



ISB ANNUAL NEWSLETTER - Summer 2016

Dear colleagues, friends, and partners,

We are wrapping up another school year. Although this sounds routine, there are always things to consider, improve, and develop, which keep us on our toes. We are very proud of the school's development and are organized for the challenging and exciting plans ahead. We look forward to warm June days, trips, and fun at ISB and finally the summer holidays!

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Jan Svihálek
Sincerely,
Mgr. Jan Svihálek
Head of School



ENDICOTT SURVEY

As a member of the Council of International Schools, we regularly send out a survey which provides valuable feedback from students, parents, and staff members. The survey tells us what aspects of the school people like and wish to continue as well as which areas of the school require development. Here are some of the results:

- **98,5 %** parents agree that students at all levels are experiencing internationalism and interculturalism through the formal curriculum and activities offered at the school
- **92,3 %** parents agree that the curriculum meets their child's needs
- **90 %** students agree that they are learning to gather, organize, present, and apply ideas and information
- **78 %** students agree that their classes challenge them
- **100 %** staff agree that they use a variety of methods to teach their classes



IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM STAFF DEVELOPMENT

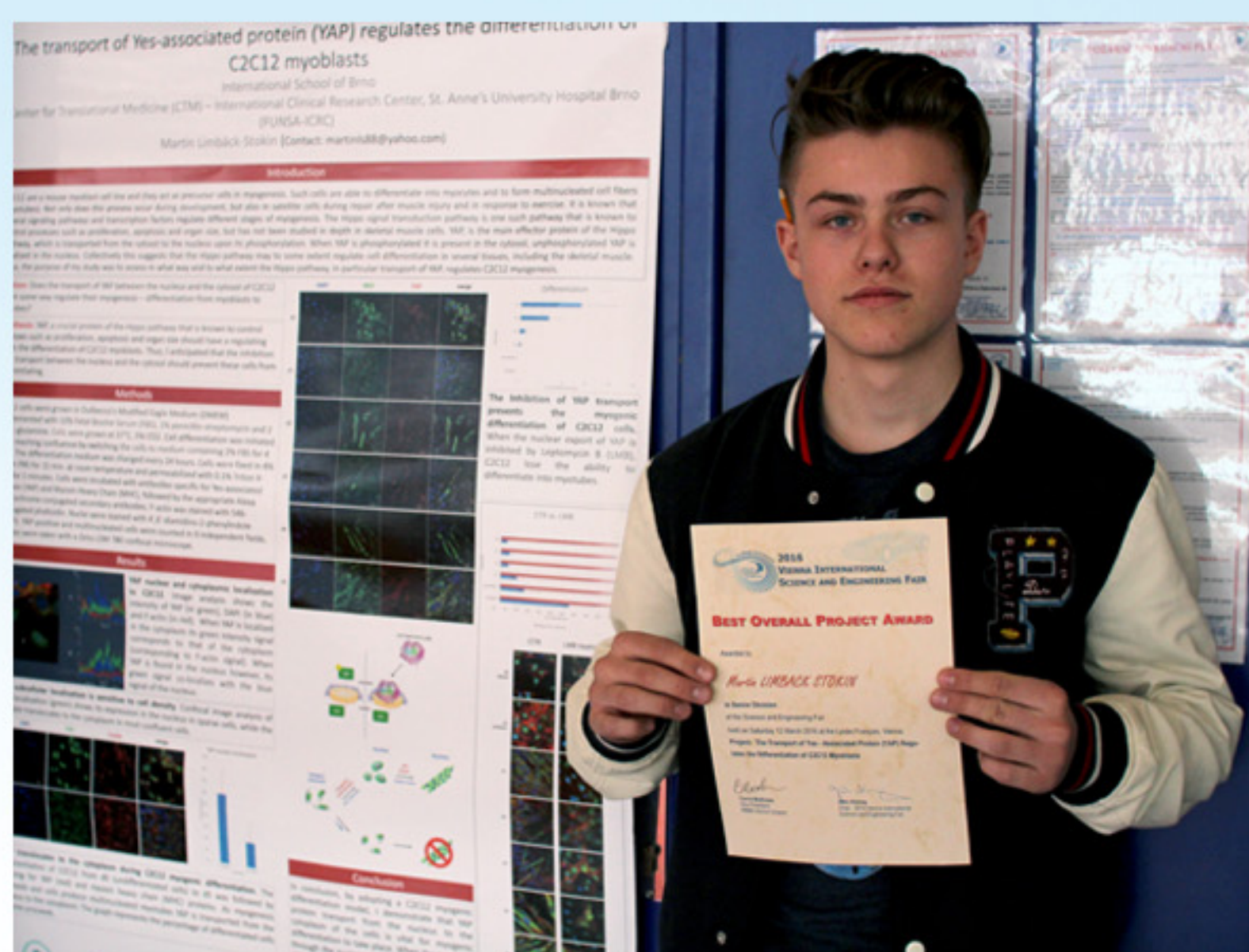
The ISB staff continue their training with the International Baccalaureate Organisation as ISB prepares to deliver the IB Diploma Programme in 2017. Our current staff has been participating in training courses around Europe. Our new IB DP team members have been receiving their professional development trainings on-line and all over the world. The new librarian Harry van Doorn has started preparing the secondary, high school, and IB library. HS students will now also receive access to a university library to extend the possibilities. The ISB leadership team is working hard to prepare all documents, practices, and paperwork as the end of the consultation period approaches, September 2016. The IB verification visit will take place at the beginning of next year.



ISB HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SUCCEED AT THE SCIENCE FAIR IN VIENNA

The 2016 Vienna International Science and Engineering Fair was held on March 12th, 2016. Two of our students attended the fair - Martin Limbaeck Stokin and Daniil Kalaev. Congratulations to both students for their motivation and dedication to their studies and for challenging themselves by entering the competition.

Extra congratulations to Martin on his project "the transport of Yes-associated protein (YAP) regulates the differentiation of C2C12 myoblasts" for winning two awards. He received the Best Project Award within the Environmental Science and Human Behaviour category and was also awarded the Best Overall Project Award - Senior Division.



LEIPZIG EXCHANGE - SUMMIT ON INTEGRATION AT ISB

From April 25 to 29th, the Leipzig International School and the International School of Brno held a summit on integration and immigration. The summit was a response to the ongoing refugee crisis of 2015 and 2016. Students examined the issue from many points of view. They looked at the causes of the crisis, how to best integrate new arrivals to our countries, and the reactions of Czechia and Germany. The students attended seminars and talks given by 4 different NGOs, including Help for Refugees, Nesehnuti, and The Romani Culture Museum in Brno. As a response to the weeks activities, students produced a short film, a magazine, and 2 pieces of political art. It was a demanding and at times difficult week, but all students were engaged and produced thought-provoking and sensitive work.



COLOURS AND FLAVOURS OF ISB 2016

It is always a pleasure to see just how colourful and tasty the ISB community is! Once again, there was a variety of delicious traditional meals, festive dresses, as well as a range of sports and fun activities for all. Thanks again to our main partner, BMI Regional. Thanks to your contribution we were able to spice up the best meal and best dress competitions. Congratulations to the winners who are flying to Munich with BMI!

