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THE AKDENİZ YÖS-2019 EXAM WAS HELD IN 27 CENTRES IN 13 COUNTRIES

The AKDENİZ YÖS-2019 Examination for international student candidates who would like to study on associate or undergraduate programmes at Akdeniz University was successfully held on May 4th 2019 in 27 centres in 13 countries. Approximately 5,500 students took the exam.

The Rector of Akdeniz University Prof. Dr. Mustafa Ünal said about the AKDENİZ YÖS-2019; “There has been increased interest from international student candidates in participating in the AKDENİZ YÖS Examination. While approximately 2,300 international student candidates took part in the AKDENİZ YÖS-2017 Examination in 16 centres in 8 countries and approximately 4,500 candidates took part in the AKDENİZ YÖS-2018 Examination in 21 centres in 10 countries last year, this year the number of students taking the AKDENİZ YÖS-2019 Examination has reached 5,500. In addition to increasing recognition of the recent academic achievements of our university, the impact of the advertising campaign including the Turkish, English and Russian advertising films and posters prepared for the promotion of the AKDENİZ YÖS both in Turkey and all over the world has a great contribution to increasing interest in Akdeniz University.”



The results of the AKDENİZ YÖS-2019 Examination were announced on the Akdeniz University website (yos.akdeniz.edu.tr) on May 21st 2019. The international student candidates who were eligible for the preference process were able to get the results of preference process on June 28th 2019.

PROTOCOL SIGNING CEREMONY WITH VLADIMIR STATE UNIVERSITY

Akdeniz University signed a cooperation protocol with Vladimir State University named after Alexander and Nikolay Stoletovs in Russia.

The cooperation protocol, which was signed by Prof. Dr. Mustafa Ünal, Rector of Akdeniz University and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anzor Saralidze, Rector of Vladimir State University, provides the basis for both student and academic staff exchanges, aims to develop mutual understanding and establish scientific cooperation between the two universities.



The delegation from Vladimir State University visited the Faculty of Engineering, the Faculty of Tourism and Antalya Teknokent in order to hold discussions on a wide range of areas of cooperation.



PROTOCOL SIGNING CEREMONY WITH PUSHKIN LENINGRAD STATE UNIVERSITY



A delegation from Pushkin Leningrad State University in Russia visited Akdeniz University on April 8th 2019. During the protocol signing ceremony, the cooperation protocol and the Mevlana Exchange Programme protocol between Akdeniz University and Pushkin Leningrad State University were signed by Prof. Dr. Mustafa Ünal, Rector of Akdeniz University and Prof. Dr. Stanislav G. Eremeev, Rector of Pushkin Leningrad State University.

The signed protocols include the development of mutual understanding and establishment of scientific cooperation between the two universities.

The protocol signing ceremony was also attended by the Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Altunkaya, Advisor to the Rector Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter, International Cooperation Coordinator Ayça Altay and Alina Aksoy from the IRO; the Dean of the Faculty of Law Elena B. Gogolevskaja, Egor Minchenkov and the Vice-Consul of the Russian Federation in Antalya Vyacheslav Mikhaylov.



During the meeting held at the International Relations Office (IRO), a presentation was made to the delegation which provided information about the international activities of the IRO.

As part of the visiting programme, Pushkin Leningrad State University delegation visited the Faculty of Law for a collaboration meeting.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATIONS FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMMES ARE NOW OPEN

Applications for international students who would like to attend graduate programmes are now open. International student applications for the graduate programmes will be accepted online between July 16th and August 9th 2019 through the following website (<https://obs.akdeniz.edu.tr/oibs/enstitubasvuru/>).

International student candidates who would like to study at Akdeniz University will be able to follow the international student quotas and the application requirements on the website of the relevant institutes. The candidates whose application have been approved on the system would take the entrance exam and the list of the candidates who are eligible to register to graduate programmes will be announced on the website of the relevant institutes. Final registration process will be between September 9th and 13th 2019.

THE GRADUATION SPEECH OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT



One of our international students, Sevda Amrieva, an Uzbekistani student who has recently graduated from the Faculty of Nursing at Akdeniz University, made a speech at the graduation ceremony. She stated “We had long nights and challenging exams. When I look back, I felt very happy. We had courses from the best academicians in their field. I would like to express my gratitude, especially to the Rector of Akdeniz University, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Ünal, who helps and supports international students during our education life at Akdeniz University and all the members of Akdeniz University for their sincere hospitality.”

ERASMUS+ KA107 INTERNATIONAL STAFF WEEK

Within the scope of Erasmus+ Higher Education International Credit Mobility (KA107), Akdeniz University International Relations Office organized the “International Staff Week” between June 24th and 28th 2019. The programme, which included the trainings on the Erasmus+ programme, student and staff exchange rules, was attended by 23 academic and administrative staff from Russia - Southern Federal University, Moldova - Tiraspol State University, and Sri Lanka – University of Kelaniya. The rector of Tiraspol State University Prof. Dr. Eduard Coropceanu paid a visit to Akdeniz University Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Ünal at his office.



