

## Spiru Haret University present at the Regional Francophone Festival, Bucharest April 8-12, 2013



The Spiru Haret University (USH) participated at the openings of the Regional Festival for Young Francophones - second edition - organized by the “Bureau Europe Centrale et Orientale (BECO)” and the “Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)” which takes place in Bucharest, at “Casa Universitarilor” venue, between 8 and 12 of April, 2013. Our university was represented by: Larisa Mihoreanu (student), Anca Ungureanu (assist. professor) and Adrian Vasile (PhD student).

The event brings together approximately fifty students from the region of Central and Eastern Europe, which, for one week, will take part in scientific and cultural conferences, creative and artistic workshops, lectures and celebrations based on local traditions.

A true festival of the French language, this year’s edition, having the theme of “*Carrefour des cultures francophones*” (Crossroads for Francophone cultures), creates an environment in which young people from various nations interact in a welcoming and multicultural atmosphere <http://tiny.cc/ogy7uw>. The participating students – who are the finalists following a selection carried out by AUF – represent 15 Central and Eastern European countries: Albania, Armenia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Turkey, Ukraine and Hungary. Other four countries: Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco and Palestine are among the guests.

Among the themes of the festival, we can mention: 1) Francophone institutions; 2) How can one obtain a degree in the French language – discussions, experiences, new job opportunities; 3) The job of a francophone journalist in Central and Eastern Europe. Furthermore, each afternoon, the participants will take part in the various cultural workshops offered by the organizers: choreography, improvisational theatre, painting, photography, journalism, francophone songs and sustainable development. Additionally, the program includes a visit of the open exposition at the Romania National Library: Francophone landmarks – 20 years after the integration of Romania in the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF).

The festival will draw to a close with a contest on the topic *Questions for a francophone* and an exposition of all the papers and materials produced during this week of intercultural exchanges. The best materials will be awarded during a closing celebration. As AUF associate member, USH expresses both the best wishes for the Festival and its determination actively participate in coming editions, with as many students as possible.



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