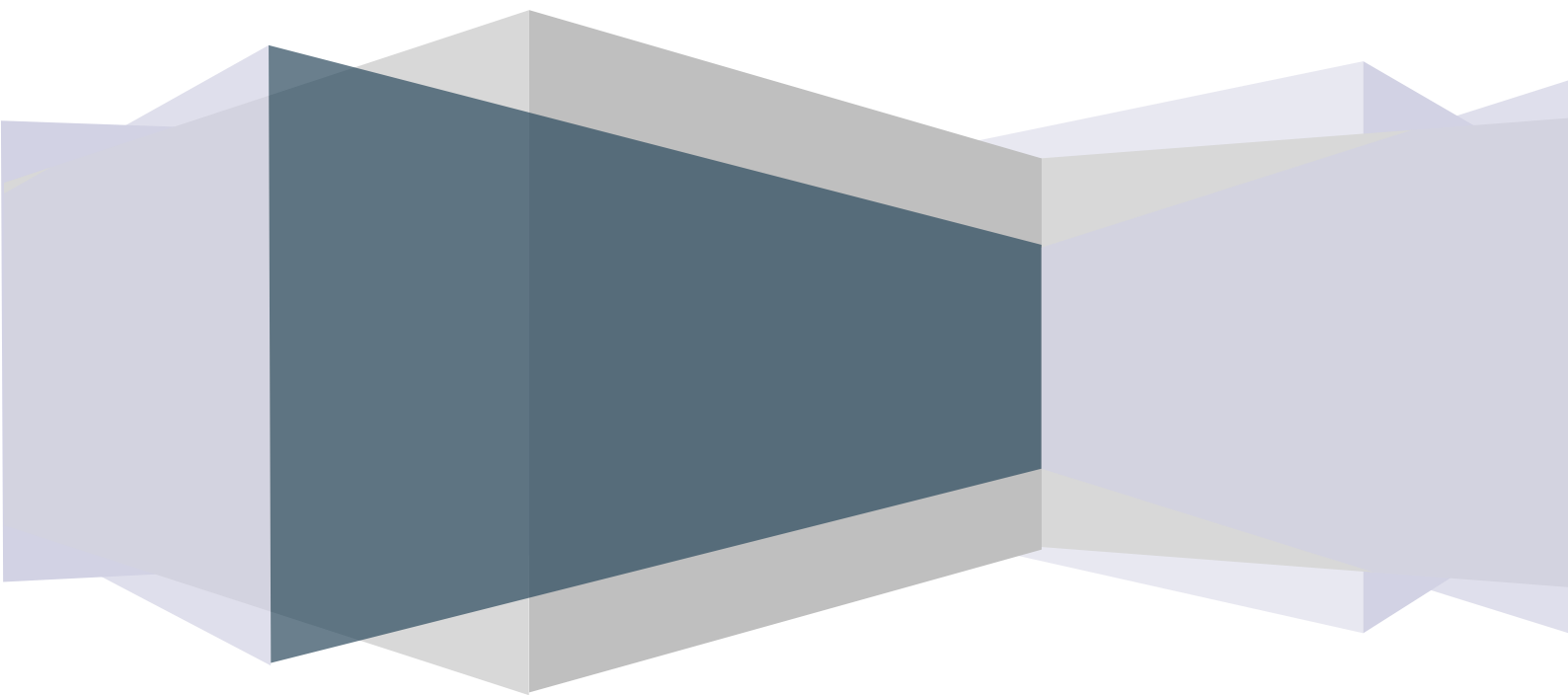


# **Crown Prince Alexander Foundation for education**

## **Report**



## Foundation's profile

In 2006 Crown Prince Alexander personally founded a non-profit organisation committed to advance education and academic research in Serbia, to redirect the constant outflow of young brilliant academics and to promote Serbian cultural heritage.

The Foundation reflects the Crown Prince's objective to promote democratic values and economic development in the country.

By linking Serbian education institutions with highly reputable international institutions and by forming highly educated and well-trained young professionals, it connects Serbian youth to the business community and to the World.

The Foundation is established according to the laws of the Republic of Serbia upon approval of the Ministry of Culture in Resolution number 415-00-00077/2006-14, of 18.09.2006 with Fund registration number 554. It is registered at the Ministry of Finance - Tax Department with the number 104629681 and Tax Identifying number 17672363. The code of activity assigned by the Registry of Republic Institute for Statistics is 91330. The Foundation has opened a bank account in Eurobank EFG, number: 250-1100020055091-76.

