

A New School and School Elections



On October 31st, the Council of the University of Nicosia approved the suggestion of the Senate (78th meeting – held on October 6th 2016) for the establishment of the School of Law and on the 2nd of November the Office of the Rector called for nominations for the Elections of Deans of Schools. The Deans of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the School of Education, and the School of Sciences and Engineering were elected unopposed and the elections for a Dean of the School of Business took place on Thursday the 1st of December. As a result the School Deans are the following:

School of Business: Prof. Maria Michaelides (Dr Petros Lois as of the 2nd of April 2017)

School of Education: Prof. Panayiotis Angelides

School of Humanities and Social Sciences: Prof. Christos Panayides

School of Law: Prof. Achilles Emilianides

School of Sciences and Engineering: Dr George Gregoriou

Distance Learning: Prof. Demetris Vrontis (Executive Dean)

Medical School: Prof. Andreas Charalambous (Executive Dean)

We wish to all of the Deans a smooth and fruitful term of office! Their successful management and future development planning will promote the progress of the Schools as well as the University's.



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Dear Students,

December brings with it the Christmas spirit but also signals the approaching end of the first semester with the final exams looming ahead in the first month of the new year.

We trust that the Fall semester was full of new knowledge, experiences, friendships and enriching activities. This is what studying at a university is all about: learn, experience, network and create. Seize every opportunity to advance yourselves in all ways possible. There are things that you may not have the chance to come across later in your lives. Exploiting all that is available will help develop your personality as well as your

outlook on life and equip you for your professional career.

The Department of Student Affairs, like all other administrative units in the University, aims through the variety of actions and activities it organizes to help students in all ways possible to study in an environment that is conducive to learning. It welcomes ideas from students who want to engage in something new that reflects their own interests and needs. We want to create a lively and vibrant student community that is closely engaged in university life and activities.

It is important to bear in mind that anything that you contribute which strengthens the University can only have beneficial effects on all resulting from the good name and reputation of the institution of which one day you will be graduates.

Take pride in what you do and do it well.

I wish you all happy holidays and every success in your exams.

Myria Thrassou Head, Student Affairs Department



Dear Students,

I hope you had a successful Fall semester and that you are looking forward to the challenges of the upcoming New Year!

I am confident that you will excel at your exams following the Christmas vacations. Make use of the holiday to enjoy, have fun, relax and study! Come back with creative ideas, positive thinking and lots of energy to do beautiful things!

Student life consists of so much more than showing up for early morning lectures and studying hard in the library. The University of Nicosia,

through its challenging environment, is offering you the opportunity not only to get a good degree, but also to discover yourself, meet thrilling challenges, develop your unique talents and achieve your goals.

A new semester, full of exciting activities is ahead. Student Clubs and Societies events, the Career Exhibition, Blood Donation, Charity Campaigns, the Spring Festival, Music Concert, Sports Events, the Graduation, Awards Ceremonies and many other activities will surely keep you busy and smiley! All these activities and events, especially designed for you, will make your student experience unique and unforgettable!

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UNic Music Vibes: The Return

Amazing New Life Ahead

UNISKO stands for University Skills Orientation Programme and it's a four-week programme that aims to introduce new students to the University's environment. Students are given the opportunity to work on their language skills in English, by providing them with English Classes, meet with possibly future lecturers, make new friends, learn the location of buildings and places, make memories, and generally become more familiar with their new student life.

Also, students have the opportunity to take part in athletic, recreational and social activities. It is up to each student to make most of this experience. This year, UNISKO provided students with English lessons, campus tours, helpful presentations, dance lessons, movie screenings, sports activities and tournaments.

Also, amazing trips were organized e.g the trip to CTO beach in Larnaca where students had a fun time at the beach, exercised on the sand etc. Another amazing UNISKO trip was at the Caledonia Waterfalls, where students walked along a certain path leading to a waterfall enjoying the beautiful landscape, entered the cold waters of the waterfall and took lots of breathtaking photos. Lastly, a trip to Konnos Beach in Ayia Napa gave the students the opportunity to play beach volley on the sand, take walks on the beach, sunbathe, try out different watersports and many more!

