

**AEP Seminar Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014 in Tirana**

- 10:30 11:00 **Registration and coffee**
- 11:00 11:10 **Norwegian support in the region**  
*Ambassador Jan Braathu, Norway's Ambassador to Kosovo and Albania*
- 11:10 11:20 **Albanian Ministry of Education and Sport**  
*Minister Lindita Nikolla, Minister of Education and Sports, Albania*
- 11:20 11:30 **Welcome to Tirana**  
*Rector Dhorë Kule - Rector of University of Tirana  
and member of the Board at the Balkan Universities Network, Albania*
- 11:30 11:40 **HERD ICT**  
About the Higher Education, Research and Development (HERD) - program funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.  
*Hege Eiklid, HERD ICT/Board*
- 11:40 11:55 **Academic Exchange for Progress (AEP) – an introduction**  
*Gry Helene Stavseng, Athene Project Management, Norway*
- 11:55 13:00 **Panel session: How to bridge the skills gap, and improve cooperation between companies and universities?** Experiences, opportunities and challenges related to cooperation between companies and universities.  
*Moderator: Vjollca Cavolli, STIKK*
- SEEU, Macedonia – Adrian Besimi
  - UBT, Kosovo – Edmond Hajrizi
  - AITA, Albania – Dritan Mezini
  - Companies from Norway and the Balkans
  - Crimson, Macedonia – Darko Arsov informs about AEP Action Plan
  - Discussion
- 13:00 14:00 **Lunch and networking**
- 14:00 14:40 **Panel session: My experiences as an AEP student at Gjøvik.**  
My experiences from a semester at Gjøvik in Norway, and what results have I achieved.  
*Moderator: Gry Helene Stavseng, Athene Project Management*
- Esat Pllana, Kosovo
  - Arlinda Rushiti, Macedonia
  - Suela Isaj, Albania

14:40 16.00 **PhD program / Research**

*Moderator: Sule Yildirim Yayilgan, Gjøvik University College*

**Zenun Kastrati, “Automatic Text Documents Classification using Machine Learning and Ontology”.**

The research aims to improve text classification in terms of efficiency and effectiveness by taking into account the semantic aspects of text documents described through ontology entities.

**Edlira Martiri, “Template Protection for Multi-Biometrics”**

The main motivation in this project is how to better represent the different biometric templates and to generate fusion schemes whose product is a compact and reliable template and which are the benefits and drawbacks of applying template protection before and after fusion, how does feature fusion influence the overall performance of the system, and how to build new algorithms and optimize them will be the main driving questions in this project.

**Kushtrim Dragusha, “Technology to Target Organs that Move”**

How to identify/target human organ selected to work with (like kidney)

- Using Ordinary Ultrasound sensor to target organ  
How to follow to (reach) the target using organ motion monitoring and analyses and planning for movement and surgery path.
- Endoscopic Camera and Endoscopic Ultrasound for real time system Monitoring organ and its movements and Analyses for surgery purposes.  
On behalf of two first steps, create surgery path planning and robot motion compensation.

**Dr. Ing. Lule Ahmedi, Associate Professor, University of Prishtina**  
*“Recommending attractions to tourists in the era of social computers”.*

16:00 16:45 **Panel session: How can companies benefit from research**

*Moderator: Sule Yildirim Yayilgan, Gjøvik University College*

- Edmond Hajrizi, UBT
- Kozeta Sevrani, University of Tirana
- Lule Ahmedi, University of Prishtina
- Adrian Besimi, SEEU
- Companies from the Balkans

16:45 17:00 **Concluding remarks**