A web site of the Foundation was created and is available at: [www.pafond.rs](http://www.pafond.rs)

## **The objectives of our Foundation:**

- ✓ to promote Education in Serbia and to provide youth with employment opportunities;
- ✓ to promote closer educational relations between Serbia and other countries;
- ✓ to connect Serbian youth with youth of other countries;
- ✓ to partner with state universities, education institutions, corporations, foundations, governments and non-government organisations in developing human resources in Serbia;
- ✓ to prepare youth for social responsibilities and community activism and improve society through community services;
- ✓ to increase the number of students scholars and professionals who have the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research outside of Serbia;
- ✓ to increase the capabilities of students and recent graduates in order to prepare them for the rapidly changing labour market;
- ✓ to connect the academic community to the business community;
- ✓ to organize and/or support Career development centres for Serbian youth;
- ✓ to allocate scholarships and set up a system of allocation of scholarships;
- ✓ to organize training, seminars and internships;
- ✓ to provide and support counseling services for high school students, University students and graduates;
- ✓ to support M.B.A. Programmes in Serbia;
- ✓ to organize programmes of exchange of professors;
- ✓ to preserve the cultural heritage of Serbia;
- ✓ to support and promote cultural activities in the country and abroad.

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To realize its objectives our Foundation mainly connects Serbian Academic institutions to highly reputable European and American institutions by initiating and setting up platforms for long lasting cooperation. In this way, it opens doors to the World for Serbian young academics.

## **The collaborations the Foundation has already initiated and established are:**

### **Cooperation with Nottingham University**

In June 2006 HRH Crown Prince Alexander II invited Sir Colin Campbell, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nottingham and a delegation of professors to visit Belgrade. This visit aimed to generate a platform for an academic cooperation between the University of Nottingham and the University of Belgrade, as well as with other universities in Serbia.

The main topics were scholarships, know-how for the creation of a Career Centre at the University of Belgrade, cooperation in research, exchange of professors.

**1.** Sir Colin Campbell announced that his Academic Institution will be providing 40 scholarships in the amount of 50 Million Dinars (600 000 Euros) to the best Serbian students who decide to continue their education at the University of Nottingham for the academic years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008.

Sixteen top students already left for UK in September 2006 and January 2007 and will spend the next academic year for postgraduate studies, (Master and PhD degree), in Nottingham. The University of Nottingham covered their tuition fees and the Fund for Young Talents of Serbia and the Foundation of Prince Alexander for Culture and Education provided them with funds for accommodation, living and travel expenses.

**2.** Nottingham is also offering its know how for the creation of a Centre for Career Development in Serbia that was initiated by the Foundation of Crown Prince Alexander for Culture and Education. The Centre was founded by the University of Belgrade and opened its doors for all the students of the Belgrade University at the premises of the Faculty of Law in December 2006.

The creation of the Centre for Career Development at university level aims at providing students and graduates with assistance and advice on finding the appropriate jobs and enabling them to explore employment opportunities during the studies and upon graduation. Beside the information and counselling services, the Centre offers the students the opportunity to gain practical skills through different workshops and internships, as well as with access to an on-line virtual guide on its web site [www.razvojkarijere.bg.ac.yu](http://www.razvojkarijere.bg.ac.yu) which is under construction.

As soon as the Centre proves its efficiency and value, it will deliver its know-how to other state Universities and assist them in setting up their own Career Centers for the benefit of local communities.

### **Cooperation between American and Serbian Art Universities**

In September 2006 the Foundation of Crown Prince Alexander for Culture and Education initiated the cooperation between the Academy of Art University in San Francisco and the University of Arts in Belgrade.

As a result of this cooperation the Academy of Art University allocated one scholarship for a Masters Degree to one graduate student from the University of Art in Belgrade, who started the studies in Fine Art in September 2006.

### **Cooperation between our Foundation and the American College of Thessaloniki (ACT)**

ACT offers a unique programme to Serbian Teachers aiming to give them expertise and specific skills in College Counselling, in order to help pupils with their professional orientation and future life. A first workshop took place in Thessaloniki in May and a second one will take place in January in Belgrade.

