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H.M. Queen Noor of Jordan with UWCiM students

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Following five years of preparations, United World College in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina, was finally inaugurated with our first generation beginning in September 2006.

During its first year, United World College in Mostar has had considerable publicity. The official opening ceremony of the College was organized on 22 May 2007 in Mostar. This exceptional event was attended and addressed by the President of United World Colleges, H.M. Queen Noor, the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Minister Nikola Špirić, the Norwegian Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Jan Braathu, the Mayor of the City of Mostar, Ljubo Bešlić, as well as many officials who contributed to the founding of this outstanding institution in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The past school year and everything we achieved can truly be considered a success. We can say without reservation that United World College in Mostar has established good grounds for the future and for the new generations of students. The first school year is behind us now and a second generation of students has been enrolled. We can proudly announce that as of September 2007 189 students are attending the UWC in Mostar.

Apart from that, Board for Professional Development of Teachers has already held several workshops in its first year. Teachers and headteachers who took part in those workshops found them extremely useful and pertinent to their needs. Our cooperation with education ministries and pedagogical institutes from the entire country is developing into a genuine partnership which holds a strong promise for the future reform of education in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

United World College in Mostar has also begun to work closely with the other two secondary schools in Bosnia and Herzegovina that offer International Baccalaureate programme: the Second Gymnasium in Sarajevo and the Gymnasium in Banja Luka. It is our intention, now that we have a year's worth of experience, to intensify that cooperation, and all the more because it is to be sponsored by the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina.



The above achievements, as well as many other results accomplished by the United World College in Mostar and United World College – International Baccalaureate Organization Initiative in BiH during the past year, promise to make our project a long-term success. These results also speak in favour of the fact that our wishes, efforts and perseverance in the past years have justified our belief that Bosnia and Herzegovina is the right country and Mostar the right city for the opening of the twelfth United World College.



Professor Lamija Tanović
Chair of the Executive Committee
UWC-IBO Initiative in Bosnia and Herzegovina



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CELEBRATING THE SECOND YEAR OF THE UWC-IBO INITIATIVE IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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“It is also the feeling of making something really unique and meaningful that makes this college so special to me. It is more than just a school you have to go to, but you feel that you contribute to a project and that somehow, each and everyone of us is responsible for its outcome... and I no longer see the nationality, but just the person and the friend. I only knew Bosnia and Herzegovina in association with faint memories of a war, but this college has allowed me to discover a beautiful and interesting country full of contradictions and now Mostar has become my home, and there is no place I would rather be right now. Looking at the one and a half years ahead of me, I can only say that if after one term, we already feel so connected to the college and the town, I can hardly imagine what it will be like after 2 years.”

Saskia Brechenmacher,
UWCiM student, Germany

In its second year of operations, the Initiative of the United World Colleges (UWC) and the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) celebrates its achievements and challenges in supporting the peace process in the country and the region.

Following extensive start-up preparations during 2005-2006*, the UWC-IBO Initiative in BiH launched the United World College in Mostar (UWCiM) in September 2006, with a first class of 91 students. Students from Bosnia and Herzegovina came from all national backgrounds and from across the country and a smaller group of students came from the region, other post-conflict countries, the Middle East and Western Europe. They all study the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP). The Initiative has worked in close strategic cooperation with the Headmistress Ankica Čović and Deputy of the Mostar Gymnasium Bakir Krpo, where the College is based, and the cantonal and city authorities of Mostar.

Through the example of UWCiM, the Initiative wished to offer a recognized model of post-conflict education. The college was intended to serve as a practical demonstration that the educational reform aims in BiH were achievable, notably those which addressed the differences between the country's three often hostile curricula, the prevalent segregation of children in schools, the feeling of isolation amongst teachers and students, and the need for objective and quality assessment of students.

By setting up the Board for Professional Development of Teachers, run by experts in the IB curriculum, the Initiative also wished to offer an example on how to identify and foster common elements of the different national curricula. The aim of the Initiative is also to promote modern teaching methods, development of analytical skills of students, and to create a true unity among students and teachers.

Dubbed the “lighthouse” for educational reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina, this unique project builds on over 40 years of experience of the UWC (www.uwc.org) and IB (www.ibo.org) in offering international education to students of all national and religious backgrounds, from across the world. There are 12 United World Colleges in the world, while the IB is taught in more than 2000 schools in over 100 countries.

* Please refer to the Annual Report of the Start-up Period 2005-2006



“The message is quite simple. Integration works and it works well in Mostar. Why should it not work well throughout the country?”