UNISKO is a great start for every new student, rich with new experiences, new friendships, knowledge and full of amazing memories!



“Hundreds rhythmically shook up the University of Nicosia’s Open Amphitheatre, in a unique night organised by the University and presented by Hellenic Bank. UNic Music Vibes was a good way to usher in the academic year, with rousing DJs, and a blend of food and beverages.”

Student life is a vibrant mix of academic work and entertainment. Beyond classes, studying and (of course) examinations, students have the opportunity to socialise and to let loose on campus. One such opportunity was the hugely successful “UNic Music Vibes”, which has shaped up to be one of the largest DJ events in Nicosia. The 2016 edition of the event represented the biggest and most exciting welcome back party for our students to date, while also open to the general public.

The reverberations could be felt early on, with a palpable ‘vibe’ in the build up to what has become a fixture of the University of Nicosia experience. Ultimately, “UNic Music Vibes” brought together five well-known DJs, who spun their decks throughout the night, entertaining and entralling the over 2,000 attendees.

DJ Dino K, DJ K, starring Fanos Sax, DJ Mar, DJ Andy V, and DJ A Star, gave rhythm to an amazing night on 6 October 2016. This was made possible through the assistance and support of the University of Nicosia Student Union; our Grand Sponsor: Hellenic Bank; our Sponsors: Pizza Hut, KEO, and Neoderma; as well as our Media sponsors: Radio DeeJay 93.5 and MAD TV CYPRUS.

A special thanks to the energised student assistants for their involvement and dedication on the night.

“UNic Music Vibes” promises to return bigger and better in the coming year!



Gearing Week

During the second week of classes, the Clubs and Societies Registration Week took place on campus and specifically in the Millennium Cafeteria, in an effort to provide students with information and answer any questions concerning the Clubs or Societies they were interested in. Students and alumni had the opportunity to sign up for a variety of Clubs and Societies.

There is a plethora of clubs and societies where students and alumni can get involved in, make new friends, have fun and generally be active members of the University. Students had the opportunity to join or create new clubs/societies (if not registered), based on their social, ethnic, academic, athletic or special interests.

Below you will find some of the existing clubs and societies:

Ethnic Societies: African Society, Russian Society, Erasmus Society, etc.

Academic Societies: Human Biology Society, Dance Society, Music Society, Mathematics Society, Psychology Society, etc.

Leisure Clubs: Anime & Manga Club, Latin Club, Travelers Club, Photography Club, etc.

Sports Clubs/Societies: Yoga Club, Futsal Club, Martial Arts, Self Defense Club, etc.



Our newest additions this year are the Latin Club, Anime & Manga Club, Titchu Club etc.

Members of each club gathered up and voted for the persons who would be more suitable for being the president and the council members of their club and make the best of this academic year. The members of the club/society also have the opportunity to become elected in the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary and PR Officer. Elections for all of the clubs and societies have already been conducted and the enthusiasm of the members, who run them is reflected on the fact that several events have taken place already. Moreover, as the academic year is still young, many more exciting events and activities lie ahead of us!

*If any student missed the registration week and is interested in joining any club or society, may contact or drop by the Student Affairs Department (22-842150, email: student_affairs@unic.ac.cy) or the Sports Office (22-842334/5/6, email: pavlidou.a@unic.ac.cy).



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Having Two Hands

A person has two hands, one for helping himself/herself, and one for helping OTHERS.

The University of Nicosia's Volunteer Club and the Nicosia Volunteer Centre teamed up to collect basic products and food needed such as rice, pasta, shampoo, soap, baby wipes, baby formula milk, diapers, as well as home appliances such as washing machines, fridges, gas stoves and even basic furniture such as beds, sofas and more.

Why were they collecting all these?

The ultimate goal was to improve the living standards of low-income families in Cyprus. It is really amazing to have such socially active students!

As mother Teresa said, "At the end of our lives, we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made or how many great things we have done. We will be judged by "I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in."

Second-Hand Hunting

"The best way to look stylish on a budget is to try second-hand, bargain hunting and vintage shopping."

