

Newsletter



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Winter exam session

On January 6, 2020, ASE's academics and students resumed their activity after the winter holiday. Following two weeks of courses and tests, the **winter exam session** took place between January 20-February 9. ASE's Board of Trustees wishes all those involved a successful exam session!

Survey on ASE's employees' satisfaction

In order to ensure optimum conditions for the professional activities carried out in ASE, the management team undertakes an **annual survey on employee satisfaction** (academia and administrative staff). In this regard, all ASE employees were invited to fill in an online questionnaire by January 29, 2020. Thank you to everyone who responded to this invitation! The data processing will help the university management to optimize its activity in the fields covered by the questionnaire.

"Human Resources Excellence in Research" brand label

Starting with 2018, ASE has initiated the procedures to obtain the "Human Resources Excellence in Research" label in accordance with the European Charter and the Code of Conduct for Researchers Recruitment, following the implementation procedure called the Human Resources Strategy for Researchers (HRS4R). The first phase of this process, carried out in 2019, consisted in sending the letter of intent to enroll in the process, a letter accepted by the European Commission. On January 10, 2020, ASE carried out the second phase of the process of obtaining **the label "Human Resources Excellence in Research"** by transmitting to the European

Commission the gap analysis - proof based for all 40 principles of the Code of Conduct and the Action Plan to ensure an improved level of compliance for the differences identified, documents that will be evaluated in the following three months. The successful implementation of the Strategy by the research and education institutions is recognized by the European Commission by granting the research organization the "Human Resources Excellence in Research" label, which represents the public certification of the conformity of the processes undertaken by the institution with the European ones.

PhD Prof. Nicolae Istudor, ASE's Rector, at the Meeting of the Permanent Bureau of the National Council for Higher Education Financing

On January 9 and 30, 2020, ASE's Rector, PhD Prof. Nicolae Istudor, attended two of the most important meetings of the Permanent Bureau of the National Council for Higher Education Financing (CNFIS) during which the policy of financing the universities for 2020 was established. The following topics from the agenda were discussed: the analysis regarding the reporting of the research activity and the establishment of the next steps in this complex process; the distribution, by universities, of the budgeted amounts for the basic, complementary and institutional financing for 2020; the methodology of financing students' dorms and canteens; establishing the stages of submission of FDI projects, a.o.b.

PhD Prof. Dalina Dumitrescu, vice-rector ASE, attended the celebration of 20 years of the UEFISCDI

On January 14, 2020, PhD prof. Dalina Dumitrescu, vice-rector ASE, attended the celebration of **20 years** of nationally and internationally recognized prestigious activity of **the Executive Union for Financing Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation (UEFISCDI)**. On this occasion, PhD prof. Dalina Dumitrescu presented from the ASE's management a UEFISCDI anniversary plaque, with wishes for new successes in promoting the quality of research, development and innovation in the Romanian higher education.

Conferral Ceremony of Honorary Titles and Diplomas

On January 15, 2020, the Aula Magna of the ASE Palace hosted the Festive Session of the University Senate, during which **the conferral ceremony of the highest honorary title was held**, which ASE may bestow on its professors - "**University Merit Virgil Madgearu with Gold Medal**". PhD prof. Călin Oprea, PhD prof. Viorel Petrescu, PhD prof. Ion Plumb, PhD prof. Eugen Burduș, PhD prof. Nicolae Dardac, PhD prof. Mihai Korca and PhD prof. Dorin Zaharie were bestowed with this prestigious distinction. Apart from a prestigious professional career, all have performed, for many years, with good results administrative duties in the coordinated fields the activity as vice-rectors and rectors within our university.

In the opening of the event, PhD prof. Nicolae Istudor, ASE's Rector, and PhD prof. Pavel Năstase, President of the University Senate, expressed the appreciation, gratitude and respect of the ASE university community to the professors, who invested a lot of energy and time for the good running of our university. Our sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks, dear professors, for the activity carried out within and for the Bucharest University of Economic Studies!



Students' evaluation of academia

On January 9-16, 2020, the **evaluation of the teaching staff** was carried out by the students for the activity during the first semester, the academic year 2019-2020. Its purpose is a better understanding by the university top management of the students' opinion regarding the activities conducted in all study formations within each faculty (undergraduate and master), both at the level

of in campus education and distance education, in order to take the necessary measures to optimize the activities.

