

Day and night for travels abroad



International Day 2018



Erasmus Night 2019

Literally day and night, students of the University of West Bohemia, since the academic year 2018/2019, have been able to find out about the possibilities of travels abroad. The events that allow them to do so have the words "day" and "night" in their titles: these are the International Day and Erasmus Night events.

International Day

International Day was created as an event organized by the International Office, then called the Foreign Relations Office. The first year was actually a game in which, on the premises of Pilsen DEPO2015, the public was invited to walk through stands of foreign universities, their parts, centres and student organizations. There was definitely a lot to get acquainted with, as representatives of six universities arrived in Pilsen: from Germany, the Ostbayersische Technische Hochschule Regensburg, the Uni Bayreuth, the Ostbayersische Technische Hochschule Amberg-Weiden and the Universität Ausburg; from Spain, Escuela de Arte de Jerez, and from Slovakia, the Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica.

International Day was created as an event for both UWB students and secondary school students. All foreign universities, as well as UWB and student organizations, presented, to visitors to International Day, opportunities for study and internships. And that was only the first part of the programme! In the second part, famous celebrities spoke about travelling from many points of view. ERASMUS+ students who recently returned from foreign travel also shared their experience with the visitors. Foreign students who were then studying in Pilsen invited their Czech friends to taste dishes of their traditional cuisines.

The event was successful and DEPO2015 also hosted its second year in autumn 2019, this time with guest travellers: Pavel Liška, Jan Révai and Hynek Bernard, and other globetrotters. Also, International Day is supported by the project ESF (CZ.02.2.69/0.0/0.0/16_015/0002287).

Erasmus Night

Erasmus Night event follows International Day as night follows the day. The idea of its first year, an evening composed of stories of students returning from their travels abroad, came from a student of the Faculty of Economics. The Faculty management liked his idea and organized the event; the Faculties of Philosophy and Arts, Electrical Engineering and Applied Sciences participated in the organization of the second year together with the Faculty of Economics. The team that will host Erasmus Night for the third time in 2020 will be expanded so as to include representatives of the Faculty of Education.

Erasmus Night has a more specific focus than International Day. The experiences of students from different Faculties who have spent some time abroad are the main part of the programme. Students take turns, in front of a projecting screen and with a microphone in their hands, to give presentations and speak about their personal experiences with stays, accommodation, finance, study and credit recognition from abroad. Both the Erasmus Night visitors and organizers agree that such authentic experiences are not only more fun, but also more motivating. The presentation stands of the UWB Parts which offer students the opportunity to go abroad cannot be missed on Erasmus Night. When they aren't talking or sharing knowledge, there is time for fun and music; for example, the second year was closed by a concert of the popular band Teardrop (Slza). ●