

Internationalization News

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Welcome to the first issue of Internationalization News .

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide the members of the academic and administrative faculty, as well as the students at Kaye College, information about the various internationalization projects taking place at the college in the fields of education and research.

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Enjoy!

What is Internationalization?

Internationalization in the context of institutes of higher education is defined as "the process of integrating an international, intercultural or global dimension into the purpose, functions or delivery of post-secondary education" (Knight, 2004:11.)

The purpose of internationalization at an educational college is to prepare the students and faculty for life in the global age, which is characterized by bringing people with diverse cultural backgrounds closer in various frameworks for work and study

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The TEMPUS IRIS Project

Since 2012, Kaye College has been participating in a three-year international project to promote the internationalization of Israeli institutions of higher education:

TEMPUS IRIS

This is an acronym for:

Fostering Academic International Relations in Israeli Colleges.

The project is sponsored by the European Union; eight colleges and two organizations in Israel are participating in the project, as well as eight international institutions.

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A meeting with the Internationalization team together with the project manager "Tempus IRIS in Israel" - Dr. Vered Holtzman

The Internationalization Team

During the course of the past academic year, a team comprised of members from the college's diverse specializations and study programs was formed to oversee matters related to internationalization at Kaye College.

The team, headed by College President Professor Leah Kozminsky and the staff of TEMPUS IRIS, Dr. Olzan Goldstein and Dr. Liron Shokty, includes the following faculty members: Dr. Salim Abu-Jaber, Dr. Jamil Abu-Ajaj, Dr. Arnon Ben-Israel, Ms. Regina Bencheitrit, Professor Shlomo Beck, Dr. Yehudit Barak, Dr. Amnon Glasner, Dr. Yehudit Zamir, Dr. Vered Yiflach, Dr. Moshe Landsman, Dr. Doron Narkiss, Dr. Inna Smirnov, Dr. Inessa Roe-Portiansky. The team convened several times during the year in order to discuss the advancement of existing collaborations

in the field of education and research, and to raise and examine ideas for possible collaboration initiatives. At the recent meeting at the beginning of December, the internationalization team reviewed all of the existing international activities and collaborations at the college.

The team discussed the formation of departmental and inter-departmental groups that are planning to submit a collaboration proposal to an institute of higher education in Europe in response to a call for papers that was distributed. Also discussed were possible means of assistance that the internationalization team and the TEMPUS IRIS staff could contribute. The meeting also included a lively discussion about the necessity of the active participation of students in the internationalization processes, both in international research and the inclusion of a student representative at the internationalization team's meetings.

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Call for proposal to Encourage Internationalization

Last month, the internationalization team at Kaye College published a call for papers (see link) directed at the faculty members. The objective of the call for papers is to encourage the initiation and expansion of international collaborations in the fields of education and research.

As part of the call for papers, those interested are requested to work in departmental or inter-departmental groups and to submit plans for developing academic collaborations between Kaye College and European institutions of higher education.

The trip to Europe will take place between March-May 2015, in one of the following seven countries participating in the TEMPUS IRIS project: **Austria, Italy, Belgium, Great Britain, Germany, Holland, Poland.**

The college will promote selected proposals and allow two representatives from each chosen group to travel to the academic institute in order to develop and advance the collaboration initiative.

The final date for submitting proposals is **January 15, 2015.**

The chosen proposals will be announced on **January 29, 2015.**

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The proposals and requests for assistance in contacting the institutions should be directed at Ms. Gila Avital from the Research Authority, at the following email address: gila_av@Kaye.ac.il.

Dr. Riva Levenchuk



We would like to express our thanks to Dr. Riva Levenchuk for her years of work developing the college's foreign relations and heading the Office of International Academic Relations.

With her great professionalism, Dr. Levenchuk successfully forged and developed academic ties between Kaye College and many international institutions in countries such as Poland, Russia, Latvia, England, France, Austria, Germany, Finland, Spain and the United States.

Parallel to her extensive work as head of the Office of International Academic Relations, Dr. Levenchuk headed the TEMPUS IRIS project during its first two years of activity, and her contribution to its success is immeasurable.

Dr. Levenchuk has recently retired, but the relationships she developed for Kaye College are testimony to her important contribution to internationalizing our activities.

Attending an international meeting in Klagenfurt Austria

As part of the unit in the TEMPUS IRIS project on developing of foreign relations activities, two representatives from the college, Dr. Inna Smirnov, Head of the English Department, and Dr. Liron Shokty, Head of the Department of English for Academic Purposes, attended an international meeting at the beginning of November. The meeting is held every year at the Viktor Frankl University of Teacher Education (UCTE) in Klagenfurt, Austria.

The meeting was attended by representatives of colleges and universities of teacher education throughout Europe and the world. Diverse and captivating programs that are run at the various academic intuitions were presented, giving the attendees an opportunity to become familiar with different curricula and network with each other, opening the door to various types of collaboration.

The participants also toured the city of Klagenfurt, learned about the local history and visited various local schools.

Next month, two students from UCTE in Austria are scheduled to visit Kaye College as part of a student exchange program between the two schools.



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