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WINTER SEMESTER 2020/21 AT THE IGNATIANUM

Due to the prevailing coronavirus epidemic, the authorities of Jesuit University Ignatianum in Krakow decided to conduct **classes in the winter semester in a hybrid mode**.

The lectures and foreign languages courses were entirely carried out in the form of remote learning. Seminars, discussions and internships were conducted in a stationary form with the direct participation of students and teachers in groups, containing not more than 30 people.

However, since 17 October, by the decision of the government, Krakow was included in the Red Zone areas. According to the safety rules applicable in this zone, classes in universities could only be conducted remotely. Following the government's guidelines, the Ignatianum moved on 19 October to remote teaching.

WELCOME DAYS FOR THE NEW EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The start of the winter semester and the new academic year 2020/21 was preceded by 'Welcome Days', which took place from 25 to 30 September. For the safety of our students, we decided to change the programme of these days compared to previous years. The welcome meeting was held online.

As part of the integration, students participated in a **city game** specially prepared for them by the IRO, which had its finale in Krakow's Kazimierz district, where students had the opportunity to taste the famous casseroles (pl *zapiekanki*).



Welcome Days- City Game, 26th September 2020

ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME WITH PARTNER COUNTRIES - ACTION KA-107, EDITION 2020

In September 2020, the results of the Erasmus+ competition for applications 'Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility between Programme and Partner Countries' were announced. The application submitted by the IRO in January was approved by the National Agency.

As a result, the maximum amount of funding allocated is **almost EUR 100 000** and will allow for **37 mobilities**. The project will run for 36 months, until July 2023, and includes cooperation with the following universities:

1. Catholic University of Uruguay, Uruguay (4 mobilities)
2. Loyola University Chicago, USA (2 mobilities)
3. Saint Joseph University in Beirut, Lebanon (16 mobilities)
4. Sulkhani-Saba Orbeliani Teaching University, Georgia (5 mobilities)
5. Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia, Russian Federation (4 mobilities)
6. Zhytomyr Ivan Franko State University, Ukraine (3 mobilities)
7. Vasyl' Stus Donetsk National University, Ukraine (3 mobilities)

OUTGOING STUDENTS

MOBILITY FOR STUDY

Despite the current epidemic, **7 students** from the Ignatianum went to study at foreign universities in the winter semester 2020/2021, **2 of whom are planning to stay** on the Erasmus scheme **for the second semester**. The students went to:

- Spain (Comillas Pontifical University, Abat Oliba CEU University of Barcelona, Universidad Loyola Andaluca),
- Hungary (Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church),
- Portugal (Universidade Catolica Portuguesa)
- Lebanon (Saint-Joseph University of Beirut)

In the summer semester, **3 more** of our **students** are planning to study abroad. They have chosen: Spain (Abat Oliba CEU University of Barcelona) and Croatia (University of Rijeka).

Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus, many of the students who planned their Erasmus in 2020/2021 resigned from the mobility, postponing it for some future years.

MOBILITY FOR TRAINING

The Erasmus+ programme enables both students and graduates to go on placement. **6 students** of Tourism and Recreation who worked for 3 months in hotels in Greece and Cyprus took advantage of the opportunity to go on holiday. The graduate of English Philology went to Bilbao, Spain.

Mobility within Erasmus+ offers many opportunities to develop and meet great people. Breaking the language barrier, learning a new language [...], having a working holiday and seeing beautiful places [...] are just some of the many benefits of such a trip.

I recommend Erasmus+ to everyone and if I have the opportunity to do so, I will definitely do the same.

IWONA,
TOURISM AND RECREATION STUDENT



Iwona, Tourism and Recreation student of AIK, Erasmus August - October 2020, Cyprus

INCOMING STUDENTS

In the **winter semester** we hosted **13 foreign students** (8 of them stay with us throughout the academic year). Erasmus students came to us from:

- Portugal (Portuguese Institute of Marketing Management (The Marketing School) – IPAM)
- Spain (University of Deusto, University of Jaen, Universidad de Almeria, University of Oviedo)
- Italy (Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, University of Milano-Bicocca)
- Ukraine (Ukrainian Catholic University)
- Czech Republic (University of Ostrava)
- Germany (Munich School of Philosophy)

Until 10 November, foreign universities had the opportunity to nominate their students for studies in the summer semester. We received **13 applications** from the following countries: Spain, Italy, Russia, Romania, Ukraine, France, Germany.

Due to the current epidemic situation, the final number of students who will come to the Ignatianum may change.