### **Cooperation with the University of California Berkeley (School of Education)**

Upon invitation of Crown Prince Alexander II, the Dean of the Graduate School of Education of UC Berkeley, Professor David Pearson PhD, visited Belgrade in August 2006.

Professor Pearson is an eminent scientist in the area of reading research, reading development learning and literacy.

As a result of this visit a cooperation between the Berkeley School of Education and Serbian Schools of Education is in the process to be established.

### **Other activities:**

#### **Best Scholars Reception**

The Crown Prince Alexander II Foundation for Education and Culture every year awards the traditional certificates of achievement to the valedictorians of every high school in Serbia as an acknowledgement of their successful completion of their secondary studies.

#### **Denise Hale Scholarship**

Our Foundation initiated and organized in October 2006 "Denise Hale Scholarship" to award the best 12 students of the University of Kragujevac of the Academic year 2005-2006.

#### **International Achievement Summit**

Our Foundation offered the opportunity to a young Serbian student Ms. Miljana Radivojevic to participate in the 2007 Summit, in Washington, in June 2007.

#### **Business and Education Forum.**

Our Foundation participated as a guest speaker at the first annual forum on Education in Nis in September 2006.

### **Balkan Case Challenge competition**

Our Foundation supported financially the Balkan Case Challenge competition for Serbia and Montenegro in February 2006, organized by World University Service.

### **Promotion of our activities in October 2006 at the Belgrade Book Fair 2006**

All the activities of the Foundation are aiming to end the academic isolation of Serbian youth and academic society, to provide Serbian youth with knowledge, practical skills, and employment opportunities and create an elite of future leaders who will study abroad but will come back to assist Serbia in moving forwards politically and economically.

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## New training for secondary school teachers in Serbia

In January, 2007 in Belgrade Ms. Eva Kanellis College Counselling Director of Anatolia College of Thessaloniki conducted College Counsellor Training for secondary school Serbian teachers. The training represents a continuation of a unique programme, organized thanks to an initiative of Crown Prince Alexander II, during which a group of teachers already attended a pilot workshop in Thessalonica in May 2006.

This time, the Foundation of Crown Prince Alexander for Culture and Education in cooperation with Anatolia College of Thessaloniki organised a second round of this innovative programme and offered skills and know-how on College Counselling to a new group of teachers. The attendees of the workshop which was held from 26 until 30 January at the Belgrade Open School are 15 high schools teachers from Serbia.

## The university of Belgrade centre for career development

### Lecture series

The Centre for Career Development of the University of Belgrade, which has been founded at the initiative of the Foundation of Crown Prince Alexander for Culture and Education, as an organizational unit of the University of Belgrade, organizes regular meetings of students and graduates with professionals from the business sector aiming to assist students in this way and motivates them to take a serious approach to their personal advancement and professional development.

The following lectures and presentations were organized from the opening in December 2006 up to date:

Lecturer	Position	Lecture
<b>Jasna Matic</b>	Director of SIEPA	<i>Career Planning</i>
<b>Edel Green</b>	Education advisor from Ireland	<i>Explore your own potentials</i>
<b>Marko Savic</b>	Programme Director of the Centre for Monitoring and Evaluation	<i>Students and Internships</i>
<b>Marina Zivic</b>	Executive coordinator of this Centre	
<b>Predrag Radovic</b>	Managers of Procter and Gamble	<i>How to present one self to the potential employer in the best light – Market Yourself</i>
<b>Nora Dimov</b>		
<b>Milutin Nikolic</b>	Director of Citadel	<i>Career in Investment Banking at Citadel Company</i>
<b>The British Council</b>		<i>Distance Learning within the University of London External Programme</i>
<b>Branko Maricic</b>	Director of Education Centre Finesa	<i>The Principles of Success</i>
<b>Ivan Bakic</b>	Assistant HR at the company Polimark	<i>Internships and Employment Opportunities at the company Polimark</i>

<b>Jasna Trifunovic</b>	The Law Office Trifunovic and Cvetkovic	
<b>Vladimir Djeric</b>	The Law Office Mikijelj, Jankovic and Bogdanovic	<i>Round table - special event dedicated to the Law Career: "I am graduating Law...What next?"</i>
<b>Zoran Skopljak</b>	Legal Adviser of the American Chamber of Commerce	
<b>Mato Mayor</b>	United Nations Development Programme	
<b>Mirko Vujic</b>	Director of the company TV Advertising	<i>How to write Project Proposal and Do Fundraising</i>