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Jan Braathu,
Norwegian Ambassador to BiH

**A detail from Official Opening
Ceremony of UWCiM**



**UWCiM End of Year
Assembly June 2007**

UWCiM students in the
Chemistry laboratory



Teacher training programme
- Workshop for BiH English
language teachers



Summary of Objectives of UWC-IBO Initiative in Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Operate the UWCiM, based within the Gymnasium Mostar, teaching the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, with experienced UWC-IBO teachers, trainee BiH teachers, and scholarship-funded students, selected on merit, from all national groups in BiH, and from the rest of the world (approximately 60% local, 40% regional/international). Local BiH teachers to gradually take over the majority of teaching responsibilities in the next 1-2 years.
- Build up a regional UWC-IBO Board for Professional Development of Teachers, running seminars, conferences and workshops for BiH teachers, and giving them the opportunity to create network with teachers from other countries to discuss educational methods.
- Foster active and close cooperation with the Second Gymnasium in Sarajevo on increasing the influence of its existing IB programme, and with the Gymnasium in Banja Luka on strengthening their recently setup IB programme. Assist other interested schools in introducing the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.
- Use UWC-IBO's compulsory social service and community action programme (Creativity, Action, Service - CAS) to engage local students with their wider communities.
- Demonstrate a convincing classroom model for wider educational reform in BiH.
- Participate in the dialogue on post-conflict education and curricular development in BiH and beyond.

“Anyone can clearly notice that the city is very divided between the Bosniaks and Croats but in our school all the differences disappear as we all work together to achieve our aims. Every day I find out a bit more about life in this post-war situation and with the help of my local friends I am even able to reflect much on the current conflict in my own country, Israel. When we just started we were constantly told that we are the pioneers, that we will create the foundations for the next generations. For me it has and still is a truly amazing experience for itself. From witnessing the college as it is building itself up, I can tell for sure that UWCiM is expected to have a great future.”

Adi Finkelstein,
UWCiM student, Israel



Summary of Achievements September 2006 - August 2007

- UWC in Mostar started on 25 September 2006 with 91 students; 25 come from both communities in Mostar, 40 from 19 towns from both entities in BiH, and 26 from 18 other countries.
- The college teaching staff numbered 9 teachers from BiH and 13 from Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Finland, Kenya, South Africa/Italy and the UK.
- Within the first year, local staff was trained to take over 3 out of 5 top positions of responsibility within the college. The UWCiM formed its Student Council and started with the organisation of many different events in close cooperation with Gymnasium Mostar Student Council.
- As a part of their Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) programme, students undertook extensive social and service activities of the Mostar divide. They also organised a series of cultural activities involving students of the Mostar Gymnasium, other Gymnasias in BiH and in the region, as well as the local population.
- The school was visited by over 50 local and international dignitaries, including Ambassadors, ministers, representatives of UWC and IB, NGOs and donors.
- The Initiative's Board for Professional Development of Teachers held two workshops: one for headteachers and the other for teachers of English, as a second language. These were attended by 64 participants representing 34 institutions, including 6 pedagogical institutes and 28 schools. In addition to these workshops, several other events around the theme of educational reform were held, with representatives of pedagogical institutes, ministries, and local and international organisations.
- The Executive Committee of the Initiative authorised the enrolment of the 2nd generation of UWCiM students, based on financial considerations and reassurance of City of Mostar authorities that the dedicated UWCiM classroom space within Gymnasium Mostar would be renovated by September 2007.
- The headteachers of UWCiM, the Second Gymnasium in Sarajevo, and the Banja Luka Gymnasium met in Sarajevo and agreed to focus on how, through close cooperation, they could form a model of teaching that could positively affect the reform of educational models in BiH.
- The Initiative's Patron, Elisabeth Rehn, presented the programme of UWC-IBO Initiative in BiH programme to the newly elected government of BiH, including members of the country's presidency, the Presiding Minister of the Council of Ministers, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Security, and Minister of Civil Affairs.



- The college started taking part in an interregional project titled PACE (Project, Agency, Cooperation, Education), directed at re-establishing educational connections between countries of the Balkans and the Adriatic region (BiH, Croatia, Italy, Montenegro and Serbia).
- The college was officially inaugurated by the President of the UWC, Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan, and the Presiding Minister of the Council of Ministers of BiH, Nikola Špirić, who also officially opened the international conference “UWC-IBO Programme in BiH as a Template for Educational Reform.” The event gathered over 300 guests. Prime Minister Špirić promised allocation of state funds for the work of the UWC-IBO Initiative in BiH.



