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## EU FP6 Project U\*NIGHT “University by night”

The main goal of the amusement programs of U\*NIGHT partners were to improve the appreciation of researchers by the general public and by young people in particular. They provided the audience with the opportunity to meet researchers, talk with them and enjoy together a September night party at the university. Another objective was to present researchers as merry, cheerful, jocular and humorous persons with broad interests in the different fields of life – art, poetry, music, etc., and thus to improve their image in the society. The target audience included students, industrialists, local authorities, researchers, etc.

The amusement programs within the U\*NIGHT project were prepared by each partner independently. There were contacts between the partner related to the overall management of the project and the common advertisement materials and steps, considered at the Steering Group meetings in July and in September. As it was stated in Annex I special promotional materials with the logo of the project – T-shirts, hats, balloons, etc. were designed in order to be distributed at the evening to the participants. In addition, T-shirts with the logo of Researchers in Europe were delivered by the Commission and disseminated by the coordinator to all partners in order to use them the organisers and the researchers.

### 1. PARTIES AT UNIVERSITY IN SOFIA

#### ***Program of Sofia University “St. Kl. Ohridski”***

The amusement program at the premises of Sofia University (SU) – Faculty of Physics was organised in close collaboration with the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria and the Union of Physics in Bulgaria. For the design of the program contributed several researchers from SU and the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences – Institute of Mathematics and Informatics. Many of them were involved in the music-poetry evening or in preparing special exhibitions. The short profiles of most participants were published on the U\*NIGHT site: <http://www-it.fmi.uni-sofia.bg/u-night/partners.html> and a presentation of the researchers taking part in the program is attached to this deliverable. The whole program was published in Bulgarian on <http://www-it.fmi.uni-sofia.bg/u-night/> and announced also on the Researchers mobility portal <http://www.eracareers-bg.net/index.php>.

The amusement program was divided in three parts:

- **music-poetry concert of own works of researchers** - Acad. Angel Balevski, Acad. Rumen Tsanev, Prof. Ivan Penev, Prof. Alexander Milchev, Assoc. Prof. Lidia Yordanova, Assoc. Prof. Iskra Arsenova, Prof. Kolio Minkov, Assoc. Prof. Elena Kaschieva, Dr. Dora Mileva, Dr. Denka Kutzarova, Assoc. Prof. Klimentina Demirevska, Boiko Zlatev, Prof. Kiril Bogdanov, Prof. Dimitur Barev, Dr. Kalina Hadjiivanova, Viki Naumova, Prof. Baytcho Panev, Pavlina Pavlova, Prof. Eugenia Sendova, Bistra Raneva-Markova, Ivaylo Nediakov
- **videoconference link to Bulgarian scientists abroad** – The Club of ‘Young Scientists’ with the support of the Ministry of Education and Science contacted a number of Bulgarian scientists abroad in order to involve them in the science-society dialogue and the celebration of the National Independence Day and the Researchers Night 2006. A special video conference connection was prepared in the computer centre of the building of the Faculty of Physics.
- **ball of researchers** – included dances with awards for best dancing pair, best performing woman, etc. As disco-jokers performed two researchers of the Faculty of Physics at SU.

## ***Program of Technical University – Sofia***

The amusement program of the Technical University (TU) – Sofia was planned to take place mainly at the premises in block 1 and block 2 of the University. For the design of the program contributed researchers from various faculties, departments and centres of the TU – Sofia – the Faculty of Automation, the Faculty of Communication Techniques and Technologies, the Department of Applied Physics, the Department of Humanities and Design, the Students' Union at the TU – Sofia, the Museum of TU and Specialised Secondary Schools, affiliated to the TU-Sofia, mainly the Electronic Systems School, the University Career Development Centre and many talented students among them a mini Nobel Prize holder in Physics and numerous Ph.D. students and young researchers. Honoured guests from UK were also invited – the Southampton Solent University researchers group. Many of them were involved in the musical entertainment evening or in preparing special exhibitions. The short profiles of the participants were published on the U\*NIGHT site <http://elde2410a-1.tu-sofia.bg/U-Night/particip.htm>. The schedule of the programme was published on <http://elde2410a-1.tu-sofia.bg/U-Night/schedule.htm>, and announced also on the Researchers mobility portal <http://www.eracareers-bg.net/test5.php?cid=6&pcid=6&newsId=525>.

