Alum brings international news to Rochester

This year more than 100 students graduated from the American College of Management and Technology in Croatia. While Croatia is more than a 1,000 miles away, each year the graduates become part of the growing RIT family of alumni from this amazing country.

Let me introduce you to Zoran Obradovic, the new communications and public relations manager at ACMT. He provided the amazing photo of the graduates from ACMT overlooking Hotel Cavtat on the Adriatic Sea where the graduation ceremony took place in June. Zoran will be bringing us news about the campus, its students and new programs. But, hang on, let him tell you himself:

ZORAN: As an ACMT/RIT alumnus, it is a great pleasure to be able to bring ACMT news and stories to Rochester. I will also make sure to present the main campus and the news from it better here in Dubrovnik, Croatia. The result shouldn’t be just higher awareness of RIT’s students about ACMT and vice versa, but creating a feeling of togetherness and an interest for choosing ACMT or RIT as a study abroad experience!

In the 2009-2010 academic year, the college will formally begin its newest degree program in information technology. According to program details on the ACMT website:

Application of new technologies demands a greater number of IT specialists. The European market today lacks those experts, and the Croatian market follows the same trend. Croatia has only one IT specialist per thousand inhabitants while Slovenia has three and [European Union] five. The Croatian government points out in its Development Strategy for Science
that Croatia needs a thousand new IT specialists per year. The existing IT undergraduate programs give 200 to 300 IT graduates per year, which is 700 to 800 IT specialists LESS than market needs. It is important to note that there are NO unemployed IT specialists in Croatia today. The highest demand is for data base specialists, network administrators, application developers and user support specialists.

ZORAN: ACMT is a strong factor in regional development here in the Balkans; although unemployment is quite high in Croatia, Bosnia, Macedonia, Kosovo and Montenegro, ACMT graduates find jobs easily and advance in their careers quickly. This justifies our mission and vision: to create a work force, which is skillful and needed in the job market, with a capacity for making innovations and initiating development.

So much of the programming at ACMT, and at the other RIT colleges in Kosovo, the Dominican Republic, Istanbul and Dubai, focuses on the needs directly related to the country’s economy. The students at the colleges focus on career education from RIT melded with strategies developed by their governments to serve their cultures. Looks like a win-win all the way around.

Looking forward to even more news from our friends on the Adriatic!

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1. **Bob Finnerty**

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   Welcome to the team, Zoran! You are officially a member of RIT University News....Love that photo of the Adriatic. My dream would be to visit in person some day!! We look forward to your news updates.
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