(Left) H.M. Queen Noor of Jordan and Presiding Minister of the Council of Ministers of BiH, Nikola Špirić during UWCiM Official Opening Ceremony

(Right) UWCiM students with the children from the orphanage “Egyptian village” on the Old bridge



MONTHLY OVERVIEW OF KEY EVENTS September 2006-August 2007

SEPTEMBER 2006

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“Everybody, staff and students, have given their best, and contributed to the start of a unique and historical moment for education in BiH. A spirit of friendship and tolerance has helped us all in our difficult task.”

Paul Regan, UWCiM headteacher

- The United World College in Mostar starts its first school year on 25 September 2006 within Gymnasium Mostar. Of the 91 students in the first generation, 66 come from the following cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Banja Luka, Blagaj, Čapljina, Čitluk, Domanovići, Dračevica, Goražde, Gornji Vakuf, Gračanica, Istočno Sarajevo, Jajce, Kakanj, Mostar, Olovo, Pale, Podgorani, Sarajevo, Srebrenik, Tomislavgrad, Tuzla, Zvornik, Zavidovići, Zenica.

UWCiM 26 international students come from Belarus, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Kosovo, Macedonia, Palestine, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, the Netherlands, Turkey and the UK.

Most of the teachers are experienced instructors of the IB program and come from BiH, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Finland, Kenya, South Africa/Italy and the UK.



Cultural day of South-East Europe in UWCiM

The news of the UWCiM opening is broadcast on all main TV stations in BiH as part of the evening news, on radio news, and published in the main BiH dailies.

- Chair of the Mostar Gymnasium's School Board, Jasminka Bratić joins the UWC-IBO Initiative in BiH Executive Committee.

OCTOBER 2006

- As part of research for recommendations for the revision of BiH history textbooks, the coordinator of the education department of the Open Society Institute in BiH, Dženana Trbić, visits the UWCiM to observe the IB history lessons, jointly attended by students of all national backgrounds in BiH.

NOVEMBER 2006

- The UWC-IBO Initiative in BiH team visits the Banja Luka Gymnasium, to further strengthen the cooperation between the school and the UWCiM.

“Briefly, UWCiM is the best thing that happened to me. I found out a lot about other people’s cultures, languages, and I found a new way of life which is more than exciting. I’ve met great people and great friends, teachers, and students.”