- Orlando Bloom

We know that student finances can be tight, so the University of Nicosia alumni and young people in collaboration with Rewind second hand boutique and friends, organized a second hand clothing, shoe, bag and accessory bazaar on the 27th of October and on the 6th and 7th of December in the Millennium Cafeteria where part of the proceeds was donated to the UNic Student Welfare Fund.

What!? Buy someone else's clothes?

It's a reaction many people have until they see the low prices, good quality and large selection. There was something for everyone!

Students had the opportunity to go through a variety of different clothes, shoes and accessories with prices starting even from 3 euros on most of the items. Students also enjoyed taking pictures with the Second-Hand Sale Polaroid Outline!



A Gracious Gift



A single unit of blood can save three lives and a single gesture can create a million smiles. If someone is a blood donor, he or she is a hero to someone somewhere, who received this gracious gift of life. When we donate blood, we give to someone another birthday, another anniversary, another day at the beach, another night under the stars, another talk with a friend, another laugh, another hug, another CHANCE.

Donating blood has also a lot of benefits. It is beneficial for the human heart, reduces cancer risks, boosts the production of red blood cells, lowers cholesterol levels, helps in weight loss, replenishes blood, aids in fighting hemochromatosis, makes donors psychologically rejuvenated and also gives them the assurance that blood will be there when they or their loved ones need it the most.

Students of the University of Nicosia took part in "Light up a life", a blood donation event organized by the Student Affairs Department in cooperation with the Ministry of Health and the support of the Student Union, on the 9th of November, in the University's Nursing Lab.

They became heroes and lit up so

many lives, spending a few minutes of their day to donate their blood for future people in need. The University is so proud of having such conscientious and socially involved students. It just took a few minutes of their time to light up a life!

The University of Nicosia would like to thank those who participated in this blood donation and hopes to see those who didn't make it at the next blood donation, which will take place in the Spring Semester (8th of March 2017)

Any students, who wish to donate blood earlier, please note that the closest to the University blood bank station is located at Engomi Health Center (tel: 22809052-22809048). Blood donations are also conducted in all general hospitals, all around Cyprus.



SPOOKtacular Celebrations



On the 26th of October, SPOOKtacular celebrations took place on campus. Students had the opportunity to make unique crafts such as carving their own pumpkins, decorating spooky jars and making yarn pumpkins!

During the workshops, students were given instructions from helpful videos on how to carve their own pumpkins. The videos were projected on a white screen in order to make the process easier. This experience taught them how to empty out, design and cut out their chosen designs that they had previously drawn on their pumpkins.

The students also learned how to decorate a Spooky Jar. The Spooky Jar decoration consisted of drawings on a purple Mayson jar in such a way that when a candle was placed inside of it, it would look like sunset! The Yarn-pumpkin making included making a 3D outline of a pumpkin made solely by yarn and glue.

On the same date, during the night with the help and the ideas of the Student Affairs Department and University students, a Halloween Party was organized. The Crafts from the workshops decorated the Millennium Cafeteria adding more value to the crafts.

Each pumpkin was evaluated by all to decide on the winner of the Competition for the best Pumpkin Carver, who turned out to be Emily Zilfo. The night also included a second competition about the Best Halloween Costume. The winners were Yiouli Katsari and Konstantinos Vanezis.

Also, Students had the opportunity to have their face painted by the Beauty and Aesthetics Department of Inter-college. The guests enjoyed plenty of punch, games, music and snacks.

Everybody truly had a SPOOKtacular Halloween!



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10 TIPS FOR SELF-CONFIDENCE

- **Recognize your insecurities.**
It is important to locate your insecurities and be able to talk about them with people that support you.
- **Identify your successes.**
Everybody is good at something, therefore make sure you recognize your strengths.
- **Do not be afraid to push yourselves beyond your limits.**
- **Break down your goals into smaller ones.**
Achieving a goal, no matter how small, is a great self confidence booster.
- **Admit your mistakes and learn from them.**
Nobody is perfect but you can always aim for the best and learn along the way.
- **Stop comparing yourselves to other as you will feel worse.**
- **Be positive, even if you don't feel the same way.**
Never allow others make you feel lower.
- **Stick to your principles.**
It can be very hard but never stay with something you cannot believe in.
- **Take some form of regular exercise.**
Even if it's just a 15 minute walk a day. Exercise oxygenates your body and helps you relax.
- **Always keep a smile on your face!**

Career Seminars

The Careers Office, throughout the academic year, organises a series of useful seminars and workshops for students and alumni, which aim to prepare young people to enter the job market. Through these seminars students and alumni become more aware of their professional choices, they explore career opportunities and develop their skills to achieve their full potential.

