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## Newsletter

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## “THE NEW RECTOR OF AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY” PROF. DR. ÖZLENEN ÖZKAN

Prof. Dr. Özlenen ÖZKAN, Head of the Department of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery in the Faculty of Medicine, has been appointed as the Rector of Akdeniz University by the Presidential Decree published in the Official Gazette on 14 August 2020.



Rector Prof. Dr. Özlenen ÖZKAN said of her appointment “With the suggestion of the Council of Higher Education and the approval of the President of the Republic of Turkey, I have been appointed as the Rector of Akdeniz University on 14 August 2020. I would like to express my gratitude first and foremost to our President Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, who deemed me worthy of the honor of serving as rector and the President of the Council of Higher Education Prof. Dr. M. A.Yekta SARAÇ as well as all members of the Council of Higher Education. I sincerely thank our previous Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa ÜNAL and his team, who successfully carried our university to its present important position until today and established an exemplary dialogue with academic staff members, students and all staff. We took the flag and we are determined to take it even higher. Our primary goal in this important duty will be to place our university at an even more superior position among the world universities with education and scientific studies at universal level. Our university has made a name in the world by breaking grounds with its deep-rooted history, experienced academic staff and successful accomplishments and has an important potential open to further development. In effort to perpetuate these achievements of our university, we will work with all our strength to contribute in taking our country to the level it deserves, to reinforce our international recognition and to take its prestigious position even higher by making the best use of innovative and entrepreneurial potential with our new projects. As the new administration of our university, we will act with a human-oriented, embracing and peaceful management approach in order to ensure that all members of Akdeniz University work more efficiently in a happy and peaceful environment. I wish that the administrative task given to us will be beneficial to our university, our city and our country”.

## BRIEFING MEETING FOR THE VICE-RECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

With the participation of EU Projects Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Rabia VEZNE, Bologna and Farabi Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinator Emel KAHRAMAN, International Cooperation and Publicity Coordinator Ayça ALTAY, International Students Coordinator Bahar ŞAHİN, Erasmus+ Programme Institutional Coordinator H.Nuran CANER and Mevlana Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinator Merve AYVALLI, a detailed briefing was given to the Vice-Rector for International Relations Prof. Dr. Cengiz TOKER on 3 September 2020. During the meeting, information about the exchange programmes, EU projects and current international relations activities of the IRO were discussed in detail. Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Cengiz TOKER emphasized that the activities of the International Relations Office are of great importance within the scope of the new internationalization strategy of the Council of Higher Education and stated that the senior management attached great importance the works of the IRO and would provide support in order to increase the number of incoming and outgoing students and staff within the scope of the exchange programmes, the application number to the EU projects and to the Mevlana Exchange Programme as well as the number of qualified international students from all over the world.



### “THE NEW HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE” PROF. DR. OLGUN KİTAPCI

In accordance with the decision of the senior management of Akdeniz University dated 15 September 2020, Prof. Dr. Olgun KİTAPCI, academic staff member of the Department of Marketing in the Faculty of Applied Sciences, has been appointed to the position of the Head of the International Relations Office (IRO).





### MEETING WITH THE HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE

On 16 September 2020, an evaluation meeting was held with the programme coordinators of the IRO under the leadership of the Head of the International Relations Office. During the meeting, information about the works and activities of the IRO was presented and discussed in detail. At the meeting, Head of the IRO Prof. Dr. Olgun KİTAPCI said “Antalya is a world city. Although we have a university that is worthy of a world city, a strategic plan for internationalization has not been applied in certain terms up to the present. As the International Relations Office, we will first determine our internationalization model and our policies based on this model. With reference to this model, we plan to spread the 3rd generation university philosophy to the entire university. What we plan to do here is not only to increase the number of student and staff exchange in the context of education, but also to increase the number of qualified publications and patents of the researches conducted by the foreign academic staff whom we will host and the number and budget of international outsourced projects. We will cooperate with international funds which will generate income for our university. While carrying out all these, we know that we will contribute to the performance of the institution such as THE and URAP”.



As the International Relations Office team, we would like to congratulate and wish Prof. Dr. Olgun KİTAPCI success in his new appointment. We would like to reaffirm our commitment to work aimed to contribute to the internationalization of our university under the coordination of the Head of the IRO Prof. Dr. Olgun KİTAPCI.

### COOPERATION WITH KAZAKH NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF ARTS

A delegation from Kazakh National University of Arts (KazNUA), which is among our partner universities, visited Akdeniz University on 21 September 2020.

With the participation of the Rector of Akdeniz University Prof. Dr. Özlenen ÖZKAN and the KazNUA delegation headed by the Rector of KazNUA Prof. Aiman MUSSAKHAJAYEV, a cooperation meeting was held in order to discuss further cooperation between Akdeniz University and KazNUA

in the field of education and arts. Joint projects to be carried out in the upcoming periods were also discussed in the cooperation meeting, hosted by the Rector of Akdeniz University Prof. Dr. Özlenen ÖZKAN in the meeting room of the Administrative Board.



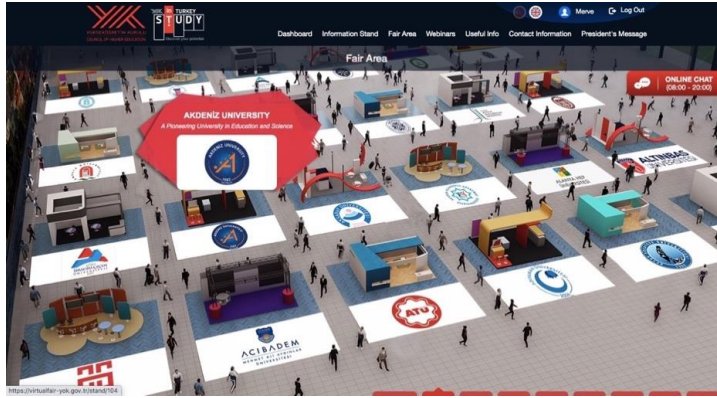
After the cooperation meeting, the KazNUA delegation paid visits to the Dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts Prof. Dr. Osman ERAVŞAR and the Director of the Antalya State Conservatory Prof. Dr. Nihan YAĞIŞAN and discussed the details of the future cooperation.