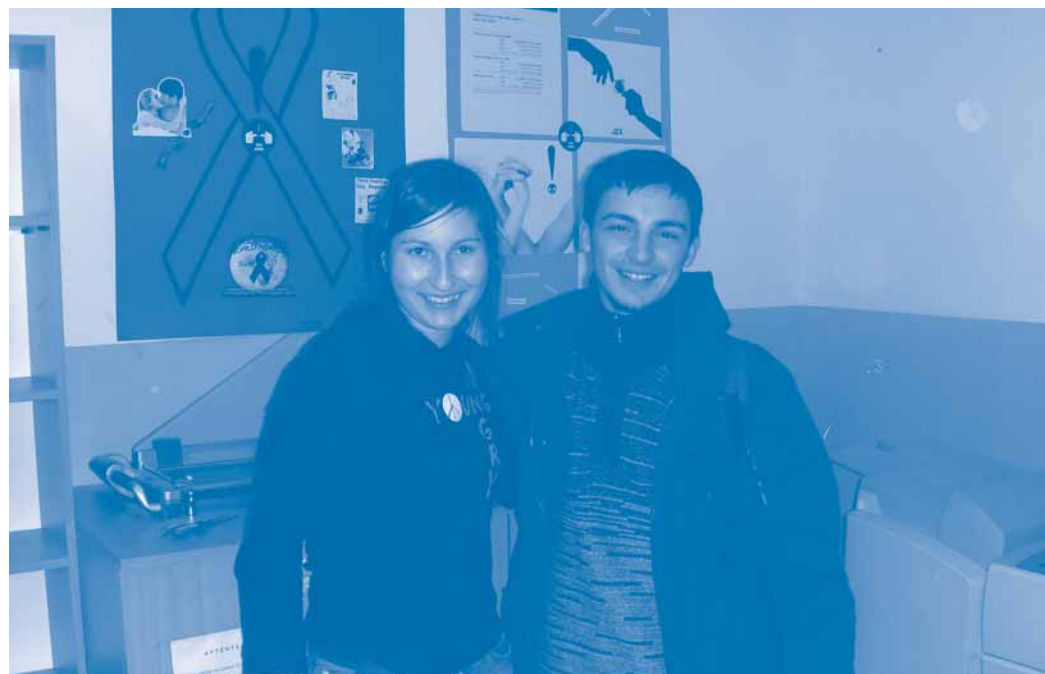
Miljan Buha,
UWCiM student, BiH



Second Gymnasium
Sarajevo

DECEMBER 2006

- The UWCiM celebrates a successful first term.
- UWCiM is visited by distinguished guests, including the UK Ambassador to BiH, H.E. Matthew Rycroft, German Ambassador to BiH, H.E. Michael Schmunk, former Chair of UWC International, Dereck Blackman, Norwegian Ambassador to BiH, H.E. Jan Braathu, UWCIO National Committee Development Head, Natascha Gonzalez-Pearson, OSCE Education Department director, Claude Kieffer, former Director General of IBO, George Walker, and others. Most visitors tour the classrooms, and speak to UWCiM students on the main aspects and significance of their joint quality education.
- The teaching staff and students of the Banja Luka Gymnasium visit UWCiM to observe classes and exchange experience with their college counterparts.
- UWCiM students organise an all day event in front of Gymnasium Mostar, to raise awareness of the International AIDS day. They distribute brochures, candles, and organise a concert.



Marking international AIDS
Day in UWCiM



**UWCiM Winter Arts Festival -
A detail from the theatre play
performance 'The Pretentious
Young Ladies'**

- The college students organise the Winter Arts Festival, running a series of arts workshops for both UWCiM and Mostar Gymnasium students, which result in three free performances for the general public.
- Chair of the Board for Professional Development of Teachers, Ivan Lorenčić meets the two pedagogical institutes in Mostar and the Minister of Education of the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton to receive feedback on the Initiative's proposed teacher-training plan for 2007-2008. The meeting is also attended by three representatives of the Tuzla pedagogical institute who wish to get on board of the teacher-training programme. The institutes and the Ministry of Education of the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton agree on cooperation and support for the proposed plan.
- The Initiative's team reflects on the aims and progress of the programme to international organisations in BiH which deal with questions of education reform, including Council of Europe, UNICEF, OSCE and European Commission Mission to BiH.

UWCiM students during the service with Roma children



JANUARY 2007

- The UWC-IBO Initiative in BiH establishes cooperation with the inter-entity Standards and Assessment Agency in BiH, proposing to share expertise in the teacher-training workshops.

FEBRUARY 2007

- For the first time since the opening of the UWCiM, members of the Executive Committee of the UWC-IBO Initiative in BiH meet in Mostar and authorise the recruitment of the second generation of students. The Executive Committee members visit the school and residences, meet with staff and students. They also join some social service activities and go to a run down Roma village near Mostar to observe interaction between UWCiM students and Roma children, and are warmly received by the Roma population.
- The Dutch Ambassador to BiH, H.E. Karel Vosskuehler, delivers a lecture for UWCiM students on the historical importance of the European Union (EU)



Ivan Lorenčić during the workshop for BiH high school head teachers

and the need for young people's engagement with the future development of the EU.

- As part of the academic programme's compulsory "Project Week", UWCiM students travel to Austria, Croatia, Italy, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine, and across BiH conducting research, developing different skills and promoting UWCiM in the region.
- Chair of the Board for Professional Development of Teachers, Ivan Lorenčić, becomes a member the UWC-IBO Initiative in BiH Executive Committee.

MARCH 2007

- Headteachers of IB schools in BiH, Paul Regan of UWCiM, Aida Arnautović-Gurda of the Second Gymnasium in Sarajevo, and Slavica Nježić-Ivošević of the Banja Luka Gymnasium, meet in Sarajevo and agreed to focus on how, through close cooperation of the three schools, they could form a model of teaching that could positively affect the reform of educational models in BiH.



The French and German Ambassadors to BiH H.E. Marice Berniau and H.E. Michael G. Schmunk during the presentation of the first joint French-German history textbook in UWCiM



- A group of students of the London School of Economics (LSE) visits the UWCiM on a mission to promote change through gradual engagement. The group announces that in 2008 the LSE would offer a full university scholarship for an UWCiM graduate.
- As part of the students' compulsory social service programme CAS, the UWCiM organises a series of workshop titled "Induction to IT". It is aimed at pupils from Mostar's Third and Sixth Primary schools, which teach different school national curricula, and most of whom have not had any IT experience before. The workshops are scheduled to continue for the remainder of the year and to include other Mostar schools.
- The French and German Ambassadors to BiH, H.E. Marice Berniau and H.E. Michael G. Schmunk respectively, select the UWCiM as a venue to present the first joint French-German history textbook, emphasising that UWCiM serves as proof that all national groups in BiH can work together and find a common interest for a better future.
- A delegation of three cantonal ministries of education (Sarajevo Canton, West Herzegovina Canton, and Herzegovina-Neretva Canton), representatives of



Federal Ministry of Education, Brčko District Education Office and the State Ministry of Civil Affairs meet at UWCiM to learn about the school's accent on quality integrated education, social service activities, focus on practical work in science classes, standards guaranteed through external evaluation, and a smaller number of subjects which are taught in depth. All ministerial delegations state their support for the work of the UWC-IBO Initiative in BiH, and commend the quality of the UWCiM teaching standards.