Trainings of the programme were given by the staff of the IRO. As part of the programme, participants visited the Faculty of Education and Faculty of Tourism for cooperation meetings.



A RECEPTION AT THE GERMAN CONSULATE IN ANTALYA

The German Consulate in Antalya hosted a reception for the students who will participate in a student exchange in Germany under the terms of Erasmus+ Programme and the students who have been awarded DAAD (the German Academic Exchange Service) scholarships. The German Consul in Antalya, Wolfgang Wessel met with the academic staff members of Akdeniz University at the reception.



Advisor to the Rector Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter made a speech at the reception and gave information about the cooperation between Akdeniz University and universities in Germany within the scope of the Erasmus+ student and staff exchanges. Akdeniz University is planning to send 37 students to partner universities in Germany as part of the Erasmus+ programme during the 2019/2020 academic year.



VISIT OF A DELEGATION FROM TASHKENT PEDIATRIC MEDICAL INSTITUTE

Akdeniz University hosted a visit by the delegation from Tashkent Pediatric Medical Institute in Uzbekistan. As part of the visit of the delegation, cooperation meetings were held at the Faculty of Medicine.

The delegation from Tashkent Pediatric Medical Institute was made up of the Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Surat Gulyamov and the Dean of the Faculty of Pediatrics Prof. Dr. Talat Agzamhodjaev. The delegation then visited Prof. Dr. Mustafa Ünal, Rector of Akdeniz University, and indicated their willingness to establish a collaboration with Akdeniz University.



THE ERASMUS+ ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR OUTGOING STUDENTS

An orientation programme was held for approximately 400 students who are eligible to benefit from the Erasmus+ Programme for the 2019/2020 academic year. During the programme, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator H.Nuran Caner and the staff members responsible for the Erasmus+ Programme presented information to the students about the procedures they should follow and the information about the education and the culture of life in Europe.



A CULTURAL DAY ACTIVITY FROM ERASMUS+ AND MEVLANA STUDENTS

A cultural day activity was organized by the International Relations Office with the participation of Erasmus+ and Mevlana Exchange Programmes students from various countries. Erasmus+ and Mevlana Exchange Programmes students from Pakistan, Indonesia, Russia, Germany, Czech Republic, Serbia, Romania, Moldova and Lithuania prepared and presented a variety of culinary delights from their countries.



Advisor to the Rector for International Relations Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İltter, Dean of the Faculty of Education Prof. Dr. Mehmet Canbulat, Vice-Secretary-General Güler Çiğdem, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator H.Nuran Caner, members of staff from the IRO and Erasmus+ and Mevlana Exchange Programme Department Coordinators participated in the international event and tasted the meals prepared by the exchange students. Erasmus+ and Mevlana Exchange Programme students presented information about the food cultures of the countries they came from.

ERASMUS+ STAFF MOBILITY

Within the Erasmus+ Key Action 1 – Learning Mobility of Individuals, the Erasmus+ Programme provides opportunities for academic and administrative staff members of universities to teach or to participate in a training, job-shadowing and observation for their professional development at a partner university abroad.



Under the terms of the Erasmus+ Staff Mobility, staff members of Akdeniz University, Altuğ Erkan, Atiye Koyuncu, Zeki Özgen, Songül Güneş, Sebahat Bayar, Meryem Alguer, Ali Hakan Genç and Yasin Gülmez participated a staff exchange mobility at AKCENT College in Czech Republic. During the mobility, administrative staff members exchanged information about the education systems, student affairs and international relations of the universities in Europe.

MEETING FOR NEWCOMERS TO ERASMUS+ HIGHER EDUCATION

A meeting for newcomers to Erasmus+ Higher Education was held at Social Sciences University of Ankara under the coordination of the Turkish National Agency. The meeting was attended by the Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator H.Nuran Caner and Özge Kaya, responsible for Erasmus+ Programme in the IRO. During the two-day seminar, experts from the Turkish National Agency made presentations which provided information and training to the newcomers to the Erasmus+ Programme.



A VISIT FROM VYTAUTAS MAGNUS UNIVERSITY



The delegation from Vytautas Magnus University in Lithuania visited the International Relations Office. A collaboration meeting was conducted with the academic staff members of the Faculty of Education and staff members of the IRO for the purpose of discussing cooperation between Akdeniz University and Vytautas Magnus University.

VISITS FROM ERASMUS+ PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

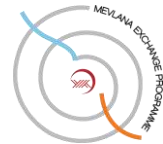
During the spring semester of the 2018/2019 academic year, several visits were made by administrative and academic staff members from partner universities in the UK, Czech Republic, Poland and Romania.

During the meetings held at the IRO, the issues of improving and developing collaboration on faculty and department basis between Akdeniz University and partner universities were discussed in detail.



THE 2019/2020 ACADEMIC YEAR MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

The results of the Mevlana Exchange Programme for the 2019/2020 academic year were announced by the Council of Higher Education (CoHE).



Mevlana Exchange Programme will be realized with 43 different foreign higher education institutions in 15 different countries including Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Algeria, Indonesia, Morocco, Palestine, Georgia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Russia and Ukraine. According to the approved results, 12 out of 81 outgoing student applications, 92 out of 162 incoming student applications, 48 out of 64 incoming academic staff applications were awarded with Mevlana Exchange Programme scholarship by the CoHE.



