Study programme: Master in Tourism

Level: master

Course title: Business events management (MT220)

Teacher: dr Vanja M. Dragićević

Status: elective ECTS: 6

Requirements: None

Learning objectives

Gaining theoretical and practical knowledge necessary for successful planning, implementation and evaluation of business events.

Learning outcomes

General and specific skills of critical thinking, academic level analysis of the issues related to business events management, preparing students to plan, organize and evaluate business events, and promoting destinations and venues for business events in the international tourism market.

Syllabus

Theoretical instruction

General concepts, characteristics and typology of business events. Development of business events and event industry. The impacts of business events. Managing association events. Managing corporate events. Site (destination and venue) selection for corporate and association events. Delegate decision-making process. Exhibitions as business events. The benefits of exhibitions for the participants, visitors and destination. Characteristics of exhibitions venues. Planning and organizing trade fairs and participation in the fair. International organizations in the exhibition industry. Incentive travels. The process of creating and implementing incentive travel. Factors influencing the selection of destination for incentive travel. Impacts of incentive travel. Management of business events in hotels. Business events and tourism. Contemporary trends in business event management.

Practical instruction

Visit to business events (exhibitions, trade shows, conventions, conferences) and participation in the organization of business events. Through the projects, students will present their critical thinking about the selected business event (based on personal experiences and surveys conducted in the field). Practical classes will be conducted on the premises of convention centres, trade shows, university, hotels and other venues for business events. On a number of case studies, different types of business events and business events destination will be analyzed in order to observe the strengths and weaknesses in the management of business events.

Literature:

- 1. Dragićević V. (2011). Vojvodina kao destinacija poslovnog turizma, doktorska disertacija, Univerzitet u Novom Sadu, Prirodno-matematički fakultet, Departman za geografiju, turizam i hotelijerstvo, Novi Sad.
- 2. Davidson, R. and Cope, B. (2003), Business Travel Conferences, Incentive Travel, Exhibitions, Corporate Hospitality and Corporate Travel, Pearson Education.
- 3. Golden-Romero, P. (2007), Hotel Convention Sales, Services, and Operations, Elsevier Butterworth-Heinemann, Oxford.

Weekly teach	Other: /					
Lectures: 2	Exercises: 2	Other forms of	Student research: /			
		teaching: /				
Methods of Teaching: Lectures, Illustration and Demonstration Practical skills						

Knowledge score (maximum 100 points)					
Pre-examination	points	Final examination	points		
assignments					
Activities during lectures	0-5	Written examination			
Practical skills	0-5	Oral examination	30-45		
Colloquia	20-40				
Seminar paper	0-5				