



Dear AUK Community,

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you of the death of Dr. Sinisa Prvanov. He died the evening of October 10, apparently of a heart attack. He came to Duhok at the beginning of fall semester to commit full-time to AUK and serve as the Chair of the Department of Design.

Dr. Prvanov was born in the Republic of Serbia in 1965. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Belgrade and his PhD at the National Technical University of Athens. His career spanned over 25 years as an interior architect and educator with a focus on furniture design, public architecture, interior design in the marine environment, all ranging from theory to design to implementation. In addition to working with internationally acclaimed architecture firms, his professional work received several design awards and was exhibited internationally in Berlin, Milan, Bologna, Athens, Monaco, Montevideo, and Montreal; his work has appeared in eleven books, two journal monographs, and over 20 journal articles.

In a meeting with Dr. Prvanov last Thursday, I was very impressed by his enthusiasm to not only develop art and design at AUK, but in growing art awareness throughout the governorate. During this conversation, he demonstrated his passion for teaching drawing and painting to children in IDP campus and in conceptualizing a summer arts camp at AUK for children from lower and higher secondary schools. This represents his exemplary commitment to the vision of the institution and the impact it can have on the social and cultural progress of Kurdistan.

He leaves behind a wife and a daughter, to whom we send our heartfelt condolences.

Again, his presence within the AUK community will be greatly missed.

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