Celebrating 30 years since Her Majesty's Margareta, the Custodian of the Romanian Crown arrival in the country

On January 18, 2020, PhD prof. Nicolae Istudor, ASE's Rector, attended the **gala event** at the Romanian Athenaeum, offered by **the Royal House of Romania on the occasion of the anniversary of three decades since the arrival of Her Majesty Margareta, the Custodian of the Romanian Crown**. For our university, these moments represent a continuation in time of the traditional connection between the Crown and education, started by the founder of modern Romania, King Carol I. In 2012, ASE bestowed the title of Doctor Honoris Causa to H.M. King Mihai I of Romania, and starting with 2015, the awarding of the two royal scholarships, designed for ASE students, has been instituted and carried out in ASE, annually: "King Carol I" and "Queen Elisabeth" Royal Scholarships.

Visit of Ms. Mariana Kotzeva - General Director of Eurostat

On January 20, 2020, Ms. Mariana Kotzeva, General Director of Eurostat, European Statistics Commission, met with PhD prof. Nicolae Istudor, ASE's Rector, and PhD prof. Marius Profireoiu, Vice-rector for International Relations. During the meeting, possible areas for didactic and scientific collaboration between Eurostat and the Department of Statistics from ASE were discussed.



Election of the President of the University Senate

On January 22, 2020, **the election of the President of the ASE University Senate** took place, for which two candidatures were submitted: PhD prof. Dumitru Miron and PhD prof. Paul Pocatilu. Following the elections, PhD prof. Dumitru Miron was elected president of the University Senate for the term 2020-2024.

During the session, PhD prof. Dumitru Miron, as President of the University Senate, nominated PhD prof. Paul Pocatilu, according to the Regulation for the organization and functioning of ASE's University Senate, for the position of Chancellor. The proposal was voted unanimously. The Board of Trustees congratulates PhD prof. Dumitru Miron on this occasion and wishes success to all the members of the new ASE 's University Senate for the mandate 2020-2024!



“The future of Central Banks. The Bank of England Tricentennial Symposium ”.

On January 22, 2020, PhD prof. Nicolae Istudor, ASE's Rector, attended the debate on the paper **“The future of Central Banks. The Symposium of the three hundredth anniversary of the Bank of England”**, an event organized by the National Bank of Romania (BNR) and Curtea Veche Publishing House, under the auspices of the 140th anniversary of the establishment of the BNR. The paper is published in the new series of the National Library of Romania Collection. In the opening speech Academician Mugur Isarescu, BNR's Governor mentioned the ranking of 16th place in the world, in the order of the establishment of Central Banks, of the BNR, which demonstrates the "consistency of the institutional history" in our country.

Bucharest City Hall issued the building permit for the restoration of the historical monument building Piața Romană no. 7

On January 22, 2020, the City Hall of Bucharest issued the Building Authorization no. 22/1798063 for the restoration of the historical monument building Piața Romană no. 7 in accordance with the legal provisions in force. In due course, it is expected that ASE will auction the construction works for the Piața Romană no. 7 building.

Periodic First Aid Classes in ASE

On January 25, 20120, ASE hosted the first series of this year's periodic **“Basic First Aid Classes”**, organized for ASE's entire community: academics, students, auxiliary and administrative staff members. The classes were co-organized with the Foundation for SMURD, ASE's partner in the Project entitled **“Academy of Hope - Volunteering out of Love for Life”**.



Publication of Admission Methodologies for undergraduate and master's degree programmes

As of January 2020, the candidates for the university programmes of the ASE for the 2020 Admission have at their disposal the page <https://admitere.ase.ro/> from the institutional site www.ase.ro, created to provide permanently updated information. Also, the candidates may access the Facebook group "Admission ASE 2020 - Official group", administered and moderated by students from the Student Senate from all our faculties. On these online pages those interested can find information that will help them to go through the methodology and to quickly and accurately

understand the admission to the ASE faculties. Throughout the entire academic year, ASE carries out an extensive information campaign through media channels, as well as to colleges and high schools in Bucharest and in the country, in order to present the educational offer, to facilitate the access of the candidates to the steps that must be completed in order to enroll and become students at ASE and to attract as many candidates to our university.

ASE's Rector attended the Conference "Educated Romania - public policies and the coordination of funding sources"

On January 29, 2020, PhD prof. Nicolae Istudor, ASE's Rector, and PhD prof. Marius Profireoiu, Vice-rector, attended, at the invitation of the President of Romania, Klaus Iohannis, at the Conference "Educated Romania - public policies and the coordination of funding sources". Representatives of the Presidential Administration, members of the Government of Romania, of the pre-university and university educational institutions, specialists in the field of education were present. The event marked the launch of four public policy documents, with the following topics: professionalization of the teaching career, improvement of educational management, increasing equity in education and improving access to early education. At the end of the conference, an inter-institutional dialogue was held on the future of education financing in Romania, in the context of the priorities agreed within the "Educated Romania" Project.

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