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## FACULTY OF PHYSICAL CULTURE SIGNS COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH BODY-BUILDING & FITNESS FEDERATION OF KOSOVO

**2 April 2021**

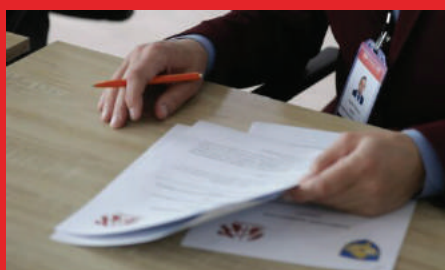
Through this cooperation agreement, the parties have agreed to implement joint programs in the field of fitness for practical work for students, for the protection of students' interests, and for the development of new and practical knowledge.

The parties also agreed to exchange materials and professional literature and other necessary information.



This agreement provides the parties with the opportunity to implement special short-term academic programs, including the joint organization of summer schools, workshops, events, and competitions. In addition, the licensing of students for personal fitness trainer, will be one of the points of interest of this agreement.

**The agreement was signed by the Dean of the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports, Fatmir Pireva and the Secretary General of the Federation, Mr. Sabri Dragusha.**



## DEPUTY FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO PRISTINA MR. FRANCOIS CYPRIEN, AWARDS CERTIFICATES FOR STUDENTS OF THE FACULTY OF MASS COMMUNICATION

**2 April 2021**



The training “Fighting misinformation”, organized by the Faculty of Mass Communication in the framework of cooperation with the French organization CFI, was successfully completed.

The closing ceremony and the distribution of certificates to the participants was attended by the French Deputy Ambassador in Pristina, Mr. Francois Cyprien, who congratulated the participants for the results achieved and expressed the readiness of the French Embassy to continue with such events for the benefit of students.

The delegation of the French Embassy met with Deputy Rector Shemsedin Vehapi, who thanked all the participants and expressed interest to continue with other such trainings.



Lecturers in this two-day training were Professor Ilire Zajmi selected by CFI, and Robert Bourgoing, French communication expert, who joined us via video call from France.

CFI is a member of the Global Forum for Media Development (GFMD) which was established in 2004 to lobby on behalf of those working for media cooperation, and to coordinate the actions of its members in the service of development in countries which are in-wait of receiving international aid. CFI is a public sector operator, mainly funded by the French Ministry of Europe and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## **AAB COLLEGE MARKS APRIL 6, INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE MARKED**

**7 April 2021**

On the occasion of April 6, International Day of Sport Day for Development and Peace, a roundtable discussion was organized by AAB College's Faculty of Physical Education where the newly elected President of the Kosovo Olympic Committee, Mr. Ismet Krasniqi and Mr. Besim Aliti, advisor to the president of KOC were invited.



In the opening of the roundtable, the Dean of the Faculty of Physical Education, Prof. Asoc. Dr. Fatmir Pireva spoke about the positive contribution that sport can have in sustainable development and the advancement of human rights.

During the roundtable, the President of KOC, Ismet Krasniqi, spoke about his development plan: “My main goal is to develop sports in Kosovo strategically at national and local levels, to build strength and organizational capacities of national sports federations”.



Krasniqi added that in his mandate as president of the Kosovo Olympic Committee, he will build the capacities to organize major international sports events and involve professionals from Kosovo in international sports governing bodies, however, building of capacities for sports lobbying, financial growth, and the creation of infrastructural and non-infrastructural heritage will remain a priority.



While on the topic of representation of Kosovo in the Olympic Games in Tokyo, Krasniqi confirmed that in addition to the five judokas who have secured their participation in this global sporting event, there are also two swimmers and an athlete who have done the same. Other athletes from different disciplines are also receiving help on their qualification.

“We will strongly support our contenders and help them in the best way we can to prepare so that they can also qualify in the Olympics.” said Krasniqi.

## NDI PRESENTS AWARDS OF RECOGNITION TO AAB STUDENTS

12 April 2021



Students of the Faculty of Computer Science, Ermir Shabani and Arbëresha Alickaj, today were honored with awards of recognition by NDI (National Democratic Institute) for their contribution to the Women's Week 2020.