RESULTS OF THE 2019/2020 ACADEMIC YEAR PROJECT BASED MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Within the framework of the 2019/2020 Academic Year Project Based Mevlana Exchange Programme, applications for projects for the 2019/2020 academic year in a list of fields published earlier by the Council of Higher Education were evaluated by the Executive Committee of the CoHE, and the project submitted by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yasemin Küçük, academic staff member from the Department of Physics in the Faculty of Science, was approved.



Within the scope of the project, the exchange of graduate level students and academic staff members will be implemented in cooperation with the partner university, Texas A&M University – Commerce in the USA.

MEVLANA INCOMING ACADEMIC STAFF

Within the scope of the 2018/2019 Academic Year Project Based Mevlana Exchange Programme, Prof. Dr. Vasila Hajiyeva from Azerbaijan Western University visited the Department of Political Science and Public Administration in the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences. Prof. Dr. Hajiyeva said about the visit; “Mevlana Exchange Programme is one of the best ways to share information and the IRO plays a major role to facilitate these exchanges.”

NEW PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

Akdeniz University has recently signed scientific and educational cooperation protocols with Dostoevsky Omsk State University in Russia, Nara Women’s University in Japan and V.I.Vernadsky Taurida National University in Ukraine.



国立大学法人 奈良女子大学
Nara Women's University



RESPONSIBLE RESEARCH WORKSHOP BY NORWEGIAN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Akeniz University International Relations Office has been in cooperation with the Department of Teacher Education of Norwegian University of Science and Technology since 2014. Both universities have been carrying out Erasmus+ KA2 projects since then. As a result of this cooperation, researcher and EU Advisor Dr. Peter Barry Gray organized “Responsible Research” workshop for the research assistants working at the Akdeniz University Faculty of Education between June 12th and 18th 2019.



THE 1st WORKSHOP OF THE PROJECT “GUIA2” IN POLAND

The first workshop of the “Guide Us Into Arts 2 (GUIA2)” Erasmus+ KA2 Adult Education Strategic Partnership Project in which Akdeniz University is the coordinator, and funded by the Turkish National Agency, was held in Warsaw between April 8th and 12th 2019. 10 participants from 7 different organizations attended the workshop and learnt about the “Participatory Video” and the method of the hosting organization. In order to represent the IRO, Atahan Taşyürek and İsa Gök participated in the project workshop. Project partner “Stowarzyszenie Pracownia Filmowa –Cotopaxi” hosted the first workshop of the project.



THE 2nd WORKSHOP OF THE “THEATRE PITCHING FOR EMPLOYMENT” PROJECT IN ANTALYA

The second workshop of the “Theatre Pitching for Employment” Erasmus+ KA2 Adult Education Strategic Partnership Project in which Akdeniz University is a partner, and funded by the Croatian National Agency, was held in Antalya, Turkey between May 6th and 10th 2019.



14 participants from 7 project partner organizations worked on how to connect the local method for working with unemployed young people with drama skills and presentation method "pitching", in order to develop participants' presentation skills and to present their idea - a sort of a solution for low employability of unemployed young people in Antalya. At the end of the workshop, the participants presented their ideas they developed during the workshop at the final “Pitching Forum” via video livestream. This time, the ideas were made by connecting educational theatre and "pitching".



THE SECOND TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING OF THE “ERASMUSBUS” PROJECT

The second transnational project meeting of the Erasmus+ KA2 Vocational Education Strategic Partnerships Project “ErasmusBUS (Building Up Skills)” in which Akdeniz University is the coordinator, and funded by the Turkish National Agency, was held in Burgos in Spain between June 19th and 20th 2019. Project coordinators from 7 different organizations attended the meeting to discuss the project intellectual outputs and activities which will take place from 2019 to 2020.



THE 2nd WORKSHOP OF THE PROJECT “GUIA2” IN GERMANY

The second workshop of the “Guide Us Into Arts 2 (GUIA2)” Erasmus+ KA2 Adult Education Strategic Partnership Project in which Akdeniz University is the coordinator, and funded by the Turkish National Agency, was held in Oldenburg between June 24th and 28th 2019. 9 participants from 7 different organizations attended the workshop and learnt about the method of the hosting organization. In order to represent the IRO, Emel Kahraman and Bahar Şahin participated in the project workshop. Project partner “Blauschimmel Atelier” hosted the second workshop of the project.



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ERASMUS STUDENT NETWORK IN GREECE



The annual general meeting of the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) was held in Thessaloniki between April 18th and 21st 2019. The meeting was attended by approximately 800 people, including Erasmus+ programme managers and students from all European countries. As part of the programme, participants took part in discussions and presentations, as well as the Mobility Fair, the International Dinner and other cultural activities.

NEWS FROM THE IRO



Merve Ayvalli, a mathematics teacher in the Akdeniz University Antalya State Conservatory, has been appointed as the Mevlana Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinator. We would like to wish her success in her new appointment.



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