SEPTEMBER

13.09.2016	UNISKO Programme - "Time Management" [Workshop]	14:30-15:30	M106
20.09.2016	UNISKO Programme - "Αυτό-αποτελεσματικότητα" [Workshop]	14:30-15:30	M115

NOVEMBER

09.11.2016	"Emotional Intelligence" [Seminar]	12:30-13:30	Unesco Amphitheater
15.11.2016	"Team Work and Collaboration" [Seminar]	12:00-13:15	Unesco Amphitheater
15.11.2016	"Planning Your Semester" [Seminar]	13:15-14:30	Unesco Amphitheater
16.11.2016	"How to train your brain for success" [Seminar]	12:00-13:15	Unesco Amphitheater
16.11.2016	"Πώς να 'καλύψεις' την απουσία εμπειρίας" [Seminar]	13:15-14:30	Unesco Amphitheater
17.11.2016	"How to Deliver Effective Presentations" [Seminar]	12:00-13:30	Unesco Amphitheater
22.11.2016	"Essay Writing" [Workshop]	12:30-13:30	Unesco Amphitheater
30.11.2016	"Αυτό-αποτελεσματικότητα" [Workshop]	12:30-13:30	Unesco Amphitheater

DECEMBER

01.12.2016	"Βασικές Πρόνοιες στην Εργατική Νομοθεσία" [Seminar]	12:30-13:30	Unesco Amphitheater
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FEBRUARY

08.02.2017	"Τα Επαγγέλματα του Μέλλοντος" [Seminar]	12:30-13:30	Unesco Amphitheater
14.02.2017	"CV Writing" [Seminar]	12:00-13:15	Unesco Amphitheater
14.02.2017	"Interview Techniques" [Seminar]	13:15-14:30	Unesco Amphitheater
15.02.2017	"Η ψυχολογία της ανεργίας- οι γνωσιακές και συμπεριφοριστικές παγίδες της ανεργίας και πώς να τις ξεπεράσετε." [Seminar]	12:00-13:15	Unesco Amphitheater
15.02.2017	"Professional Appearance" [Seminar]	13:15-14:30	Unesco Amphitheater
16.02.2017	"Self Confidence" [Seminar]	12:00-13:15	Unesco Amphitheater
16.02.2017	"Time Management" [Seminar]	13:15-14:30	Unesco Amphitheater
24.02.2017	"Euro Pass CV" [Workshop]	12:00-15:00	Computer Lab A20

MARCH

01.03.2017	"Πώς Κερδίζονται οι Εντυπώσεις" [Seminar]	12:30-13:30	Unesco Amphitheater
08.03.2017	"How to Stand-Out in a Very Competitive Job Market" [Seminar]	12:30-13:30	Unesco Amphitheater
14.03.2017	"Personal Branding" [Seminar]	12:00-13:30	Unesco Amphitheater
16.03.2017	Careers Exhibition Day [Event]	10:00-14:00	TBA
29.03.2017	"Exams Preparation" [Seminar]	12:30-13:30	Unesco Amphitheater

Note: Some changes may occur. Before attending any event, please confirm the date with the Careers Office. Tel.: 22 842 150/152

Google on Campus

“Life is like Google. You just need to know what you’re searching for.”

On the 21st of November, the Department of Computer Science hosted a Tech Talk and a Google Interview workshop by a Googler himself. Students and guests had the opportunity to learn more about google and the opportunities offered.

Constantinos Neofytou, the speaker of this event and a Googler himself, started his current role at Google in August 2016. As a Software Engineer in Site Reliability Engineering for the Ads Pipeline team, he is responsible for several pipelines, the biggest of which is the Google Analytics logs processing and aggregation.

