

On the basis of agreement between the University of Shkodra and the University of Ljubljana

INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION SCIENCE (IZUM), MARIBOR
(UNESCO Regional Centre for Library Information Systems and Current Research Information Systems)

is announcing a

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

for the selection of candidates
for a regional part-time Master's level (Bologna) study programme

Librarianship

It is intended that within the COBISS.Net project (international developmental cooperation), in the academic year of 2013/2014, the study programme will be organised for 30 students from Albania and Kosovo, who have a 4-year university degree or Bachelor's degree and are willing to specialise for working as bibliographers/cataloguers within the COBISS system.

The courses will be held in English following the accredited study programme (curriculum) of the University of Ljubljana. The study programme (lectures, exams, consultations) will, with the exception of enrolment and a few days of lectures in Ljubljana in the beginning of October, be held at the University of Shkodra.

For the students, the costs will be covered for tuition fees, travel expenses related to the participation at lectures and exams (transport, accommodation/half-board), whereas for the period between October 2013 and December 2014 they will also be receiving a scholarship of 150 EUR per month, if they fulfil their study obligations regularly. If a student does not complete the study, he/she must return the scholarship.

For students who are not employed in a library yet, their future employers will have to guarantee employment at a library starting 1 January 2015 or after the completion of their study.

The call for applications is open to:

- candidates without employment who are under 30 years old and completed their previous study with an average mark of at least 8, and
- candidates who are already employed in a library, are under 35 years old, and completed their previous study with an average mark of at least 7.5.

The application must include:

1. completed [registration form](#)
2. candidate's photograph in .jpg format
3. [application for recognition of previously completed education for the needs of further education](#) (all required enclosures included)
4. [application for recognition of informally acquired knowledge and skills](#) (all required enclosures included)

(Download the forms under Items 1, 3 and 4 to your local computer, and then complete, print, sign and scan them.)

All applications must be sent by e-mail (one e-mail message with all attachments) from the candidate's own e-mail address to the following e-mail address: library-study@izum.si, with a carbon copy (cc) to: librarystudy.unishk@gmail.com. The deadline is **31 July** 2013.

The study will be organised if a sufficient number of candidates respond to this call for applications, if enough positions of employment will be guaranteed for the candidates currently without employment and if, by **31 July** 2013, the necessary funds will be ensured to finance the study.

By 5 August 2013, the applicants will be informed about whether they are included in the further selection process and about which bridge exams they will have to take. Individual interviews in English, which are important for the assessment of the candidates' willingness to study, will be conducted at the end of August in Shkoder/Tirana. At that time, all original documents forming part of the application will be submitted by the candidates, who will also have a chance to take their first bridge exam. The bridge exams will also be organised in September.

Candidates who are not employed in a library yet, can make arrangements about the possibility of employment with their future employer themselves. If that is not the case, they will be informed about the needs of employers at libraries for librarians (bibliographers/cataloguers).

The final selection of the candidates for enrolment will be carried out by a joint Commission of the University of Ljubljana, the University of Shkodra and IZUM based on the results of the bridge exams, the average mark achieved during the candidate's undergraduate study programme, the results of the interview and the willingness of the future employers to employ the candidates as of 1 January 2015.

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