At the award ceremony, Pajtim Gashi from NDI thanked AAB College and the Faculty of Computer Science for their continuous cooperation of several years now in support of the project "Week of Women".

Meanwhile, students Ermir Shabani and Arbëresha Alickaj expressed their gratitude for the awards they received and their delight in participating in this project and the opportunity to give their professional contribution.

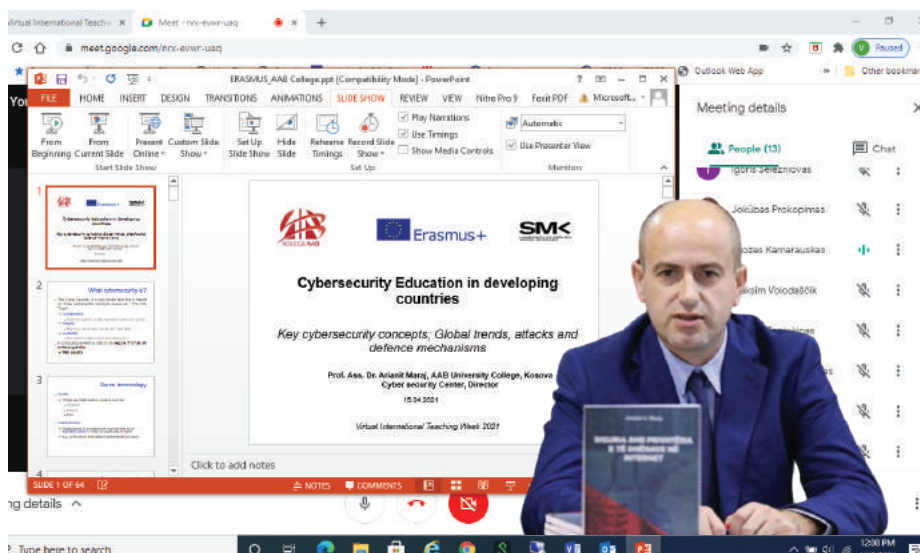
Ermir and Arbëresha were part of the student team in the creation and maintenance of the website of "Women's Week 2020"; an international activity which was attended by eminent figures from around the world, among them the former US Secretary of State, Madeleine K. Albright.

## PROF. ARIANIT MARAJ HOLDS LECTURE FOR STUDENTS OF SMK UNIVERSITY OF LITHUANIA

16 April 2021

In the framework of the Erasmus + Program for the mobility of academic staff, Prof. Arianit Maraj who is part of the academic staff at the Faculty of Computer Science of AAB College, joined the academic exchange program at SMK University, based in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Prof. Maraj held a lecture for the second-year students of the Multimedia Program, Computer Games and Animation, on the



topic: Cyber Security Education in Developing Countries.

He praised this exchange as a very good experience, and thanked AAB College for the continuous support that the academic staff have received in their professional and academic development.

AAB College will continue with such international activities for the academic staff and for the students.

## THREE STUDENTS WIN THE “MASAR STAVILECI” AWARD TODAY ON WORLD BOOK DAY

23 April 2021

On the occasion of April 23, World Book Day, AAB College held the award ceremony “Masar Stavileci”. This award is given annually to students who have been the most active readers at the AAB College Library.

“Masar Stavileci” Award was established in 2018, in honor of the first rector of AAB College, Prof. Dr. Masar Stavileci, and was today awarded for the third time since its inception.



This year's winners of this award are the students: Dafina Buzoku, Florentina Peci, and Vanesa Dubovci.

At the award ceremony, the rector of AAB College, Bujar Demjaha congratulated the award winners and said that the library is the most important place of our College. “Students are the ones who give our library its importance” said Demjaha.

The winners were thankful for the awards and vowed to encourage their colleagues to read more.



## SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE “PERSPECTIVE OF WESTERN BALKAN INTEGRATION IN THE EU” COMPLETES ITS WORKS

24 April 2021

Organized by AAB College, in cooperation with partner universities from Albania, Northern Macedonia and Croatia, the International Scientific Conference “Perspective of Western Balkans integration into the EU” was held.

This conference, which due to the pandemic situation took place virtually, gathered around 100 researchers from different countries, including Kosovo, Albania, Northern Macedonia, Croatia, USA, Australia, Belgium and Bulgaria.



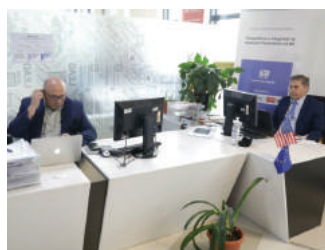
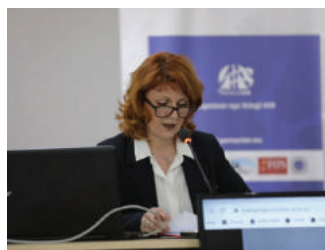


This conference also brought three important personalities of science in the capacity of keynote speakers: Prof. Dr. Florian Bieber, from the University of Graz (Austria), Prof. Assoc. Dr. Besnik Pula from Virginia Tech (USA), and Prof. Dr. Anton Panchev from Sofia University (Bulgaria), whose lectures were attended with great interest by the participants.

In addition to the three key speakers, the conference proceedings took place in eight separate sessions where topics such as integration, administration, rule of law, and economics were discussed.



The works of the participants of the conference “Perspective of the integration of the Western Balkans in the EU”, will be published in the Book of abstracts of the conference (Book of Abstracts), while the best works will be published in a special issue of the Scientific Journal “Thesis”.



## AMBASSADOR ÇAĞRI SAKAR HOLDS LECTURE ON TURKEY'S FOREIGN POLICY

24 April 2021

As part of the special lectures held with foreign diplomats, the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey, Çağrı Sakar, spoke at AAB College for the students of the Faculty of Public Administration.

During the lecture on Turkish Foreign Policy, the Turkish ambassador to our country spoke about the role of the country he represents in the region, the continent and beyond. He said Turkey has bilateral relations with the Western Balkan countries and maintains good relations with all of them.



“Turkey’s Balkan policy adopts a regionally inclusive stance.” Sakar said, noting that Kosovo was not involved in regional initiatives, and that Turkey aims to involve everyone in the Balkans in order to achieve success through cooperation.

He also stressed that Turkey supports the dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia.

Turkish Ambassador to Kosovo, Çağrı Sakar also spoke about the latest diplomatic developments regarding the opening of the Embassy of the Republic of Kosovo in Jerusalem, for which he said that Turkey does not agree with, and even described it as a dangerous action. According to Sakar, Kosovo has violated international laws with this decision.

The lecture of the Turkish diplomat continued with a discussion session where the students had the opportunity to ask questions to the guest speaker.



## SANA KLINIKEN AG IN GERMANY EMPLOYS ITS FIRST STUDENT FROM KOSOVO; A GRADUATE FROM AAB COLLEGE

29 April 2021





Thanks to the cooperation between AAB College and Sana Kliniken AG in Germany, last week, the first student from AAB College started their professional trek at Sana Kliniken AG.

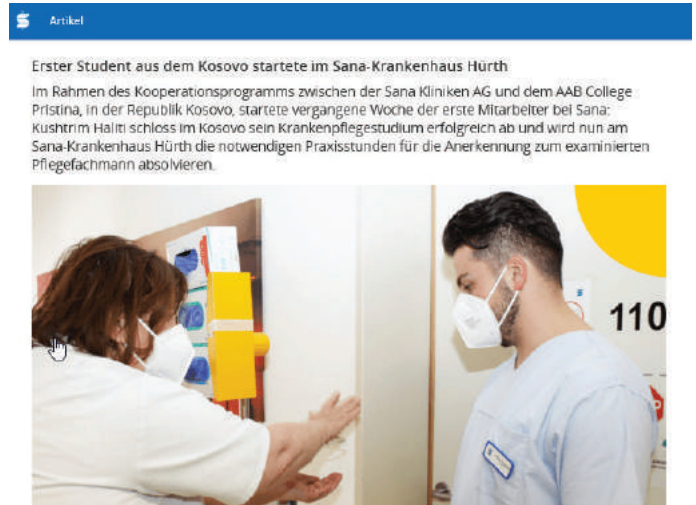
Kushtrim Haliti, who has successfully completed his Nursing studies at AAB College, is now carrying out the necessary phase of practical work at Sana Hürth Hospital for formal recognition as a professional nursing staff member.