The title of the Tech Talk was “Storage, Processing and Reliability on

Google’s Distributed Systems” and its goal was to inform students and other guests on how to organize the world’s information and how to make it universally accessible and useful. This was done using technologies that are able to handle terabytes of data quickly and reliably. Also, this talk focused on the three crucial aspects of Google’s infrastructure: storage, processing and reliability. Lastly, they covered distributed storage solutions, techniques and, in general, all Google services.

The Google interview workshop consisted of information about Google’s culture, the products, specific projects, hiring process, job and/ internship opportunities, culture, and more! And all this directly from a Googler himself!



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Hard Rock & Marketing

On the 26th of November the Marketing Society had a trip to the Hard Rock Café in Ayia Napa. Hard Rock International is a chain of themed restaurants, shops, hotels and casinos. As it hasn’t been a long time since the café opened in Ayia Napa, the Society decided it would be beneficial, if they visited it.

The Society’s members had the opportunity to browse around the shop as they arrived at the destination before the café operating hours. They were also given the opportunity to have a seat and enjoy the hard rock music and exhibition. A visit like this is not only about food; there are items collected and donated by the famous musicians from all over the world to see. For example it is possible to see the costume of Elvis Presley and the guitar which belonged to Madonna. But before the guided tour began, the members of the Society had the chance to meet the managers of the café, who explained how they run the café, how they strived during difficult times and answered to all of the questions about the café and their marketing strategies.

After a tour of the exhibition at the café, which included a briefing about the exhibits owners and how they were collected. The students had lunch and a small meeting about the future events of the Society. Before the trip ended, the students were given free time to explore the wintertime quietness of Ayia Napa and had a lot of fun with very nice people in a friendly atmosphere.

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The President of Cyprus at UNic

The Mass Media Institute of the University of Nicosia (IMME) successfully organized an Awards Ceremony for the 2016 Journalism Awards. The event took place at the University of Nicosia on the 17th of November. The Journalism Awards, which are going to be institutionalized by IMME, attracted many people such as journalists, politicians, academics and students.

The event was honored by the presence of the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr. Nicos Anastasiades, who awarded the Overall Achievement Award, to a veteran journalist and also delivered a really inspiring speech. The Overall Achievement Award in Journalism was given to the veteran journalist Demetris Papademetris and three more journalists were awarded with a General Journalism Award: Costas Venizelos, Antreas Manoli and the Turkish-Cypriot Sevgul Uludag.

A special Awards Committee was responsible to choose the journalists to be awarded, which consisted of experienced journalists. The President made some important remarks regarding the Awards. He started

with saying that IMME'S initiative to institutionalize the awards was commendable and also essential. He also pointed out that the choice of the people that were awarded was the right one. Adding to that, he mentioned that IMME in cooperation with the Communications Department of the University of Nicosia has managed to be considered as the most authoritative school for journalists. This is very important for our Country because journalists, like politicians, require appropriate education. Additionally, the President underlined the necessity of the Mass Media to objectively cover all of the events and facts and also productively criticize politicians because it is to their benefit.

Summarizing in the first part of his speech, the president emphasized the importance of the role of the Mass Media and the power they have over public opinion and the executive authorities. During the second part of his speech the President mainly focused on the Cyprus Dispute. The main sponsor of the event was RCB Bank and the media sponsor "Phileleftheros" newspaper.



UNic Sports Activities

The Sports Office every year is responsible to organize and manage various sports activities and events.

UNISKO Sports Activities

The UNISKO programme aims to bring the new students closer. The Sports Office organized excursions and sports activities so the 1st year students would have the opportunity to meet each other, by participating in the summer excursions in Konnos beach for swimming, CTO beach in Larnaca for beach volleyball and Kallidonia nature path in Troodos mountain. Sports Tournaments were organized daily like Table Tennis, 3ON3 Basketball, Futsal tournaments and Greek Dances.

