UPF Conference: Principles and Practices for Lasting Peace and Security in Macedonia and the Wider Balkans Skopje, Macedonia, 6. October 2012 by Svetlana Peneva



Honoring UN International Day of Peace and Day of Non Violence, on 6th of October UPF Conference: Principles and Practices for Lasting Peace and Security in Macedonia and the Wider Balkans, was held at FON University in Skopje. Thanks to General Manager of the First Private University FON, Mr. Sefer Canoski and Prof. Nano Ruzin, who were appointed as AfP at ELC in UNESCO Paris, we were able to held this conference at he university and have opportunity to continue cooperation, mostly with educational programs for students and professors.

Already appointed AfP attended with their guests. Among them there were two new guests – members of woman's NGO Kumanovka, 3 three students and a representative of NGO Islamic Youth Forum – state counselor in Government, who met UPF for the first time. Also, we had four guest form Bulgarian UPF chapter, who came to support this conference. All participants followed the sessions presented by Regional Leader for Balkan Region, Mr. Robert Williamson and AfP Mr. Aftikhar Ahmet with attention and big interest. As conclusion of the conference, three new AfP were appointed. They just finished DP lectures after reading TF Autobiography.



Here are some of their reflections: **Dr. Dragan Ilijevski,** newly appointed AfP: Personally I'm very satisfied from the Conference dedicated to world peace. My knowledge about roots of evil and conflicts are deepen and I'm inspired for further exposing of this standpoints. I'm expecting next conferences.

Mr. Milazim Mustafa, state counselor in the Government and NGO Islam Youth Forum: I had pleasure to attend this meeting. It is necessary this kind of meetings to be organized more often in our country. In the name of my NGO Islam Youth

Forum, I affirm that we will be strong partner to all of those who are contributing for peace.

Prof. Shekerinka Ivanovska, newly appointed AfP:

I'm offer my gratitude to both lecturers, who explained clearly and plainly the significant functional spheres of UPF. World unity through unification of religions, races and nations crating peaceful world is leading power for existing world peace.

Mrs. Dance Golubovska, newly appointed AfP:

Sincere thanks for this conference's lectures, which merely presented universal values and directions of truth for building peace on personal and collective level.

Mrs. Violeta Petrovska, AfP:

Very good topic were considered on this conference, but because their complexity, it is necessery to study them at least 2 days. Lectures were adorable, clear and understandable, and answers to the questions from participants, as well.

Mrs. Renata Stamenovska, NGO Kumanovka:

Explicit, philosophical lecturing which provoke for contemplation and developing of conscience and spirituality for most important universal topic - advancement of society which is unimaginable without peace. I believe that this conference could have big and positive influence for young people.

Ms. Muhamed Jashari, student:

I think that this kind of conferences will contribute for development of tolerance, humanity between people. Religious values are the fundamental values which can transform human life and to bring people close to God. One Greek philosopher said: I met people without education, without civilization or without national institutions, but nowhere I met people without religious temple.