- The High Representative to BiH, Christian Schwarz-Schilling, visits UWCiM and speaks to the representatives of UWCiM and Gymnasium Students' Councils at a roundtable.
- The UWCiM organises an Open Day for prospective students, attended by more than one hundred visitors, and the local media.
- The UWCiM students in cooperation with Gymnasium Mostar students organise an international, multilingual theatre performance for the general public, titled "Vagina Monologues" to celebrate the International Woman's Day (8 March). The event is attended by over 300 people. Students' Councils also cooperate in organizing a "Festival of Demo Bands" for local music groups. The festival is held in the Youth Cultural Centre "Abrašević" in Mostar.

(Left) The High Representative to BiH Christian Schwarz-Schilling (in the middle) with UWCiM headteacher Paul Regan and Gymnasium Mostar headmistress Ankica Čović

(Right) UWC-IBO Initiative's team meeting representatives of educational ministries in UWCiM



The UK Ambassador to BiH, H.E. Matthew Rycroft giving lecture to UWCiM and Gymnasium Mostar students



“Our young people are studying together and living together, setting an example for all adults in Bosnia and Herzegovina and worldwide.”

Elisabeth Rehn, Patron of UWC-IBO Initiative in BiH

APRIL 2007



“The special spirit of these colleges...has to make great victory here in Bosnia and Herzegovina.”

Nikola Špirić,
the Presiding Minister
of the Council of Ministers
of BiH

- The Patron of the UWC-IBO Initiative in BiH, Elisabeth Rehn, presents the Initiative's programme to the newly formed government of BiH, including members of the country's Presidency, Željko Komšić and Nikola Radmanović. Both members of Presidency express strong support for the programme, while Presidency member Radmanović asks “Why cannot every school in BiH be like the college in Mostar?” Minister Rehn, together with the Chair of the Initiative's Executive Committee, Lamija Tanović, and Development Director, Mirna Jančić, also meets the Presiding Minister of the Council of Ministers of BiH, Nikola Špirić. Prime Minister Špirić expresses his strong support to the Initiative and promises allocation of state funds to the Initiative's activities in BiH. Minister Rehn also meets with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sven Alkalaj, the Minister of Security, Tarik Sadović and the Minister of Civil Affairs, Sredoje Nović.
- The UK Ambassador to BiH, H.E. Matthew Rycroft, and the UK Ambassador to the OSCE in Vienna, H.E. Collin Munro praise the introduction of the United



World College and the International Baccalaureate curriculum into the Mostar Gymnasium, stating that this has been “the greatest progress that has been made in Mostar in the past few years.”

- Delegation of the Swiss Association of UWC, led by Dr. Mariane von Gruningen visits the UWCiM, investigating the college’s IB curriculum, the CAS programme, pastoral coordination, student counselling and the student residences. The delegation expresses their satisfaction with all the aspects of college life.
- After UWCiM students’ participation in Model United Nations Conference (MUN) in Geneva and UWC of the Atlantic, they organise UWCiM’s first international MUN. Participating students come from UWC Adriatic, UWC Red Cross Nordic, XV Gymnasium, IB school from Zagreb, Ruđer Bošković Gymnasium, IB school from Belgrade, Gymnasium Banja Luka, Gymnasium Mostar and Gymnasium fra Grga Martić from Mostar.

(Left) The patron of UWC-IBO Initiative in BiH, Minister Elisabeth Rehn

(Right) Students’ debate during the first Model United Nation (MUN) Conference in UWCiM



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“We told HM Queen Noor why we came to UWC, local students explained about the local educational system, international students talked about the feeling of coming to live and study in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and in the city of Mostar. If we didn't before, at this moment we could really feel that we are doing something important in this city, and we could sense that the Queen feels the same”.