BE ACTIVE

The Fall Semester of 2016 started with the European Week of Sport named 'Be Active'. The European Week of Sport is intended to be a genuinely European occasion. It has been featured in Cyprus from 19 to 25 September, and a huge number of events had taken place crosswise over Europe during national weeks until the end of the month. Representatives of the Sports Science programme (students and faculty) took part in the event, by teaching beach volleyball to students of primary school. They taught the students the volleyball serve and how to overpass the ball from the net having the right technique. The energy, the enthusiasm and the feedback from kids' behavior was the greatest feeling. The Sports Office organized Table Tennis, Futsal, Basket 3 ON 3 tournaments for the students and taught a few Greek Dances classes.

UNDER THE MOON

The University of Nicosia took part in the "Hellenic Bank Running under

the Moon" event. The UNic team was made up of students, faculty teachers and employees who ran under the moon by supporting the work of the Love Incubator.

RUN IN COLOUR

An extremely different event, which managed to attract the attention of 350 UNic students, staff and faculty was the 'Run in Colour' held in Limassol. Our University as a sponsor of the event, earned the red gate which participants had to pass and enjoy the red transformation. The huge team of the University of Nicosia wore their UNic t-shirts and joined the fun of 5k run and got a charge out of the brilliant music celebration by the end line.

UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

The University Sports Championships began and our UNic teams are fighting for the gold medals. The teams consist of selected students, who are athletes or sports lovers. The championships for the Fall Semester are Volleyball men, Basketball women, Futsal women, Football men and Table Tennis men.

The championships of the Spring Semester consists of Volleyball women, Basketball men, Futsal men, Handball men and Athletics men/women. The trials for the selection of each team will be announced at the beginning of the Spring Semester. You can always find more information and details on the Sports Office University of Nicosia Facebook page.

PARADES

Many students took part in the parade of 28th of October, wearing our university costumes and parade with an absolutely respected presence. We will also take part in the 25th of March national parade.

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SPORTS CLUBS

Dozens of students have registered in the dozens options of the sports clubs by the start of the Fall 2016 Semester. The active clubs are the following: Outdoor Activities, Martial Arts & Self Defense, Yoga, Volleyball, Futsal, Basketball, Diving, etc. Some clubs have already started their journey by organizing classes and excursions. The members of the Outdoor Activities Club visited the Castle and the museum of Paphos, and Aphrodite's rock as well. The Yoga Club has already started weekly yoga lessons for the members of the club, likewise the Martial Arts & Self Defense Club.

CYPRUS UNIVERSITIES SPORTS UNIVERSITY FEDERATION AWARDS

The Cyprus Universities Sports Federation organized the annual University Sports Awards for the academic year 2015-2016. The event was held on the 17th of November and last year's golden athletes and golden teams of the university championship were awarded. The University of Nicosia had a very successful year once again, with 6 team and 7 individual gold medals.

WORLD SAMBO CHAMPIONSHIP

On the 9th to 11th of December the World's Sambo Universities Championship was held in Nicosia at the University of Cyprus Sports Center. The University of Nicosia were represented by 4 students: Aparian Vartan, Kleovoulos Loukaides, Marios Kakouri and Maria Garaklidou.

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Giving It a Go

Back to the 80s

The Student Affairs Department teamed up with the students in an attempt to go back in time, on the 6th of December. Back to the Disco Mood of the 80s!

This year's Christmas Party, was on the Disco floor! Students and alumni enjoyed favourite hits, scenes and songs from movies like Grease, Dirty Dancing and Footloose.

Everyone danced the night away under the disco ball and took souvenir pictures at the Photo Booth in crazy outfits! Moreover they enjoyed uniquely made drinks and snacks. It was, trully, a great night to remember!



Erasmus is a unique experience for every student. It gives students the opportunity to study or work abroad and enhance their academic record or C.V. It gives them the opportunity to get out of their country, see new places, meet new people, see new cultures, develop social awareness, develop their secondary -language skills, become more independent and become more experienced for their future carrier.

In the eyes of Kateryna Kulikova, a Hospitality Management student at the University of Nicosia the idea to take part in the Erasmus+ Traineeship programme this summer (2016), seemed thrilling. In her own words: "The idea of having my first traineeship in another country sounded good to me, and when I was told that during this time I could also complete my 'Internship 1' course which is a compulsory part of my degree, I was even more thrilled."