## Connecting the business and academic community

On 17 April 2007 in Belgrade in presence of TRH Crown Prince Alexander II and Crown Princess Katherine the Conference "The University Centre for Career Development – Connecting the Business and Academic Community" was held at the Serbian Chamber of Commerce. On this occasion, and at the initiative of HRH Crown Prince Alexander Foundation for Culture and Education, the Serbian Chamber of Commerce and University of Belgrade signed a Cooperation Agreement, which most probably represents the first cooperation agreement of this kind in the history of these national institutions.

Dr. Slobodan Milosavljevic President of the Serbian Chamber of Commerce and Prof. Kovacevic Rector of the University of Belgrade signed the Cooperation Agreement between the Serbian Chamber of Commerce and the University of Belgrade.

Following the programme, representatives of the business and academic communities and a large number of journalists had the opportunity to see the presentation of the Centre for Career Development of the University of Belgrade which presented a project aimed at connecting the business and academic world. Special attention was given to the need of assisting students and recent graduates to prepare for entering the world of business.

## Nottingham university partnership with Serbia

Thanks to the initiative of the Foundation of Crown Prince Alexander for Culture and Education the following results were achieved related to the cooperation with the University of Nottingham which has been declared as UK University of the Year this year.

### The Serbia partnership scholarship for masters - second round

The Serbia Partnership Scholarship for Teaching Masters has been established by Nottingham University for the academic year 2007/08, and after the 2006 successful intake of postgraduate students from Serbia, the University of Nottingham offered again a number of full tuition fee scholarships for postgraduate studies for students graduating from Serbian universities for entry to Nottingham in September 2007. There are 22 scholarships for Masters Courses in the Schools of Business, Economics, Education, Law and Computer Science.



Ms. Alexandra Broekema, the Nottingham University International Officer and Prof. Dr Mary Footer, Professor of International Law at the School of Law of the University of Nottingham visited Belgrade 30 May - 1 June. During their stay they will meet with representatives of Belgrade, Novi Sad, Nis and Kragujevac Universities and prospective students and applicants from Serbia.

### **Formal cooperation agreement between the University of Belgrade and the University of Nottingham**

Thanks to the initiative of HRH Crown Prince Alexander II and excellent cooperation of the Foundation of Crown Prince Alexander for Culture and Education and the University of Belgrade, a formal cooperation agreement has been signed between the University of Belgrade and the University of Nottingham in March 2007.

In order to further the partnership with the Nottingham University, Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Alexander II and Crown Princess Katherine organized a meeting at the Royal Palace today in the presence of Prof. Dr Neda Bokan, Vice-Rector of the University of Belgrade, Prof. Dr Dejan Popović and Dr Branka Prpa, Members of the Board of Directors of the Foundation of Crown Prince Alexander for Culture and Education, Mr. Dragomir Acovic, Member of the Privy Council, and Ms. Leda Gofas, Executive Director of the Foundation of Crown Prince Alexander for Culture and Education.

### **Know-how training in Nottingham for the initial teams of the three new career centres at the universities in Serbia**

Thanks to the excellent cooperation of the Foundation of Crown Prince Alexander for Culture and Education with the University of Nottingham and their Career Development Centre, the project of introducing university career information and advisory service for students and graduates continues. Within preparations for three new university centres for career development and counselling students, initial teams of future University Centres for Career Development of the University of Novi Sad, Kragujevac and Nis attended the special know-how training in Nottingham in June 2007.

### **Three new university career centres Novi Sad - Nis - Kragujevac**

It is expected that all three centres start operating this year.

In addition please find more detailed information received from each of initial teams upon their return from the training in UK.

**Novi Sad, 11 June 2007** Under the patronage of HRH Crown Prince Alexander II, the training program from 2 until 9 June 2007 was organized for the second time by the Centre for Career Development at the University of Nottingham, this time for the delegation of forthcoming Career Development and Counselling Centre at University of Novi Sad. This training was organized for the first time last year for the staff of Centre for Career Development at University of Belgrade, which is now showing its first results.

