business plan for business practice,
- the possibilities for insuring business risks on the Slovak insurance market,
- selected problems of support for regions,
- the macro-economic model of consumption in Slovakia,
- a firm's external economic environment,
- public finance in the Slovak Republic – problems and impacts on the business sphere.

The participants devoted special attention to the theme: “The Macro-economic Model of Consumption in Slovakia“, presented with high expert knowledge of the problem by Doc. Ing. Vladimír Gazda, PhD.

The aim of the workshops was to develop existing and establish new contacts with experts from economic practice. More intensive cooperation between university departments and economic practice will create the pre-conditions for raising the quality of ŠVOČ works, diploma thesis and doctoral dissertations.

In conclusion, we can state that all the events of the week held by the Faculty of Business Administration and Economics in Košice were on a high professional, creative and communicative level. The significant participation of the students can prove this. The discussions in all the workshops created space for “breaking barriers“ in communication between students, teachers and experts from corporate practice.