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As a result of the scientific co-operation between VERN' University of Applied Sciences and the Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar a conference was organized on the beautiful yet remote Croatian island of Vis at VERN' Island School, focussing on the a variety of issues facing the Mediterranean sea and the Adriatic islands in a trans-national and global context... I would like to congratulate my colleagues in Zagreb for their outstanding achievement in having succeeded in convening a wide-ranging group of specialists from within Croatia as well as outside with widely differing specialisations to all sit round a conference table on the island of Vis in order to highlight the specific (or otherwise) problems insular communities are facing in former and in this recent period of globalisation.

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