



International Congress of Faculties of Tourism and Hospitality

Budva, Montenegro - Hotel Splendid Conference and Spa Resort 5*

The last year event was organized in Budva in **Hotel Splendid Conference and Spa Resort 5*** from 30th of April to 4th of May and was supported by Ministry of sustainable development and tourism of Montenegro, Ministry of education, Municipality of Budva, Tourism organization of Budva, Faculty of tourism and hotel management from Kotor and Montenegro Stars hotel group.

This event is an academic gathering of students and professors in one place and gathers the most talented young people from the country and abroad who, through education and sports competitions, socialize and have fun, getting the opportunity to meet each other, exchange experiences and knowledge, have contact and strengthen cooperation which will contribute to their personal development. In this way it builds network of students, who will in the future, gained friendship extend to mutual professional cooperation. So, Congress is more than just education as we want to stimulate networking and cultural exchange.

Congress is held annually and gathers around 800 students and professors. Since it has started in 2008, it has established great network among Higher Education Institutions (HEI) and industry sector and it offer students a unique opportunity to check and compare their knowledge acquired during the studies. HEIs that already took place come from countries that are listed below:

- **Slovenia** (Faculty of Tourism Studies Turistica – Portoroz, Faculty for tourism - Brezice),
- **Croatia** (Faculty for Tourism and Hotel Management from Opatija; Vern University from Zagreb; American College for Management in Tourism from Dubrovnik; Faculty of Economy from Split; Faculty for Tourism from Cakovec; etc.),
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (Faculty for Resource management from Mostar; Tourism and hospitality school from Konjic; Tourism college from Trebinje; etc.),
- **Serbia** (University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics, Private University of Singidunum, Faculties from Belgrade, Valjevo and Subotica; Faculty for Sport and Management in Tourism from Novi Sad; Faculty for Tourism and Hospitality from Vrnjacka Banja; Faculty for Applied Science from Nis; etc.),
- **Macedonia** (Faculties for Tourism and Hotel Management from Skoplje and Ohrid),
- **Montenegro** (Faculty of Tourism and Hotel Management from Kotor, University of Montenegro; Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality from Bar, Private University Mediteran; Faculty for Business and Tourism from Budva).

We also had representatives from **UK**, **Prof. Rob Davidson**, who used to be senior lecturer in event management on Greenwich University in London and **Prof. Terry Stevens** from Swansea University from **Wales**; **Prof. Timothy Jung** from **Manchester Metropolitan University**; **Prof. Ahmet Aktas** from **Turkey**, Faculty for Tourism from Antalya and students representatives from **Greece**; **Mr. David Dahl** from **USA** who is president of WYSE Foundation which is member of WYSE Travel Confederation; **Ms. Jovana Pejic** who comes from Swiss Education Group from **Switzerland**, and many other experts in Tourism and Hospitality from Balkan region.