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International conference

## “SCHOLARSHIPS.INFO: THE ROLE OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN RAISING ACADEMIC MOBILITY”

J.J. Strossmayer University of Osijek, September 29-30, 2005

# EVALUATION REPORT

Dear Partners and Participants,

We are happy to present you with a brief narrative report on the evaluation of the conference "Scholarships.info: The Role of Scholarships in Raising Academic Mobility", held at the J.J. Strossmayer University of Osijek on September 29-30, 2005. All conference participants received an evaluation form upon registration, containing three basic groups of questions related to the quality of various aspects of the conference: the workshops and sessions, the organization and logistics, and finally, the achievement of the goals of the conference. The participants were offered to rate different aspects of the conference on a scale from 1 to 5, 5 being the highest rating. They were also able to give narrative comments on each aspect.

Out of 65 registered participants, we received a total of 32 filled out evaluation forms, including speakers, moderators and attendees. 12 of the 32 received forms were handed in by participants that were present on both days of the conference, while the remaining 20 were submitted by participants that attended only on September 30.

The **overall rating of the conference was 4.50.**

The three main groups of conference activities were rated in the following way:

1. **workshops and sessions – 4.35**
2. **organization and logistics – 4.76**
3. **achieving the goals of the conference – 4.46**

The highest rated of all items was the **conference location (4.84)**. Organizing the conference at the University of Osijek was greeted by most participants as an excellent move in showing what cities throughout Croatia have to offer. Audience interaction and time for questions, on the other hand, received the lowest rating (3.9), as participants would have liked to see a livelier debate within the audience.

Here are some of the most interesting comments included in the evaluation forms:

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- "I'm very glad that we moved out from Zagreb; Osijek and other cities definitely have also much to offer!" (governmental institution representative)
- "Great organization. Interesting cross-sectoral topics and speakers. Great overview of universities' (higher education) place in both corporate and civil sector community." (university representative)
- "As usually, Croats are reluctant to speak in public, encouragement from presenters/moderators/organizers is crucial here." (governmental institution representative)
- "The conference met all my expectations, and I would particularly mention the fact that we were able to find out about different sectors' efforts in improving higher education in Croatia. I hope that this was only a start for establishing a network of all the institutions and bodies that could improve the academic mobility and higher education in Croatia in general. Thank you for the fruitful 2 days and for inspiration I got here for future actions." (university representative)

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