The amusement program was divided in the following parts:

- Official opening with a film about the TU-Sofia – past and present achievements, prominent researchers and professors (video-hall 2140)
- Scientific café
  - RAP and entertaining physics – a mini Noble Prize holder, a 4 year student demonstrates how it is to be famous;
  - Presentation on History of Automats and discussion “What has already become true from Arthur Clark’s prophecy for the technological development of society?”;
  - TU Career Development Centre – a main unit in the chain “Education – a link between business and science,” – familiarization with the centre’s services, the opportunities for students’ involvement in real projects, for professional realization of students after and before graduation. Scientists discuss interesting topics live in front of the audience, around the theme “Perspectives of graduates and the need for young researchers from the viewpoint of the TU Career Development Centre officer – a human-resource research”.
- Musical and entertainment programme and ball of researchers, students and children (lobby of bl.2) providing kiosks with soft drinks and refreshments – dances, quizzes and a lot of awards – the disco-jokers were a student from the Students’ Union and two researchers of the Faculty of Automation at TU. A painting saxophone performance in “Computer and Music” – demonstrations by the honoured guests from UK - the Southampton Solent University researchers group - Maurice Owen, Graham Smith and Sara Hand.

## 2. PARTIES AT UNIVERSITY IN ROUSSE

The amusement programme of the University of Rousse was carefully discussed and considered with professionals from the Faculty of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering, Faculty of Automotive and Transport Engineering, Faculty of Pedagogy, the Research and Scientific Sector, in close cooperation with the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria – Branch Rousse. Outstanding researchers from the University of Rousse played the main role in the programme design and later during the party night they participated personally in the amusement programme.

The amusement programme consisted of 4 (four) parts, namely:

- Folklore dances of researchers, accompanied by the Students' Folklore Dance Group of the University of Rousse. – Numerous Bulgarian folklore songs and dances delighted the eyes and hearts both of researchers and students.
- Lyrical pause – Authors of poetic works were: Professor Boris Tomov, DSc, Assoc. Professor Svetoslav Bilchev, PhD; Professor Jivodar Dushkov, Elessaveta Yancheva, PhD.
- Professional participation of the University Formation “STRUJKI” – Live anecdotes from the University life in the past and in the present were retold by young and professional researchers.
- Party of researchers – The Ball was excellently carried out by a young disco-guide. During the Night special anecdotes on research aspects were prepared with awards; a specially designed quiz with awards, competition on dancing pairs was carried out; lots of fun, joy, songs and dances during the Night.

The whole event was carefully followed by a professional photographer and the pictures taken will be published both on the site of the Centre for International Cooperation and Mobility and on a dvd-dics.

## 3. PARTIES AT UNIVERSITY IN STARA ZAGORA

The amusement program at the Department of Information and In-Service Teachers Training (Trakia University) was organised in accordance with previously prepared plan and with an active support of the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria – Stara Zagora branch. Different tools – information letters, announces, face-to-face communications were used to identify and attract researchers with artistic, poetic and music talents. Special consultations with professionals - painters and musicians – professors of Trakia University were carried out for the design of the program. A great assistance in preparation and organisation of the event was made by the representatives of the Trakia University Students organisation. Some of them were involved in the music-poetry evening and represented their talents themselves. Main photo, audio-video materials of the event were published on the U\*NIGHT site of Trakia University – DITT.

The amusement program was divided in two parts:

- **music-poetry concert of own works of researchers, doctorates and students** – Prof. Petr Zheko, Prof. Ilya Dimitrov, Assistant Prof. Dr. Vesselin Ivanov, Senior Researcher Dr. Violeta Bozhanova, Assistant prof. Dr. Elena Lavrentsova, assistant Prof. Yordan Stoyanov, Andoncho Peltekovski, Ana Bancheva, Georgi Brunekov, Magdalena Balkanska, Tania Genevd, Elena Buyuklieva, Tzvetozara Agopian, Student ensemble for folk dances – “Trakia”

- **party with researchers** – dances with quizzes, anecdotes, funs, other amusements and a lot of awards.

During the whole party the participants were provided with opportunity to observe the night sky through a telescope and to interact with astronomers.

#### **4. PARTIES AT UNIVERSITY IN VARNA**

In the amusement program in Varna participated as conferenciers one researcher from TUV Plamen Parushev and one student from the Students' Council – Penka Miteva. The program included performances of TU-Varna researchers:

- Break formation with instructors Kiro Boev and Petya Raycheva
- ELEKTRA formation for modern ballet with instructor Evelina Todorova
- Tanya Hristova, 12 years old, vocalist – “The piano-player” and “Cinderella” songs
- The Technical university of Varna folk dance group with instructor Elena Deleva
- Church music – Vlado Dimov, researcher from the TUV
- Evergreen music
- Dances – Award for best dancing pair – Dancho Bozhilov and Gergana Ganeva
- Award for best anecdote on researchers – doc. Bratanov