Omri Be'eri,
UWCiM student, Israel

Honorable guests during their speeches on UWCiM Official Opening Ceremony: Nikola Špirić, the Presiding Minister of the Council of Ministers of BiH, H.M. Queen Noor of Jordan and Minister Elizabeth Rehn, patron of UWC-IBO Initiative in BiH

MAY 2007

- On May 22, the president of the UWC, Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan, and the Presiding Minister of the Council of Ministers of BiH, Nikola Špirić, officially open the United World College in Mostar and the international conference “UWC-IBO Programme in BiH as a Template for Educational Reform.” The event gathers over 300 guests.
- Pilvi Torsti the Initiative's programme director during 2005-2006, and David Sutcliffe member of the Initiative's Executive Committee were awarded the Gourlay Award for Service to Peace and the UWC Founder's Medal for their commitment to the founding of the UWCiM. These awards were announced by the Chair of the Board of Directors of UWC International, Tim Toyne Sewell, and presented by Her Majesty Queen Noor.
- During the conference “UWC-IBO Programme in BiH as a Template for Educational Reform” interregional PACE project directed at re-establishing educational connections between countries of the Balkans and the Adriatic region (BiH, Croatia, Italy, Montenegro and Serbia) is launched.





- UWC-IBO Initiative in BiH workshops for the professional development of headteachers and teachers of English as a second language are held in Mostar, and are attended by 64 participants representing 34 institutions, including 6 pedagogical institutes and 28 schools. The headteachers point out that the project creates a rare opportunity and a forum for BiH teachers and heads of schools to come together to share and reflect upon their mutual, professional needs and to discuss ideas for educational reform. They also praise the expertise and relevance of the Slovenian experience of using the IB as their model for educational reform, and the expertise of project leader Ivan Lorenčić when it comes to educational developments in BiH. The headteachers noted the usefulness of learning about the benefits of external evaluation, according to the IB model, for their own work and as part of efforts to introduce external evaluation by BiH standardization agencies. They also appreciate the presentation and relevance of the CAS programme.
- UWCiM history teacher, Sirkka Ahonen organises an all-day workshop for the history teachers of the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton at the Pedagogical Institute in Mostar. The topic of the workshop is “History Teaching in a Post-Conflict Society: Challenges and Opportunities”. The workshop deals with the

H.M. Queen Noor presenting awards to Pilvi Torsti and David Sutcliffe during UWCiM Official Opening Ceremony

“The work of UWC-IBO Initiative in BiH is building bridges within a city and a country which remain deeply divided in their educational systems as much as within the rest of society.”

Her Majesty
Queen Noor of Jordan



A detail from the teacher's training workshop organized by UWC-IBO Initiative in BiH



multiperspective nature of history and the construction of historical identities.

- A delegation of two professors and four students from Wisconsin University Peace studies meets with 15 UWCiM students and discuss war and post-war situation and relations between students of different communities and nationalities.
- To mark Amnesty International Day, UWCiM students organise the signing of a petition and a concert for closing the Guantanamo Bay prison on the Spanish Square.

JUNE 2007

- Representatives of the Norwegian Voluntary Defence Association visit UWCiM and express delight at the progress made in only one year, praising the efforts taken towards integration of students and towards building of bridges with other schools.
- Three UWCiM teachers (English B, Physics, History) and one IB teacher from Banja Luka Gymnasium (English B) participate in teachers' training workshops in Rijeka in Croatia within the interregional education project PACE.
- The Initiative's Development Director, Mirna Jančić, and the Chair of the Board for Professional Development of Teachers, Ivan Lorenčić, visit Banja Luka Gymnasium to explore ways of further assistance to school in developing the IB curriculum.

JULY 2007

- The UWC Student Selection Committee of BiH selects the second generation of students from Bosnia and Herzegovina, 57 in total, to attend UWCiM. These BiH students come from 24 cities in BiH (Banja Luka, Čapljina, Čelinac, Čitluk, Dobož Istok, Kakanj, Lukavac, Maglaj, Miricina, Mostar, Olovo, Pale, Sarajevo, Sokolac, Stolac, Široki Brijeg, Tomislavgrad, Turbe, Tuzla, Velika Kladuša, Visoko, Višegrad, Zavidovići, Zvornik and Živinice). International students joining the second generation at UWCiM come from countries in Africa (Egypt, Rwanda), Asia (China, the Maldives, Tajikistan), Europe (Albania, Belarus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey and the UK), the Middle East (Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Palestine) and North America (USA). The UWC Committee of BiH also selects five BiH students to attend other UWCs around the world: two enrol at UWCAD in Italy, and other three at Person UWC in Canada, Red Cross Nordic UWC in Norway and UWC in USA.
- UWCiM welcomes 12 new teachers for the 2007-2008 school year who come from BiH, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Sri Lanka and the UK.