## STUDY IN TURKEY YÖK VIRTUAL FAIR

Akdeniz University participated in the “Study in Turkey YÖK Virtual Fair 2020” organized by the Council of Higher Education (CoHE) between 20 – 22 July 2020. The “Study in Turkey YÖK Virtual Fair”, which was the first virtual fair in the history of Turkish higher education to be held on a global scale with the participation of 190 Turkish universities under the umbrella of CoHE, was visited 59.227 times in total by 38.544 unique visitors in three days, according to the information provided by the CoHE officials.



During the “Study in Turkey YÖK Virtual Fair”, which attracted substantial interest of the international students participating in the fair to the booth of Akdeniz University, representatives of the International Relations Office promoted our university internationally with online interviews between 08.00 - 20.00 for three days by presenting information to the prospective international students about the departments/programmes of our university, admission criteria for international students, exchange programmes coordinated by the IRO.



With visitors from 164 countries with a total of 259.417 page visits, the “Study in Turkey YÖK Virtual Fair” offered an important opportunity for potential international students in foreign countries to attract more international students to the Turkish higher education system.

## THE RESULTS OF THE ERASMUS+ KA107 ICM PROJECTS WITH PARTNER COUNTRIES

Akdeniz University has increased its success within the scope of the Erasmus+ KA107 International Credit Mobility (ICM) projects in the field of higher education in 2020. According to the announced project results, Akdeniz University has been awarded grants to carry out projects with six different partner countries including Albania, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Montenegro and Ukraine, within the scope of Erasmus+ KA107 projects.



## ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME CONTINUES ITS ACTIVITIES

Erasmus+ Programme continues its activities in line with the precautions taken against the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Akdeniz University announced the 2020/2021 academic year Erasmus+ Student Mobility placement results in July. All the procedures regarding the mobility processes were initiated.

Erasmus+ students from Europe came to our university to benefit from traineeship programme in accordance with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) measures by the help of online webinar and guidance providing by the Turkish National Agency.

Within the scope of the Erasmus+ student mobility, 3 students from Lithuania completed their online mobility in the Department of Animal Science in the Institute of Natural and Applied Sciences, 2 students from Romania completed their mobility in the Department of Horticulture in the Faculty of Agriculture, and 4 students from Germany completed their online mobility in the Department of Psychology in the Faculty of Letters. Thanks to The EWP/Erasmus+ Dashboard and our Erasmus+ Application System, the students' administrative procedures were carried out online.



## EU PROJECTS FUNDED UNDER THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME IN THE 2020 APPLICATION PERIOD

Within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme, “Virtual & Augmented Reality Toolkit to Engage Seniors Brain With Inter-Generational Understanding” Erasmus+ KA2 Adult Education Strategic Partnership Project (KA204), coordinated by STUCOM SA from Spain in partnership with Akdeniz University, has been funded by the Spanish National Agency in the 2020 application period. Moreover, the Erasmus+ KA347 Youth Dialogue Project “Individual Development and Awareness in the Footsteps of Cultural Heritage”, coordinated by İzmir Olgunlaşma Institute in partnership with Akdeniz University, has been funded by the Turkish National Agency in the 2020 application period. In addition, eight project applications in which Akdeniz University took on the role of partner and which were announced by the National Agencies of different countries in Europe, were awarded grants. We would like to congratulate and wish success to the members of the academic staff, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nusret DEMİR, Asst. Prof. Dr. Rabia VEZNE, Asst. Prof. Dr. Ramazan EREN and Asst. Prof. Dr. Zuhâl GÖK DEMİR, who will carry out the Erasmus+ projects.

The results of the projects that Akdeniz University applied as a coordinator will be announced until the end of October by the Turkish National Agency.



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## THE DISSEMINATION MEETING OF THE “ERASMUSBUS” PROJECT

The dissemination meeting of the "ErasmusBUS (Building Up Skills)" Project, which was applied under the coordination of Akdeniz University within the scope of the European Union Erasmus+ Programme KA2 Strategic Partnerships in the Field of Adult Education in 2018, was held on 1 September 2020 at Konyaaltı Bahtılı Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School. During the meeting, which was attended by the teachers at the vocational and technical high schools, information about the project aims, outputs and activities was shared.





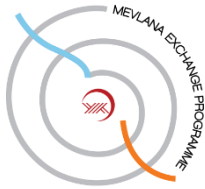


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**COOPERATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA**

Akdeniz University has signed an international memorandum of agreement with the University of Arizona in the U.S.A. The agreement covers exchanges for students, academic staff members, as well as joint scientific activities.



**2019/2020 ACADEMIC YEAR MEVLANA EXCHANGE  
PROGRAMME**

Within the scope of the 2019/2020 academic year Mevlana Exchange Programme, incoming students from Brazil, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan and Russia completed their student exchange in the spring semester at Akdeniz University. Akdeniz University students, who went to the partner universities in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Russia to take part in the student exchange in the spring semester of the 2019/2020 academic year, completed their exchange programme and came back to Akdeniz University.

***THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE TEAM OF AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY  
WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU A SUCCESSFUL 2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR.***





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