

WP4.3: 1st Ukrainian Forum of IT-students' Innovation

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March 20 in Odessa the team of Odessa National Polytechnic University organized the 1st Ukrainian Forum of IT-students' Innovation and final of "IT-Eureka! Ukraine" in the framework of the Tempus project «National Education Framework for Enhancing IT Students Innovation and Entrepreneurship» (NEFESIE).

More than 110 students, teachers and representatives of Ukrainian innovative start-ups and IT enterprise took part in the Forum. There were

- 71 students,
- 24 university teachers,
- 15 representatives of IT field,
- 1 representative of MES of Ukraine.

Founders of successful Ukrainian start-ups Peter Bondarevskiy, Roman Zinchenko, Max Ischenko, Kirill Solyar, Dmitry Spodarets and Andreas Flodstrom (Sweden) as well as representatives of IT companies Eugene Yakovlev (Sigma Software, Odessa), Natalie Maksimenko and Tatyana Mushroom (Luxoft, Kyiv, Odessa) spoke with representatives of universities. Students and teachers gladly took the opportunity to set up links with IT entrepreneurs. IT business representatives expressed interest to the university as a centre of innovation of youth who produce creative projects.

All participants were satisfied with the format of the Forum. The majority of participants found the Forum useful. More detailed:

- Yes, I gathered a lot of useful information – 78%
- Yes, I met with interest people – 84%
- It made me think again about the issues – 52%
- Not very. I was already aware of most of the issues – 2%

The final of contest "IT-Eureka! Ukraine" took place simultaneously with the Forum. The first stage of Contest took place from September 15 to November 30, 2014. About 800 students of Ukrainian technical universities were applied more than 440 projects under the nomination "Innovative idea" and "Innovative solutions" in framework of the Contest.

Awarding ceremony of contest “IT-Eureka! Ukraine” finished the Forum. The jury of final included Hans Lundberg (Vice-President of the Academy of Management EURAM, Brussels, Belgium), Niklas Malmros (President of Sigma Technology Solutions AB, Vaxjo, Sweden), Vadim Rogovskiy (Director of Business Incubator WannaBiz, Odessa, Ukraine) Victor Kauk (Associate Professor of Software Engineering Department of Kharkiv National University of Radio Electronics, Kharkiv, Ukraine), and Nataly Potapov (Training Manager of Sigma Software, Kharkiv, Ukraine).

Team from Vinnytsia National Technical University (VNTU) with project SmartWardrobe won in the nomination “Best innovation idea”. The team from NAU KhAI with project YouDrop was second. They attracted attention of the Odessa educational project GeeksLab and was invited to the conference BigData. Another team from Vinnytsia with project NeuroDesigner got the special prize from the director of the IT-Ukraine Association Victor Valeev.

The team from Odessa National Polytechnic University (ONPU) with project MeViCS won in the nomination “Best innovation solution”. Another team from ONPU with project DiaSpectrEx was the second. This team also won a special prize from contest partners - public association "Center of Youth Social Adaptation", Odessa startup "VChehle" and business incubator WannaBiz. The team from VNTU with project SCIF was the third and got the special prize from Eepam company.

The team Catsknead from ONPU with the game The flight never ends got the special prize of the competition for the best game from the managing partner of Intersog Alexander Bornyakov. The device Oculus Rift was presented to students to develop and implement their ideas.

Results of contest “IT-Eureka! Ukraine”

	Best Innovation Idea	Best Innovation Solution
1	Smart Wardrobe (VNTU)	MeViCS (ONPU)
2	YouDrop (NAU KhAI)	DiaSpectrEx (ONPU)
3	Resource Sharer (KhNURE)	Project SCIF (VNTU)
4	NeuroDesigner (VNTU)	Words with Frog (VNTU)
5	Bera Run (KhNURE)	mProjection (KhNURE)

Photo album:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=oa.814785295236239&type=1>

Video report of Odessa TV channel 100%:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbgOXgGNyEI>

Video reports of Odessa TV “7 channel”:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zF-5aqv Mmw>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dnbr0DCuxqk>

Reports:

<http://odessamedia.net/news/odessa/v-odesse-prohodit-pervii-vseukrainskii-forum-innovacii-it-studentov/>

<http://mayak.org.ua/news/v-odesse-vybrali-luchshiy-studencheskiy-startap-foto/>

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<http://www.0432.ua/article/785270>

<http://studway.com.ua/v-odesi-obrali-krashhiy-startup/>

News at NEFESIE site:

<http://tempus.nung.edu.ua/uk/news/there-was-holiday-final-it-eureka-wow>

News at National Erasmus+ site:

<http://www.erasmusplus.org.ua/novyny/470-i-vseukrainskyi-forum-innovatsii-it-studentiv.html>

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News at ONPU site:

<http://opu.ua/news/competition/770>

<http://opu.ua/news/781>