Participants of Interregional
Teachers Training Programme
PACE



Social service in the Centre
for people with special needs
“Holly Family”



IT course for Mostar children
and youth in UWCiM



SERVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY CAS - Creativity, Action, Service

In addition to the academic programme, UWCiM students take part in the extensive compulsory community and social service programme CAS (Creativity, Action and Service). Community and service activities of UWCiM students include working with the local Roma community, refugee camps in the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton, homes for the elderly and homes for children with special needs, Mostar hospital and orphanage. UWCiM students also participate in a range of environmental, cultural and sports projects. Since January 2007, CAS also focuses on providing integrated outreach IT courses to Mostar children and youth. By participating in CAS activities students are personally enriched through being exposed to the needs of their immediate society, while the help they offer is most appreciated by those on the receiving end. Through joint participation in various service projects students learn how to value diversity and difference.

The following CAS activities were the most popular with UWCiM students in the school year 2006/2007:

CREATIVITIES: Model United Nations, UWCiM Newspaper BUZZ, Astronomy group (visited Astronomical observatory in Split), Local languages course (BiH students teaching foreign students the local language), Theatre group (five performances prepared in school year 2006/2007 in cooperation with Croatian National Theatre in Mostar), Music instruments Tutorials, Voice tutorial, School band (Eurovision competition organised in Youth Culture Centre Abrašević in Mostar)

ACTIONS: UWCiM closely cooperates with City of Mostar Sports Union. Thus, UWCiM students' teams take part in all students' sports competitions in Mostar together with other high schools. Here is the list of sports practiced by UWCiM students: Volleyball, Basketball, Modern dance, Fitness, Aerobic, Football, Tennis

SERVICES: The number of services increased in the second term, reaching the total of 11 services: Egyptian Village (Orphanage), Holy family (Rehabilitation centre for heavily handicapped children), Neretva (Association of Roma people in Mostar), Refugee camps based in Jablanica and Tasovčići, Hospital Mostar (Paediatrics), Kindergarten Radobolja, Mostar Community Foundation, Special needs school Mostar, Los Rosales (Rehabilitation centre for people with special needs), Amnesty International, IT workshops (Courses for students from Mostar primary schools).

“I am writing to say how thankful I am to be offered this great opportunity to be here in the UWC in Mostar. Lots of different people and opinions at one place, in one school, building one community and helping this county to follow our example and to improve relationships in their communities. In Mostar there are people who needed our help, people from Egyptian village (orphanage), from Los Rozales (Centre for people with special needs) and our College tried to help them and this way to help Mostar community. I worked with children without parents in Egyptian village and tried to give them as much patience and love as I could.”

Nikolina Talijan,
UWCiM student,
BiH



Service in local community - Cooperation with refugee camps in Jablanica and Čapljina/Tasovčići

As part of our CAS programme we decided to form a small group of students and conduct our community service in two refugee camps in Herzegovina. We are visiting refugees every weekend alternating between the two camps. The camps are located in the towns of Jablanica and Čapljina/Tasovčići, 35 minutes away from Mostar.

As we could witness, people in the camps get very little social support from the close community. In our first visit to Jablanica, some of us, for whom this was the first time in a refugee camp, were quite shocked with living conditions in the camps. Refugees, who live in small wooden houses built with the funds of the Danish government, are facing many economical problems in addition to their unfortunate situation.

We decided then that the best thing that we as UWCiM students can do for them is to try to create a bit brighter atmosphere in the camp, especially for the youngest children. The idea was to organise a “fun room” for the children in the refugee camp.

We were given an empty dirty room and in our next visit, with the help of children, we turned it into a lovely space for everyone’s use. The children, whose age varies from 4 to 14 years, were very friendly and we were able to create a very warm relationship with them by playing different games and painting decorations on the walls together. We decided to try and develop their creative side as much as possible and we prepared different activities that involved painting, dancing, singing, acting and most importantly – having fun.

In the refugee camp near Čapljina, there are many more children, and our emphasis was also on teaching them basic English. As 3 out of the 4 volunteers do not speak the local language, we learned how to communicate with smaller children with the help of games and activities with visual aids containing pictures. We also had a great help from the older ones who learned a bit of English at school. At the end of every visit we leave with a traditional “goodbye” and a smile on our faces, looking forward to the next time. We really hope to continue our visits in these refugee camps in the next year and to have more students joining us, so we can make this friendship even stronger.

Adi Finkelstein, UWCiM student, Israel



Refugee camp in Jablanica



UWCiM students and volunteer Ellora Adam playing with children from the refugee camp

LIST OF TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS IN THE SCHOOL YEAR 2006-2007

1. Ellora ADAM, Volunteer (UK)
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3. Daliborka BOJBAŠA, Trainee Biology Teacher (BiH)
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6. Paola COSOLINI, Italian A1 (Italy), part-time
7. Tanja ČVORO, Serbian A1 (BiH), part-time
8. Aldina DŽEBO, Volunteer until 11.06.2007, Development Assistant (BiH)
9. Malika FLICI, French B (France), part-time
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11. Nicholas HALL, Information Technology in Global Society, IT Coordinator (UK)
12. Rebecca HALL, Mathematics (UK)
13. Mirna JANČIĆ, Development Director of the UWC-IBO Initiative (BiH)
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The UWC-IBO Initiative in BiH is governed by a Finnish-based Association “Education from Conflict to Internationalism”.