During the training the staff from University of Novi Sad worked with employees from the Career Centre of University of Nottingham and participated in workshops and

training sessions for learning basic know-how necessary skills in establishing and running the future Career Centre, which will be the new service for the students and graduates at The University of Novi Sad. Training was held by experts in carrier guidance and counselling and they provided their fully experience from Centre, which exists for last 50 years at University of Nottingham.

**Kragujevac, 11 June 2007** As a preparation for the creation of the Centre for Career Development at the University of Kragujevac, under the patronage of HRH Crown Prince Alexander II, the team of the Centre participated at the training programme at the Centre for Career Development at the University of Nottingham in the period from 2 until 9 June 2007.

During an intensive training seminar, the team from the Centre underwent a series of workshops, lectures and presentations run by experts from the University of Nottingham, whose goal was to give practical knowledge on role, organization and function of a centre for career development at the university level. Apart from acquiring knowledge on informing students, programme also included advising students, services to employers, organizing events, visiting a smaller Centre at the University of Lincoln as well as individual projects which will be the base for the establishment of the Centre for Career Development in Kragujevac.

The mission of the Centre will be to provide information related to employment and career development, to advise students on the choice of occupation and facilitate the process of acquisition of work experience and practical knowledge. The Centre will organize Graduate Recruitment Fairs as well as lectures, presentations, workshops and seminars for students to get the skills needed for career development.

It is expected that the Centre for Career Development at the University of Kragujevac will be opened at the beginning of the new school year.

**Nis, 11 June 2007** Under the patronage of the Foundation of Crown Prince Alexander for Culture and Education a training program for initial team of perspective Centre for career development of University of Nis was organized by Centre for Career Development of University of Nottingham from 2 until 9 June 2007.

This training program included acquiring know-how on organization structure of the Centre for career development in Nottingham, several work-shops on topics about improving job-hunting skills (writing CV, interview skills, writing motivation letter etc), one-day training on career guidance and direct counselling of students, visit to Centre for career development of University of Lincoln and visit to Graduate Recruitment fair. Intensive work with experts in the field of career guidance and contacts with employers and students of these universities in England enabled acquiring necessary know-how on establishment and running the Centre.

It is expected that Centre will be opened at the beginning of academic year 2007/08 at the premises of University of Nis.

### **Best scholars reception**

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school in Serbia as an acknowledgement of their successful completion of their secondary studies.

## Students summer schools, camps and programmes

### Summer schools and camps

The Foundation of Crown Prince Alexander for Culture and Education offers summer camp programmes to 11 high school students for the summer 2007 at Culver, Anatolia College and Furman summer camp.

The Schools cover the tuition fees and the Foundation covers travel expenses and in some cases part of the living expenses of the students.

### Summer research programme

In order to increase number of students who have the opportunity to conduct research outside of Serbia and connect Serbian youth with youth of other countries the Foundation of Crown Prince Alexander for Culture and Education is cooperating with *Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland* on promoting its educational programmes and participation of Serbian students in its research projects.

Two students from Serbia participated in the EPFL Summer Research Programme 2007 at the School of Life Sciences and Technology in Lausanne, organized from July 16 until September 14, 2007, which offers intensive summer research training opportunities to undergraduate students interested in research careers in the life sciences.

### English language and photography summer school in Nis

In July 2007, the Foundation of Crown Prince Alexander for Culture and Education organized a Summer School for English language and Photography intended for secondary school pupils in Nis.

Thanks to a successful cooperation with the American College of Anatolia in Thessalonica, a group of secondary school pupils from Nis had the opportunity to attend a two-week intensive conversational English course during July, held at the premises of the "Bora Stankovic" secondary school. The teachers were English professors from the United States of America, who gave each participant a certificate.

Pupils who were interested in photography were offered a seven-day Photo workshop, taught by Professor Bridget Ganske from the United States of America.

The Foundation intends to organize similar summer schools in Serbia during next year, so young people will have the opportunity to enhance their knowledge which will considerably help them to connect with the world and develop personal interests.

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## Scholarships programme

Our flagship, scholarship programme included competitions for 4 scholarships for postgraduate studies in 2008. The universities that offered scholarships through our Foundation include Loyola University Chicago, Hellenic American University in Athens and MIP Politecnico di Milano School of Management. The significant decrease in number of provided scholarships were due to discontinuation of cooperation with Nottingham University, which offered 20 full tuition scholarships per year. No official explanation was given.

