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Pavkovich Elizabeta (Skopje, Macedonia)**STUDENT ACADEMIC NETWORK "BORDER CROSSING"****6th student conference on ethnological and anthropological topics, cross-border cooperation and intellectual exchange****"Rethinking Balkan identities: The dynamics of space and time"****22-25.05.2008, Korcha, Albania**

The sixth international conference of students of ethnology, anthropology, folkloristic and related disciplines in the frames of the Border Crossing network was held in Korcha, Albania, fro 22-25th May 2008. The central topic of this conference was "Rethinking Balkan identities: The dynamics of space and time".

More than hundred graduate and post-graduate students from 18th different universities from Albania, Slovenia, France, Romania, Macedonia, Turkey, Germany, Armenia and Greece took part. Following the established practice, the work of the conference was divided into morning and afternoon sessions when the articles of the participants were presented according to the following groups:

First day:

- The dynamics of space;
- Ethnographic research of Albania;
- Research of the Balkans;

Second day:

- Time dynamics and identities;
- Bodily experiences;
- Migrations in time and space.

A number of articles had Power Point presentations and clips from the analyzed feature or documentary movies. Few student documentaries were also shown. After each session there was a discussion with comments and constructive critics. Participants from the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology from Skopje were Emilija Nikolova with an article titled "Identity of the Uniat Catholics with Eastern-Orthodox ritual in Macedonia" and Dunavka Jovanova with the article "The Roma community in the Skopje settlement of Zlokukjani: housing, education, employment".

The informal part included visit to a once big Vlah center, Moskopole, as well as evening gatherings with folk music from the Balkans.

The cooperation of IEA and the University of Western Macedonia from Florina, Greece, that started in 2003 through the Border Crossing network

becomes bigger and bigger each year, including new members. The number of students increases as well as the number of Universities that take part in the work and organization of the meetings, the improvement of the quality and enriching of the content. The exchange of the research results, views and ideas, creating new friendships and continuing the old ones that were created at previous conferences speak about the big importance of this network for the development of social sciences, but also of the cultural cooperation at the Balkans and in the wider region.