One of the most challenging things for Kateryna, was finding a hotel that would accommodate her traineeship needs, since her foreign passport did not allow her to travel freely within the EU member states. Regardless of the situation, she managed to find a job at the Front Desk of the 'Daphnila Bay Thalasso' hotel, in Corfu and was provided with accommodation, 3 daily meals and a small payment as well.

According to Kateryna, she didn't face any problems while being there and the hotel team was so helpful and respectful towards her. Regarding her working hours, Kateryna worked 8 hours/5 days per week, a work schedule that gave her the chance to further explore the island.

Lastly, Kateryna advises students to give Erasmus a try since she believes that it is a great opportunity for them.

In her own words: "I believe that the Erasmus scheme is a great opportunity for every student. Your travel expenses will be covered and you will be given some money each month for your living expenses. The best thing about it, is that you just need to apply, have an average grade and not be shy to try it.

So, for those who are still in doubt, my advice is to be brave, to go for it if you have the chance, and never forget that whatever you do will be for the best!"

So what do you think? Will you give it a go?



Discussing Priorities

After the Nicosia 2010 and 2013 meetings, the ICTVC (International Conference on Typography & Visual Communication) returned to Thessaloniki, Greece, the city that hosted the first conference almost fifteen years ago, in 2002. The idea is from now on to try to meet old friends and make new ones not only from different cities but also countries!

The 2016 ICTVC, one of the most prestigious international conferences in the field, was organised by the Institute for the Study of Typography & Visual Communication with the collaboration of the Graphic Communication programme of the University of Nicosia and the contribution of the Thessaloniki State Museum of Contemporary Art, on the 5th-9th of July, 2016. Once again, it attracted high calibre speakers and nearly 500 attendees enjoyed a rich programme of professional workshops, important exhibitions and memorable events. The 6th ICTVC was endorsed by well-known educational and research institutes, international academic and professional associations as well as museums.

Throughout the five days, participants had the chance to interact with each other, discuss, and learn how colleagues, professional practitioners, students, and educators from various countries and continents feel about the field of typography and visual communication while also bridging the field with other disciplines. Many friends and colleagues from Cyprus travelled to Thessaloniki to participate in the conference – as speakers or delegates, and of course students from the University of Nicosia and members of the faculty who attended free of charge.

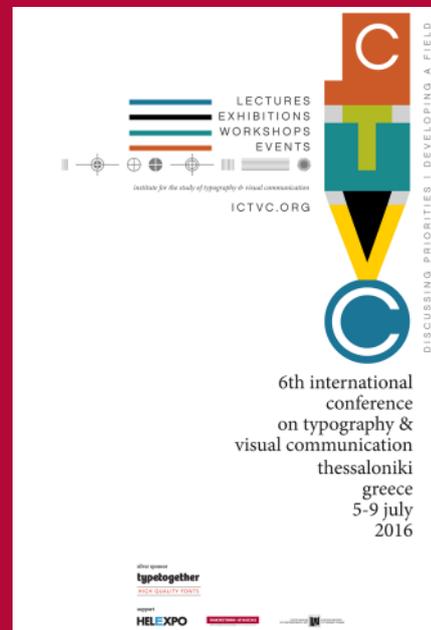
This time, the title of the conference was “Discussing priorities | Developing a field”. The short description stated that visual communication is an established discipline with a burgeoning professional practice, varied educational systems, critical

research, national and international conferences and competitions, trade magazines, and academic journals. It was claimed that across many areas, visual communication is entering a period of sustained growth and expansion and argued about the need for strategic decisions for directions of development, setting priorities for action, and clarifying relationships with related areas of activity.

