

## **UNION OF CROATIAN INVENTORS (UIH) 2017, ACTIVITY REPORT**

### **1. F&F**

The Union of Croatian Innovators (UIH) is a non-profit NGO, a legal entity registered as a legally corporate member of the Croatian Association of Technical Culture (HZTK), which is the national umbrella organization gathering 17 national “technical” associations. The member associations deal chiefly with promotion and development of creativity and boosting of technical skills among the target groups (primarily the youth). HZTK is established by the Croatian Law on Technical Culture.

Altogether, UIH encompasses 18 regional and local associations with around 2000 members (individual innovators, companies, institutions and other entities dealing with innovation).

UIH employs 4 professionals and 2 volunteers (The president and the UIH representative to the IFIA).

Funding sources include the state budget, membership dues, the sale of services, financing from private companies, philanthropic foundations, local and state agencies, or private donations.

### **2. ACTIVITIES IN 2017.**

#### **2.1. EXHIBITIONS**

##### **2.1.1. Domestic exhibitions organized by UIH or under auspices of UIH**

- ARCA, The 15th International Exhibition of Innovation, and the 9<sup>th</sup> AGROARCA Zagreb, 19.-21. October 2017.  
About 150 items were exhibited, both internationally and locally.  
ARCA and AGROARCA are registered IFIA events.

Collateral event:

A panel discussion “Innovations in Global Digital Transformation” was organized at the time. 60+ entrepreneurs, public servants, students and researchers took part.

- Trans-county innovation exhibition I3GIvanić grad, Ivanić grad, 11.-12. 05.2017.,  
78 innovations were exhibited. Authors were primary and secondary schools students.  
The event was organized under the auspices of UIH.
- The 12th Exhibition of Innovation Karlovac – iKA, Karlovac. 30.05.2017.,  
126 items of innovation were exhibited.  
iKA was organized under the auspices of UIH.
- The 5th Innovation Salon Bjelovar, 22. 09. 2017. 42 items of innovation were exhibited.  
The event was organized under the auspices of UIH.

- „INVENTUM 2017“, The 11th International Youth Innovation, Commerce, and Technical Creativity Fair, Ilok, 07.-08.04. 2017, 105 items of innovation were presented. The event was organized under the auspices of UIH.
- The 6th Innovation Fair, Zagreb 16.03.2017. organized in the primary school „ Dr. Ivan Mertz“. The event was organized and supported by UIH as a form of promotion of basic creativity among children.
- The 40th „MIPRO“ International Convention on Information and Communication Technology, Electronics and Microelectronics 22.-26.05.2017., Opatija, UIH presented the 1 top innovation and provided information on IPR at the Info Desk.

### **2.1.2. International exhibitions with UIH participation**

- The 45th International Innovation Fair in Geneva, 29.03.-02.04. 2017. 13 items of Croatian innovation were presented.
- IWIS, Warsaw, 09-11.10.2017. 6 items of Croatian innovation were presented.
- IENA 2017, Nuremberg 02.-05.11.2017. 15 items of Croatian innovation were presented.
- INNOVA 2015, Brussels, 18.-21. November 2015. 8 items of Croatian innovation were presented.
- 2nd IIF (INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION FAIR), Visakhapatnam, India, 09.-11.09. 2017., 6 items of Croatian innovation were presented.
- The 13<sup>th</sup> SIIF, Seoul, 30.11.-03.12.2017. 8 items of Croatian innovation were exhibited
- SmartBiz EXPO, 06.-08.12.2017., Hong Kong. One Croatian innovation was presented by accepting courtesy support of the IFIA.

## **2.2. UIH PROJECTS AIMED TO YOUTH**

### **2.2.1. In cooperation with NGO “Nikola Tesla-Mind from Future”**

Popular workshops held in Zagreb:

- 14.02.2017, “Creativity and ADHD” in cycles “Boosting creativity and innovation by individuals” (50 participants),

- 23. 02.2017, “Tesla and Me – Visual Notes” (40 children),
- 07.03.2017. “Mind Agility, Condition Sine Qua Non in Boosting Creativity” (20+ participants),
- 14.03.2017. “How Not to Destroy Creativity” (15+ participants) The workshop was broadcast as a webinar,
- 21.03.2017. “Innovations in Photography”,
- 9.03.2017. Zagreb. “The 8<sup>th</sup> Quiz of Knowledge about Nikola Tesla”  
100+ students participated

### **2.2.2. Festival of Technical Culture**

- Festival of Technical Culture, Osijek, 13.-14.10.2017.  
UIH was one of partners to the HZTK in the organization of the central Croatian event aimed at promoting and facilitating youth creativity.

## **2.3. UIH AS A STAKEHOLDER IN COMMON PROJECTS**

### **2.3.1. In cooperation with the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing (UNIZG-FER)**

- The 8th Graduate Workshop DIRA, in collaboration with the Department of Electronic Systems and Information Processing (ZESOI) of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing, University of Zagreb, 07.07.2017.

### **2.3.2. In cooperation with Zagreb University of Applied Sciences**

- Workshop “Getting familiar with the IPR”, 17.05. 2017.  
20+ students and professor participated

### **2.3.3. In cooperation with 1. Technical School Zagreb**

- Workshop “Getting familiar with the IPR”, 26.05.2017.

### **2.3.4. Workshops in cooperation with Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts and University of Zagreb**

- Colloquium “Innovations in Medicine”, 17.05.2017
- Workshop “Young in the Economy- Potentials & Expectations,”, 14.06.2017.

## **2.4. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

- Throughout 2017, UIH has been continually advertising and branding membership and partnership with IFIA. The UIH delegate, as a member of EXCO IFIA was present at all official meetings and forums of the EXCO.

## **2.5. OTHER UIH KEY PROJECTS AND EVENTS**

### **Innovator Counseling**

To service the needs of individual and incorporated members, UIH provides access to the following services: 1) Recherche using both domestic and international patent databases; 2) Assistance in the preparation of application for various forms of IP protection; 3) Twinning and partnering with possible commercial partners; 4) Facilitation of applying for public and commercial financing of innovation. In 2017 UIH has leveraged the Innovator Counseling Center to provide access to one or more of the aforementioned services to 50+ individual innovators, 30+ innovative entrepreneurs, concentrating on the issues of IPR, financing for innovation and development, and commercialization of innovation.

## **2.5. PR ACTIVITIES**

Many of UIH officials and members were regularly presented in the media (press, WEB, TV shows etc.) commenting the innovation issues.

## **3. LINKS**

[www.inovatorstvo.com](http://www.inovatorstvo.com)

[www.arcahr.com](http://www.arcahr.com)

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