

Report on Award Ceremony of IPMA Certificates for the Students of Project Management at the University of Applied Sciences Baltazar Zaprešić

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The University of Applied Sciences Baltazar Zaprešić (www.bak.hr) held an award ceremony of International Project Management Association (IPMA) certificates for the students of specialist professional graduate study programme of Project Management on Saturday 5 March 2016 in its premises in Zagreb. Thirty-seven new students officially received their international certificates, and some joint projects between the University of Applied Sciences Baltazar Zaprešić / Baltazar Alumni Club and the Croatian Association for Project Management (CAPM) / Young Crew Croatia were represented.

The award ceremony was hosted by Ph. D. Milan Jurina, prof., the Vice Dean of UAS Baltazar, together with Zlatko Barilović, univ.spec.oec., a senior lecturer and the Deputy Head of Specialist Graduate Programme of Project Management and prof. Ph.D. Vladimir Skendrović, the Vice President of CAPM.



Picture 1. Opening of the award ceremony of IPMA certificates and presenting the results of cooperation between UAS Baltazar Zaprešić/ Baltazar Alumni Club and the Croatian Association for Project Management/ Young Crew Croatia

So far around 750 persons have gained IPMA international certificates for project managers in the Republic of Croatia, out of whom 439 persons were certified for IPMA level D. The

students of Project Management at UAS Baltazar, with 205 certificates, make almost 50% of the total number of certified persons in the Republic of Croatia at level D. Today approximately 250,000 persons worldwide have gained certificates corresponding to IPMA *Four Level* certification program (<http://www.ipma.world/certification/>). Certification of students of Project Management is carried out in cooperation with the Croatian Association for Project Management (<http://capm.hr/>), with which UAS Baltazar has been collaborating since 2010. Croatian Association for Project Management is one of 62 national members of IPMA, and operates in Croatia.

In addition to certification, previous cooperation of UAS Baltazar with CAPM bore a number of other joint projects. Some of the most important ones are organizing scientific and professional conferences related to management and project management topics, held in 2011 and 2014 in Zagreb and co-organizing the 27th IPMA World Congress in Dubrovnik in 2013. Also, we can single out particular projects in which students of Project Management participate during their studies, managed by an organization of young project managers, called Young Crew Croatia (<http://capm.hr/young-crew/>) which operates within CAPM.

UAS Baltazar is the first institution in Croatia with IPMA, REG mark, (<http://ipma.ch/education/ipma-registration/ipma-registration-programme/>), which confirms the compatibility of the specialist professional graduate programme of Project Management with IPMA regulations. The study programme of Project Management was initiated in 2005 (as the first study of that type in Croatia) and so far it has more than 800 graduated students (<http://www.bak.hr/diplomski-studiji/projektne-menadzment/>).



Picture 2. The students of the specialist professional graduate programme of Project Management - IPMA certified project managers

After the awarding ceremony, some joint projects between the members of Young Crew Croatia (www.youngcrew.hr) and Baltazar Alumni Club (<http://www.bak.hr/alumni-klub/>) that were carried out during 2015 were represented. As the most important ones we can mention the following: 5th YCC national workshop in Rijeka, PROMAN project, *Satirove flaute* project, GeCCo 2015 project, Project Management Awards and Project Management Championship.

Besides the aforementioned projects the members of Young Crew Croatia and Baltazar Alumni Club have participated in organizing several joint lectures related to project management topics. Having in mind a very successful cooperation in 2015, some new projects are being prepared for the year 2016. The results of cooperation were presented by Karlo Masnjak, spec. oec. and Jasminka Papić, spec. oec. (representing Baltazar Alumni Club) and Sandra Sekanović, mag. oec. (representing Young Crew Croatia). Besides presenting the results of cooperation, Acknowledgments for previous successful cooperation were also exchanged.



Picture 3. Exchanging Acknowledgments for cooperation between UAS Baltazar Zaprešić/Baltazar Alumni Club and the Croatian Association for Project Management/Young Crew Croatia

The photo gallery of the award ceremony is available on UAS Baltazar Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1756510037920175.1073741840.1533515116886336&type=3>

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