



"Building bridges between people and cultures through inspiring, quality education"

Dear Friends of UWC Mostar,

While the students and the academic and pastoral team members are mostly all on their summer break, there are staff at UWC Mostar still busy at work; getting everything ready for the next academic year beginning in August and planning, supporting and leading short courses, alumni reunion and visits of friends of the college. The short courses that offer young people the opportunity for a mini UWC experience are a wonderful initiative that quite a few UWCs and NCs offer. Do take a look at the various offerings of the [short courses](#) across the movement at the UWC website. At Mostar, we just wrapped up the [Bridging Cultures](#) short course. When I addressed the participants who had come from Bosnia & Herzegovina, Serbia, Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia on the first day and asked them why they were participating in the short course, many of them said "to make new friends and to understand other cultures". This is so promising and positive and even more so when all these young people gather in Mostar to make these friendships and develop an understanding of each other. José Rizal, the Filipino writer, national hero, ophthalmologist and a polymath said, "*Youth is the hope of our future*". I believe that for the Balkan region that UWC Mostar is set in, youth is truly the hope for the region. The positive spirit of the participants at the Bridging Cultures short course fills me with hope for the region and for the world. For us at UWC Mostar, this is as important a part of what we do and our mission; as is the work that we do with our students from across the world. And we will continue to do this work in the new academic year 2023-24 as, in the words of Nelson Mandela Honorary President of UWC (1999–2013): "The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow". As I come to the end of my note for the last newsletter of this academic year, let me leave you all a lovely summer wish by Edmund Spenser as Mostar is well into its tourist and summer season:

“While the spring showers fade
And the summer heat begins
We get a chance at everything
All over again”

With the hope of summer and of the youth,

Sonia Rawat

Head of UWC Mostar



Thank you from UWC Mostar

With a lot of laughter, great moments, inspirational speeches and some tears, we said goodbye to one more successful academic year.

Our staff members enjoyed the time spent together and we used the opportunity to express appreciation and love to our wonderful staff who have been an integral part of the college and contributed to its development on so many different levels and to those who are moving on but will forever remain a dear part of our big international family.

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Cooperations and activities



Bridging Cultures in Mostar

Short course "Bridging Cultures" welcomed participants from BiH, Montenegro, Serbia, North Macedonia and Albania this year providing them with an opportunity to be a part of interesting workshops, meeting peers from the region, talking about identity, non-violent communication, activism and peacebuilding.

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UWC Mostar - Science Department and Susitainable Cities

The great work of our Science Department is always in full swing! This time, we are proud to present their latest collaborative project!

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Favourite cooperation this month:

Workshops with the Faculty of Philosophical Studies (FFMO) at the University of Mostar - our language teachers Ivana Pehar and Marija Grubešić Barać led a workshop on the topic of "Modern assessment criteria in foreign language teaching". The workshop marked an ongoing and successful cooperation with the University of Mostar and was intended for up-and-coming teachers, but also for teachers open to new methods of evaluating students' performance. [More](#)

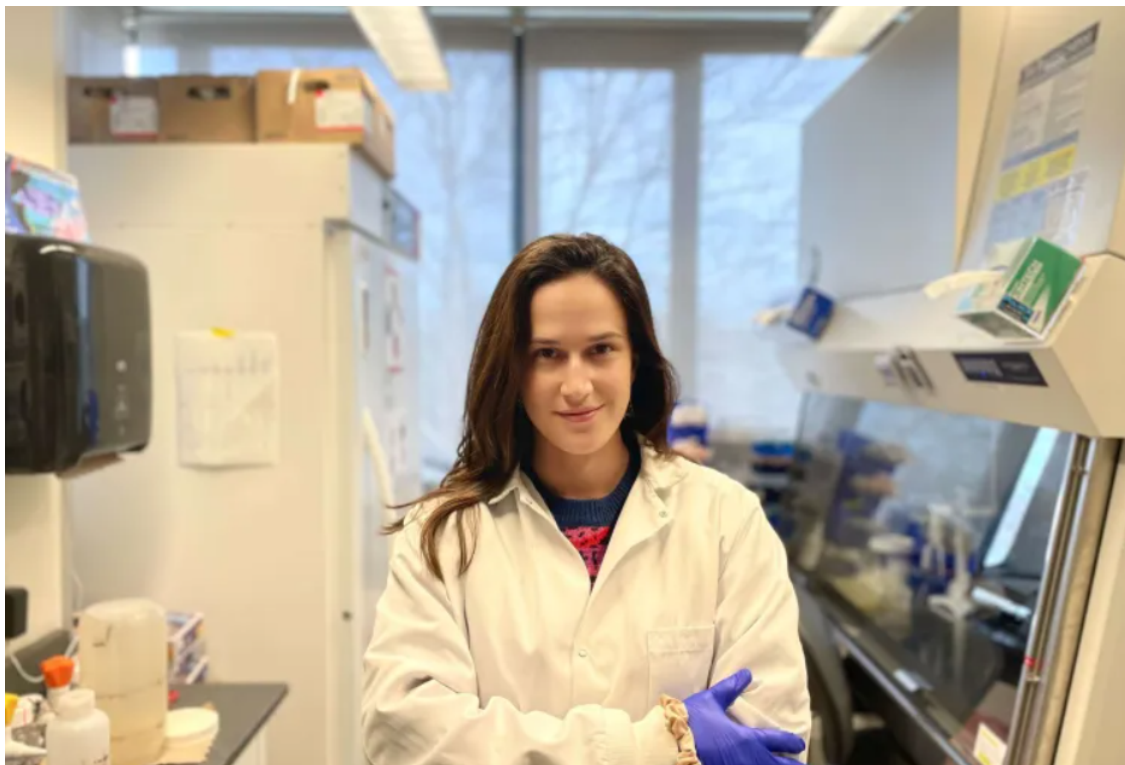
Events and Initiatives



Recognition - Zoé Hamel

Zoé Hamel, UWC Mostar's Math teacher and Outdoor Coordinator contributed not only to the UWC mission, but also greatly contributed to the promotion of sports and running in the City of Mostar, which was recognized and awarded by the organizers of the [Mostar Half marathon - polumaraton](#).

Alumni



Anita Đonlić

Latest article by [Al Jazeera Balkans on Anita Đonlić](#), Doctor of Science in Chemical Biology, UWC Mostar alumna (Class of 2010) and an internationally recognized scientist in the field of chemical biology.



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