

Ladies and gentleman, esteemed rector Kosumi, ...

- I would like to express my great pleasure to participate at the International Scientific Conference of the University “Kadri Zeka”, and my sincere appreciation for being warmly welcomed.
- **I had a great pleasure to meet rector Bajram Kosumi and his colleagues**, during our joint activities on **Rectors’ Forum**, the strategic initiative of universities in Southeast Europe & Western Balkan established with the goal of strengthening regional cooperation in the field of higher education & scientific research.
- I would also like to emphasize our initiation of productive cooperation of University of Montenegro and University “Kadri Zeka” **in the area of international programs, bilateral partnership and joint Erasmus plus projects** with an aim of reinforcing our scientific potential & research capacities.
- I am honored and grateful to receive this award, named after **Marin Barleti, Albanian humanist and historian**, the most known for its historical and literal works: “The Siege of Shkodra” and “History of Skenderbeg”, published at the beginning of XVI century, witnessing proud historical, cultural and national heritage.
- I would like to accept this award as the way of promoting cultural pluralism, mutual respect and tolerance, as the legacy of humanity and foundation for the common future.
- I experience this acknowledgement and appreciation, with the special emotion, professional motivation and enduring commitment to the values and virtue of academic excellence.

- Thank you for the heartwarming recognition of my professional work and personal endeavors in multiple academic roles, interactions, achievements and contributions.
- Thank you for the inspiration and trust. Thank you for making this day memorable and special to me.
- Strengthening academic cooperation, convergence, and internationalization are development goals of academic institutions to which I have devoted myself professionally and personally as rector, dean, and professor of the University of Montenegro.
- Higher education is becoming even more inter-connected, inter-disciplined, inclusive and innovative.
- Science and research are strategic components for achieving smart growth, sustainable development, long-term competitiveness and international affirmation in the European Higher Education Area and European Research Area.
- By constantly improving and intensifying links between our educational, scientific and innovative systems, we are actively contributing to the European, democratic and multicultural perspective of our countries and region.
- But our most dignified mission is to create esteemed academic citizens, socially responsible individuals, creative and productive generations, which will ensure economic prosperity and democratic progress of our countries.
- Improving quality of academic education, encouraging intellectual activism and cultivating knowledge-based society are all privileges and shared responsibilities for all of us!
- Faljiminderit šume! Hvala najljepše! Thank you very much!