Welcome Days- City Game, 26th September 2020

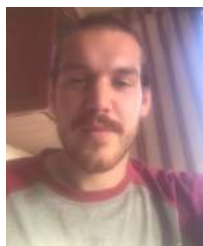
#ERASMUSDAYS 2020 @IGNATIANUM



Aleksandra,
English Philology graduate

#ErasmusDays is an initiative aimed at disseminating the results of projects implemented within the Erasmus+ Programme. The event is cyclical and is organised annually in **October**.

This year, it was between **15 and 17 October 2020**. It was also the fourth time that the Ignatianum was involved in this initiative. Our entire event was organized online as a **Facebook event**.



Kamil,
Psychology student

Current and former **students** of the Ignatianum **shared their experiences from Erasmus+ mobilities in short films**.

Moreover, the staff of the International Relations Office and the Career Center familiarized students of the Ignatianum with the organization of study and internship mobilities from the formal side.

At the end of the event there was a **quiz 'Erasmus Master'**, the winner of which was Sylwia, a student of English Philology.

We are glad that our action was so popular - we reached **almost 1900 recipients!**



Olga,
Pedagogy student



Karolina & Iwona,
Tourism and recreation students



Veroniki,
Cultural studies graduate



Andrzej,
Philosophy student

INTERNATIONAL DAYS @IGNATIANUM

International Day is **an annual event** at our university organized in December by the International Relations Office. The main actors of this event are always foreign students who are on exchange at the Ignatianum.

In previous editions of the International Day, in addition to presenting their countries, students prepared traditional national dishes to promote the culture and tradition of their country among our academic community. This event has always been very popular with us at university. This year, the event was completely transferred to the network and **lasted 4 days**.

The International Days programme consisted of two parts:

- '**See Krakow by their eyes**' - photo album showing our students' favourite place in Krakow.
- '**Look, listen, find out**' - short films and presentations in which students told us how to prepare the perfect carbonara (Italy), what is Shultute (Germany), what Christmas superstitions are popular in Ukraine and who is Olentzero (Spain).



Xabier & Uxue, students of Univeristy of Deusto



INTERNATIONAL DAYS

@Ignatianum

1st - 4th December 2020



A video prepared by our Italian students: Simona and Riccardo, was **the most popular one** - it was **seen by almost 3500 people** (data from 7th December 2020).

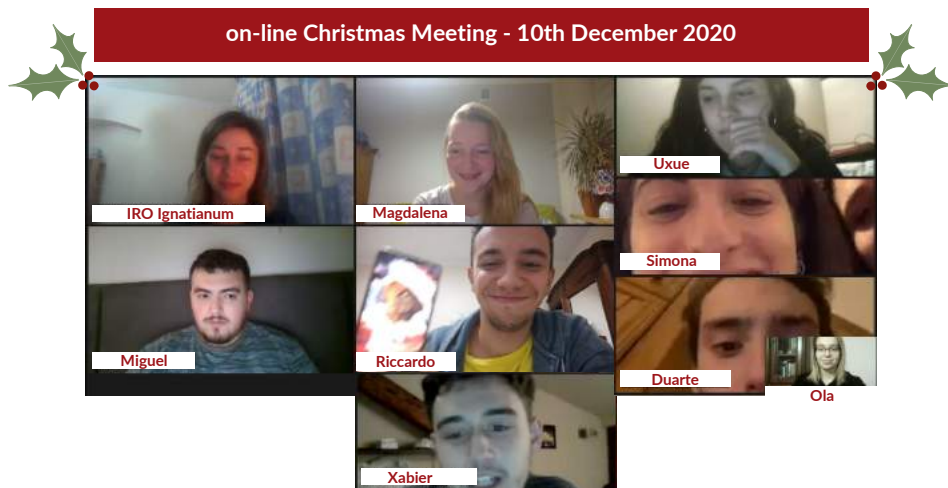


Simona & Riccardo, Secret of a perfect carbonara
Catholic University of the Sacred Heart &
University of Milano-Bicocca

CHRISTMAS MEETING @IGNATIANUM

To bring **Polish Christmas customs and traditions** closer to foreign students, the IRO with Mentor students together prepared on **10th December** an online Christmas meeting.

We talked about our Christmas Eve customs, the dishes we eat on that day and we revealed who brings the gifts. We also shared recipes for red borscht with dumplings and dried fruits compote.



After the presentation, foreign students told us how Christmas is celebrated in Germany, Spain and Italy. Despite the obvious differences in the traditions of the various regions, we found **many common elements**.

We are glad that our meeting was able to bring Polish culture a little closer to foreign students.

We hope that this year's events integrating foreign students and promoting the Erasmus+ programme: Welcome Days, Erasmus Days, International Days and Christmas meeting organized online for security reasons, although in part have replaced the current form of face-to-face meetings. We believe that next year we will be able to return to organizing such events in the AIK building.



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