

NEWSLETTER

Polish Icelandic Scholarship-Exchange Studies

1st Edition Completed!

THE SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST
TO SUPPORT POLISH STUDENTS

SUCCESSFUL COOPERATION

UNIVERSITY OF GDANSK AND UNIVERSITY OF AKUREYRI,
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KAMIL KOWALCZYK AS A PISCES REPRESENTATIVE AT UNAK



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PISCES CONTEST HAS 3 STAGES.

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In cooperation with the Faculty of Management at the University of Gdańsk and the University of Akureyri School of Business and Science in Iceland organized in academic year 2019/2020 first scholarship contest to support Polish students willing to study at the University of Akureyri under the Erasmus Scholarship Program.



I think the PISCES is an opportunity of development for young active students. It gives them the possibility to study in Iceland but also to meet with a different culture, learn about job opportunities. There has been no such initiative before, the more I am glad that it was created jointly with the University of Gdańsk – said dr hab. Angelika Kędzierska - Szczepaniak, prof. UG, Deputy Dean of the Management Faculty of University of Gdansk.

Students of Management at the University of Gdansk could apply for three annual scholarships of EUR 5,000 each (the total prize pool was EUR 15,000).

1. Lectures

Pipeline lectures titled: **Quality Management & Logistics of Food (Fishery) sector in practice** conducted by specialists and practitioners from the fisheries industry in Poland and Iceland.





The PISCES competition is a great opportunity for students in Poland who bind their future with the fish industry. We are very pleased that during the lectures, great emphasis is placed on teaching about sustainable development. This topic is of particular importance in the context of fisheries, including the Icelandic one. The fish industry in Poland and in Europe offers great opportunities for developing careers and I am sure that through the PISCES competition also Polish students will gain practical knowledge to become valuable employees for whom sustainable fishing will be a priority in the future. - Anna Dębicka, Director of the MSC Program in Poland and Central Europe

2. Essay

Essay's topic: Quality management driven by innovations - influence of storage and transportation conditions of frozen herring, mackerel and cod on quality and processing.



3. Interview

Presentation of the essay.



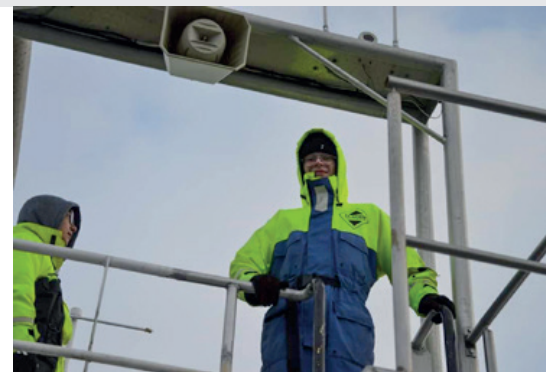
I recognize the education of the future employees of the fisheries sector as a foundation for the future development of the national and European maritime economy, the so-called blue economy

sector, which has been model for years in Iceland - says Bogustaw Szemieth, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Iceland in Warsaw and adds that the idea behind Polish Icelandic Scholarchip -

Exchange Studies (PISCES) best describes the slogan of the competition: be SMART! 4Blue Education

In 2019/2020 one scholarship was granted for Kamil Kowalczyk, Student of the Management Faculty of University of Gdansk. He went to Iceland for spring semester to study at the University of Akureyri School of Business and Science.

Overall opinion provided by Kamil's final report summaries in best possible way the assumed aim of the PISCES contest.



The trip allowed me to open my eyes to many aspects of university and professional life, which so far remained beyond my reach, as well as to meet new people, slowly build relationships, even those related to scientific and business life. Moreover, I have noticed an increase in my English language skills. Personally, I recommend the trip to all students who decide to devote their time to development, says Kamil and adds:

I decided to proceed to enroll in a field of study created especially for foreign students (master's program offered by UNAK called "Fisheries Management").





Kamil's presence as a PISCES representation at UNAK had also good reception of the University community.



Everyone agrees that the PISCES student truly was good representative in all aspects, good student who achieved very good grades, adjusted nicely at UNAK, became a part of the international student community, was positive and eager to do his best

– said Rannveig Björnsdóttir, Dean of School of Business and Science and Associate Professor and continues, our international officer is very content with this collaboration as a whole and we agree that we would like to continue the collaboration.



PISCES 2nd edition – brief update:

North Atlantic Producers Organisation in cooperation with the Faculty of Management of the University of Gdańsk, the Faculty of Oceanography and Geography of the University of Gdańsk and the University of Akureyri School of

Business in Science in Iceland organized the second edition of the PISCES competition.

Although the pipeline lectures were conducted and students were really interested in taking part in the contest. However, due to the COVID-19 influence over our lives, only one essay was submitted and then, withdrawn from the contest by the request of the student.

In above mentioned circumstances, no 2nd edition PISCES scholarship was granted and funds were allocated to next PISCES editions with close follow-up of the COVID-19 dynamics.



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