Kushtrim Haliti has long had ambitions to go to Germany; to work in the field of medicine. He managed to actualize his dream through the collaboration of AAB College and Sana Kliniken AG.

**“I have been warmly received here and I am feeling very well,”** said Kushtrimi, who has already completed the first week of work as an assistant nurse.

Kushtrimi's employment at the Sana Clinic in Germany is made possible through the Career and Employment Program, which is a unique program that operates within the Faculty of Nursing at AAB College.

In the coming days, other students who have already signed employment contracts are expected to become part of the staff of this esteemed hospital network.



## STUDENT LIRIE HOTI WINS FULL SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE INNOVATION LEADERS PROGRAM TO BE HELD AT LUND UNIVERSITY IN SWEDEN

29 April 2021

AAB College student Lirie Hoti participated in several international competitions, such as the mediation competition held in Lithuania, and the student competition held at Harvard University, but that is not all, now she has received a full scholarship in the innovation leaders program that will be held at Lund University in Sweden.

“After successfully passing all the stages of evaluation, today I feel proud and very happy to share the news with you that I am a recipient of a full scholarship from the Swedish Institute as one of the 30 students selected by the countries of the Western Balkans to participate in the module

which will be held at Lund University in Sweden “, said Liria.

The goal of SI Innovation Leaders (SIIL) is to contribute to the innovation ecosystem in the Western Balkans region. The aim is to create a platform for knowledge exchange and problem-solving between innovation experts within the private sector, the public sector, and academia, with the help of Swedish expertise and experience.