The Association fosters education and international understanding in conflict and post-conflict societies by enabling young people and teachers to participate in education and professional development in their countries and abroad.

The Association’s Chair is **Elisabeth Rehn**, Finnish Minister, UN Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of Secretary-General in BiH 1998-99 and UN Special Rapporteur to the Balkans 1995-98, who has acted as the Initiative’s Patron since 2005.

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The Board of Directors of the Association has set up an Executive Committee to govern the UWC-IBO Initiative in BiH.

“I am the second selected student from Kosovo, I am very pleased that I have the opportunity to be part of the most exciting college in the world, first of all I would like to thank all of the people that have given and are giving to contribute to maintain uniting the separated parts of world, it is very interesting to see the children of different conflict areas sit together and talk with each other, just like normal kids do, I was amazed to see such a variety of cultures and people.”

Valon Xoxa,
UWCiM student, Kosovo/Serbia



Members of the UWC-IBO Initiative’s Executive Committee with H.M. Queen Noor during UWCiM Official Opening Ceremony



“I am Igor Stipić and I come from Mostar. I think that I was quite a lucky person to join UWCiM. I am delighted with my new school. Well, actually, UWCiM is placed in the same building like my old school. But, the teaching system is totally different. It is just amazing. I can concentrate on all my subjects. The teachers are great, very experienced, all important things I learn from them, not from the book. They make teaching much easier. The spirit of the school is international. I meet many interesting foreign students. With some of them I have become good friends. We are all different but unique in some way. I try to help them and they helped me in school many times. Besides 6 subjects I also have CAS activities. They are also developing our skills in different areas. In a certain way we are interacting, communicating and expressing ourselves in different ways. Through CAS we are helping ourselves and others. Maybe what I said will make you think that school is easy. It is a very challenging place. You have to learn hard and enjoy your subjects. You have the opportunity to do the subjects that you love and you have to use this opportunity in the best way. I think it is normal that I have some fears at this stage. I am a bit scared would I succeed in this school. But I think that it is a positive fear and through work I am sure that I can succeed. I can feel already that through this teaching system I am changing and developing as a person.”

Igor Stipić,
UWCiM student, BiH

The members of the Executive Committee of the UWC-IBO Initiative in BiH are:

- **Lamija Tanović, Chair** - Professor of Atomic and Nuclear Physics and Solid State Physics, Faculty of Science, University of Sarajevo; Vice-President of the Council for Science of Sarajevo Canton; BiH Ambassador to Denmark 1994-2001; Head of the International Department for Education and Culture at the BiH Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2001-2004
- **Jasminka Bratić** - President of the School Board of Gymnasium Mostar; Secretary of the Faculty of Business Management of the University of Džemal Bijedić in Mostar
- **Ivan Lorenčić** - Headmaster of II Gymnasium Maribor, Slovenia 1982-1993, 2001-present; Director of The National Education Institute of the Republic of Slovenia 1993-2000
- **David Sutcliffe** - Founding Headmaster of the UWC of the Adriatic 1982-2001; Headmaster of the UWC of the Atlantic 1969-1982; Vice-President of the IBO Council of Foundation and Deputy Chairman of the IBO Executive Committee 1985-1989; Executive Director of United World Colleges International 1994 - 1999
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- **Michele Zanetti** - President of the Council of Administration of UWC of the Adriatic

The UWC-IBO Initiative in BiH is grateful to Antonin Besse, Honorary Vice President of the UWC movement, who served on board of the Executive Committee 2005-2006.

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Expenses

Capital expenses	115 000 €
Staff costs	474 000 €
Student accommodation	203 000 €
Academic departments	90 500 €
Activity, Community Service Programme and Special Projects	31 500 €
Teacher Training and Development Activities	39 500 €
Administration, Management and Programme Development	79 000 €
Total:	1 032 500 €

* Detailed financial statement is available upon request.

The UWC-IBO Initiative has so far secured 3.6 million Euros towards core costs of the programme, for 1st and 2nd generations of students and for development activities for teachers and policy makers. The Initiative is now raising funds for the 2nd and 3rd generation of student. The UWC-IBO Initiative in Bosnia and Herzegovina is grateful to the following donors who have contributed to the Initiative by the time of this publication:



2nd generation of UWCiM students and teachers in front of Mostar Gymnasium

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