During May more than 50 letters were sent to universities in the world asking them to allocate scholarships to students from Serbia through our Foundation. These efforts were in vain as the received response explained that they respect the work carried out by Crown Prince Alexander and his Foundation, but that they could not award scholarships to exclusively students from Serbia as they are awarding scholarships on an equal basis to students irrespective of personal characteristics, without special quotas for selected geographical regions.

## Best Scholars Reception

The Crown Prince Alexander II Foundation for Education and Culture every year awards the traditional certificates of achievement to the valedictorians of every high school in Serbia as an acknowledgement of their successful completion of their secondary studies.

## Summer Schools

In 2008, cooperation continued with one summer school – Culver. The full tuition scholarship was awarded with paid return plane ticket. The selection did not reflect the need as much as merit.

## Cooperation

In 2008, we have established cooperation with numerous organisations that asked for the patronage or presence of HRH for the events they organised. If the invitation was accepted and when our Foundation was involved we sent the letter signed by HRH:

- EDUFair, Belgrade, march 2008
- EIAT Conference Novi Sad, 22 September 2008
- BelRe Fair, Belgrade, 29 October 2008
- Video Chess Tournament, Belgrade, 31 October 2008
- Day of Primary School King Alexander I, Novi Beograd, 17 December 2008
- Day of Faculty of Mathematics 23 December 2008
- IFMSA Serbia Belgrade, 26 December 2008

## Cooperation of Association of Elementary Schools King Alexander I

- Donated books to the King Alexander I elementary schools

- Signing of Cooperation Charter, 13 December
- Attending Celebration of School Day in Novi Beograd, 17 December

In 2008, the Palace and the Foundation continued to support activities of Association of Elementary Schools King Alexander I. The Association organised the school gatherings, competitions in painting, writing, knowledge, etc. All these activities increased schools' cooperation, exchange of students and teachers between these five schools and pupils' knowledge of the Royal Family. HRH and all five Schools principals signed the Cooperation Charter on reception of Parton Saint Day of the Royal Family in the White Palace on 13 December. In 2009, we plan to continue to support their activities with special attention to the 70-year anniversary of the school in Pozarevac. We suggest that THR attend the celebration on that day (probably 16 December 2009).

### **Supporting career centres**

- New centre opened in University of Nis, 16 June
- New centre opened in University of Novi Sad, 10 October

In order to support their work we establish regular reporting from the career centres. They are operating as self-sufficient centres functioning as envisioned when they were formed. Our support consists in providing additional information or training. In the future period the needs analysis of the centres would provide basis for our contribution to the improvement of their work.

### **Alumni organisation and support**

Alumni of the Foundation consist of Nottingham scholars and other scholarship winners of the Foundation who successfully completed their studies. Alumni were invited to the Royal Palace events, like the Best Student Reception, 200-year anniversary of University in Belgrade and Fundraising dinner. They assisted in organisation of the Fundraising dinner by giving interviews to the media, participating in the short film about the Foundation and giving speeches at the dinner.

The Foundation initiated establishing of the formal Alumni organisation. One page of the website is designed for Alumni, their profile and their experience.

### **Other events:**

- 200 year anniversary of University of Belgrade, 12 September
- In close cooperation with University of Belgrade, we organised the reception for 700 guests at celebration of 200-year anniversary of University of Belgrade. Crown Prince Alexander addressed the guests, together with Professor Branko Kovacevic, Rector of University of Belgrade, Mr. Zarko Obradovic, Minister of Education and Mr. Bozidar Djelic, Minister of Science. It was discussed that we could assist in hosting/holding a reception for the participants of the World Rectors Conference in April 2009.

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## Scholarships programme

Our flagship, scholarship programme included competitions for 11 scholarships for graduate and postgraduate studies. The universities that offered scholarships through our Foundation include 10 50% scholarships at East Tennessee State University for school year 2010-2011 (5 undergraduate and 5 graduate scholarships) and 1 scholarship for The Ogden School for 1 Serbian high-school student.

## Best Scholars Reception

The Crown Prince Alexander II Foundation for Education and Culture every year awards the traditional certificates of achievement to the valedictorians of every high school in Serbia as an acknowledgement of their successful completion of their secondary studies.

## Monthly compilation of available scholarships

The Foundation started a new project – creating a compilation of scholarships which are available for Serbian students.