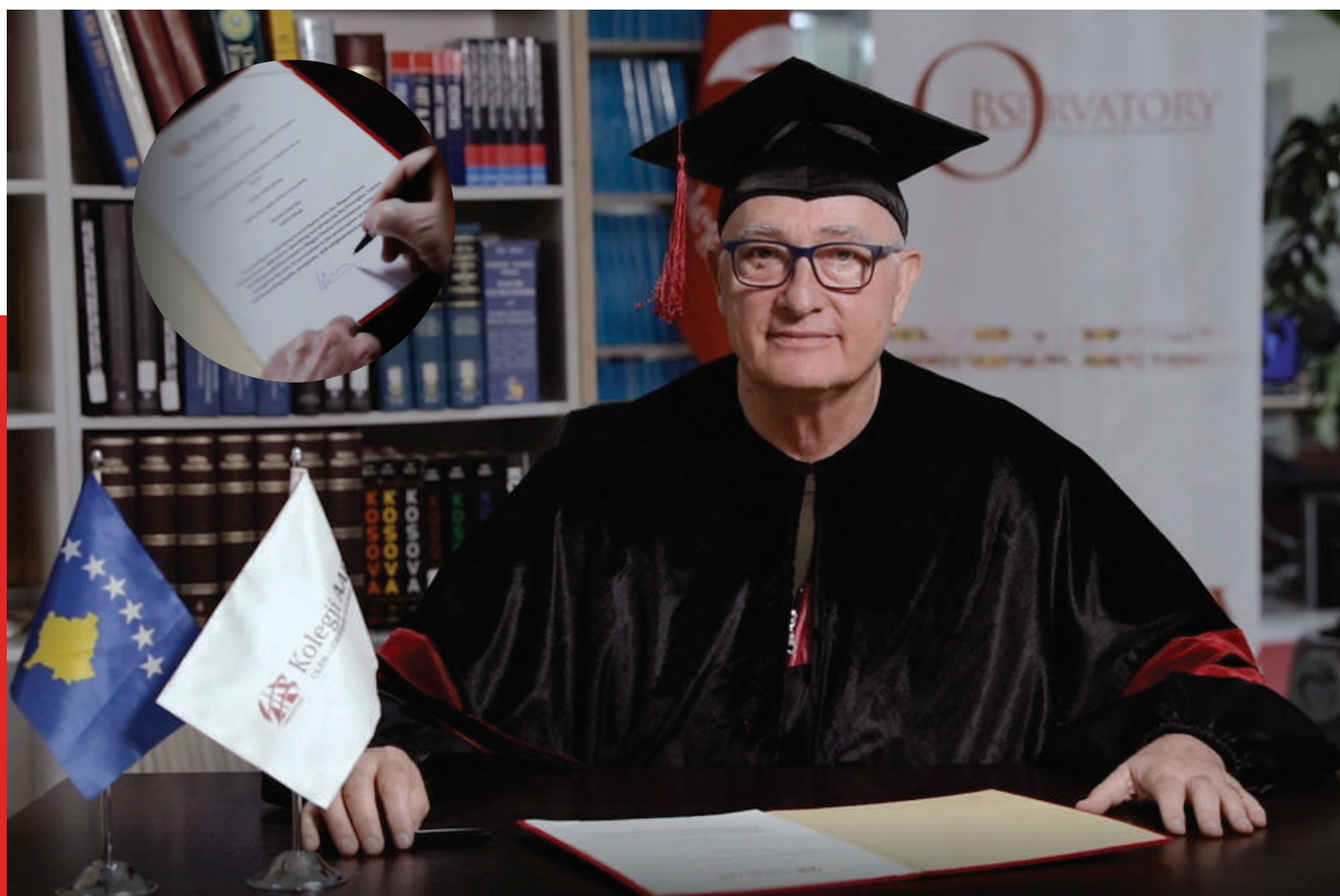
Lirie Hoti is a graduate student of both the Faculty of Law and English Language at AAB College.



## RECTOR DEMJAHA SIGNS THE NEW DOCUMENT OF MAGNA CHARTA UNIVERSITATUM MCU2020

29 April 2021

Rector of AAB College, Dr. Sc. Bujar Demjaha signed the new document of Magna Charta Universitatum, MCU2020, which will come into force in June 2021.



This new MCU document incorporates all the Magna Charta founding document's original core values while also trying to resonate with contemporary challenges and concerns.

The signing of the Magna Charta Universitatum is a testament to the fact that AAB College is a member of the global higher education community committed to academic excellence and the provision of high-quality education.

AAB College is a signatory of the Magna Charta Universitatum since 2010 as the only non-public institution of higher education in the country.

The Magna Charta Universitatum was drafted in 1988 by the rectors of European universities where it was initially signed by 388 universities. Meanwhile, today it is signed by over 900 Higher Education Institutions worldwide and serves as a document that supports the basic principles of higher education with a focus specific to the principles of academic freedom and institutional autonomy.

## STUDENTS OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS MARK INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY

**30 April 2021**

On the occasion of the International Jazz Day, the students of the Faculty of Arts of AAB College held a series of activities.

The Rector of AAB College in the opening of this event congratulated the organizers, the Faculty of Arts, and wished that this event continues annually for years to come. "I hope that this event will continue to be held annually for years to come, with each event better than the one that came before, especially when the pandemic restrictions are lifted."



The well-known Albanian jazz guitarist, Faton Macula, who lives and works in the USA, also addressed the students through a video message.

He urged students and institutions of art and culture to pay more attention to this day and this musical current and promised students that he will soon offer workshops on jazz and jazz theory. According to Macula, Jazz is the highest level of music, and that this musical form is not just a genre but a way of life.



To mark this day, the students of Musicology, Gent Malazogu and Arta Elezi showed us their artistic performance through jazz.

The day's activities were concluded with the exhibition of the Faculty of Graphic Design and Multimedia students.







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