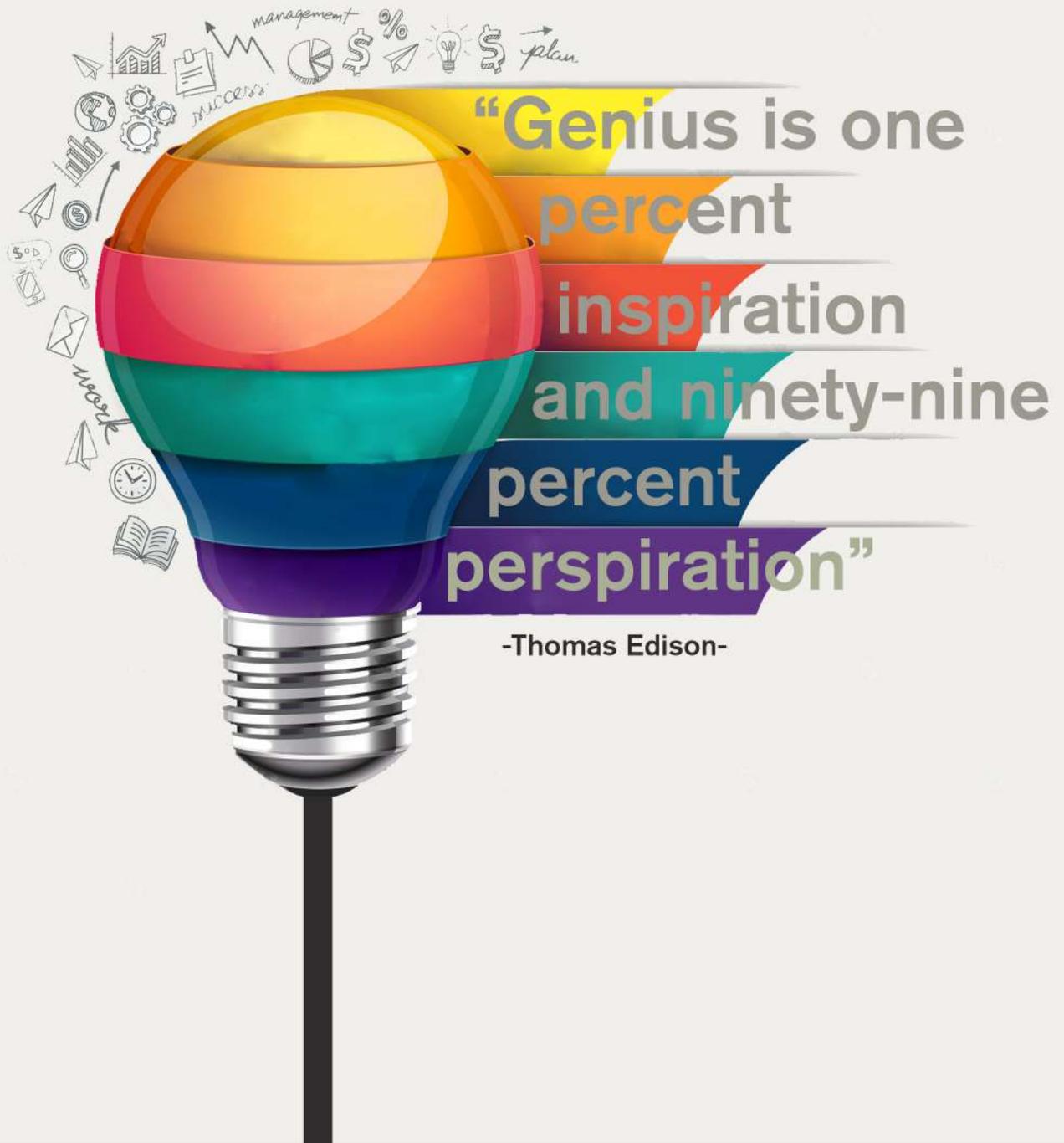
However, a lot of people strongly feel that all the above are debatable when people operate within fragile cultural and unstable financial environments. Things have dramatically changed over the past ten years and major aspects of design for visual communication, education and practice, have been largely affected due to the financial crisis. The situation might become worse, especially in countries that lack a strong visual communication tradition, where people ignore the important contribution of graphic design to the daily life and culture of the community. The opening and closing keynote speeches by professors M. Twyman and N. Brody respectively were just two of more than 70 inspiring and thought-provoking talks. Selected papers presented at the conference will be published in a volume in 2018.



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