The list is updated bi-weekly. It is available on The Foundation's website ([www.pafond.rs](http://www.pafond.rs)) and Facebook page. Everyone interested in the list can be added to The Foundation's mailing list and receive the updated list every two weeks.

## Summer Schools

In 2009 cooperation continued with one summer school – Culver. The full tuition scholarship was awarded with paid return plane ticket. The selection did not reflect the need as much as merit.

## Cooperation

In 2009, we have established cooperation with numerous organisations that asked for the patronage or presence of HRH for the events they organised. If the invitation was accepted and when our Foundation was involved we sent the letter signed by HRH:

- EDUFair, Belgrade, march 2009
- EIAT Conference Novi Sad, 22 September 2009
- Patronage of "The World Youth and Student Travel Conference" for Serbia Convention Biro bid to host it in 2011
- Hosting USAID's Competitiveness Project and EDU Fond Media Brunch in honour of Career Centres in Serbia
- Cooperation with BEMUS regarding concert of Royal Strings of St. George in October 2009

## Supporting career centres

Foundation continued to cooperate with 4 career centres. They are operating as self-sufficient centres functioning as envisioned when they were formed and are mostly they were financed by universities and students, so the cooperation was less

financial, and more in giving advice, PR support, etc. Nevertheless, Foundation also helped financially when needed (printing of the brochures for Belgrade career centre, etc.).

### **Alumni organisation and support**

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### **Other events:**

The Foundation representatives were present at different educational events: Ministry sponsored roundtables, educational and job placement fairs, school and university commemorative occasions, cocktails, career centre workshops, Alumni gatherings, etc.



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## Scholarships programme

Our flagship, scholarship programme included competitions for 10 scholarships for graduate and postgraduate studies. The universities that offered scholarships through our Foundation include 10 50% scholarships at East Tennessee State University for school year 2011-2012 (5 undergraduate and 5 graduate scholarships).

## Best Scholars Reception

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## Summer Schools, Camps and Programmes

### Summer Schools

In 2010 cooperation continued with two summer school – Culver and EPFL. The full tuition scholarship was awarded with paid return plane ticket. The selection did not reflect the need as much as merit.

### Summer research programme

In order to increase number of students who have the opportunity to conduct research outside of Serbia and connect Serbian youth with youth of other countries the Foundation of Crown Prince Alexander for Culture and Education is cooperating with *Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland* on promoting its educational programmes and participation of Serbian students in its research projects.

## Cooperation

In 2010, we have established cooperation with numerous organisations that asked for the patronage or presence of HRH for the events they organised. If the invitation was accepted and when our Foundation was involved we sent the letter signed by HRH:

- EDUFair, Belgrade, march 2010
- Patronage of “The World Youth and Student Travel Conference“ for Serbia Convention Biro bid to host it in 2011
- Hosting USAID's Competitiveness Project and EDU Fond Media Brunch in honour of Career Centres in Serbia



- Cooperation with Beldocs
- Participating in Scholarships fair in Kragujevac

### **Supporting career centres**

Foundation continued to cooperate with 4 career centres and with one new centre – in Kosovska Mitrovica (University of Pristina).

They are operating as self-sufficient centres functioning as envisioned when they were formed and are mostly they were financed by universities and students, so the cooperation was less financial, and more in giving advice, PR support, etc.

Nevertheless, Foundation also helped financially when needed.

Foundation and USAID hosted a media breakfast in order to introduce the public with the work of Career centres.

Also, one of the Board of Directors of the Foundation, dr Branka Prpa is being placed as the representative of the Foundation in the Board of Advisors of the Career Centre in Novi Sad.

### **Alumni organisation and support**

Alumni of the Foundation consists of Nottingham scholars and other scholarship winners of the Foundation who successfully completed their studies. Alumni were invited to the Royal Palace events, like the Best Student Reception, Balkan Alfa Romeo event and Garden party.

### **Other events:**

The Foundation representatives were present at different educational events: Ministry sponsored roundtables, educational and job placement fairs, school and university commemorative occasions, cocktails, career centre workshops, Alumni gatherings, etc.

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## Best Scholars Reception

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## Summer Schools

In 2011 cooperation continued with one summer school – Culver. The full tuition scholarship was awarded with paid return plane ticket. The selection did not reflect the need as much as merit.

## Cooperation

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