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#### ERASMUS SUCCESS OF AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY

With the participation of the representatives of higher education institutions in Turkey, Dokuz Eylül University in İzmir hosted the Erasmus+ Higher Education Programme Year-End Meeting. At the meeting, Turkish National Agency announced that Akdeniz University took the first place among the universities in Turkey according to the numbers of incoming students under the terms of the Erasmus+ internship student mobility.



In order to celebrate this success, appreciation plaques were presented to the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine Prof. Dr. Gülay Özbilim and the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry Prof. Dr. Alper Kuştarcı by Akdeniz University Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Ünal at the dinner organized by the International Relations Office (IRO).





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#### COOPERATION MEETING WITH THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOFIA

A meeting was held in the International Relations Office on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2020 with Prof. Dr. Dimitar Vergiev who came to visit our university from the Technical University of Sofia in Bulgaria. In the meeting, enlarging the potential cooperation under the terms of the Erasmus+ Programme was discussed.



#### COOPERATION MEETING WITH PUSHKIN LENINGRAD STATE UNIVERSITY

On February 5<sup>th</sup> 2020, a cooperation meeting was held in the International Relations Office with Anna Kyodits, Head of the International Relations Office of Pushkin Leningrad State University in Russia and Viktor Miheev from the Consulate General of the Russian Federation in Antalya.

During the meeting, the issues including the KA107 projects, Erasmus+ inter-institutional agreement and cooperation areas were discussed.





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#### TELEGRAM ACCOUNT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International student candidates who applied to the AKDENİZ YÖS from all continents of the world will be able to follow the announcements on the official website at the following location: **yos.akdeniz.edu.tr**. The recently opened Telegram account is also available for the latest news about AKDENİZ YÖS-2020 Exam: **https://t.me/AkdenizYos2020**.

#### "AKDENİZ YÖS" INTRODUCTION IN TRT ANTALYA RADIO PROGRAMME

Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter, Advisor to the Rector for International Relations and International Students Coordinator Bahar Şahin attended the radio programme called "University and Youth" broadcasted by TRT Antalya Radio. During the programme, international student exchange programmes and AKDENİZ YÖS-2020 Exam process which were carried out by the IRO were introduced. Esra Kahraman, an international student studying Foreign Languages Teaching Master's Programme at Akdeniz University, was also participated in the radio programme.



Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter presented information about Erasmus+, Mevlana, Farabi Exchange Programmes and IAESTE International Internship Programme. She emphasized that the exchange programmes contributed to the academic success of the students, she also added that knowing more about different cultures had a positive effect on students' personal development. International Students Coordinator Bahar Şahin gave detailed information about AKDENİZ YÖS Exam, which is organized for international student candidates who would like to study in associate and undergraduate programmes at Akdeniz University. She stated that the application to the AKDENİZ YÖS, which was planned to be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 54 centers in 30 countries, could be made through the online application system until May 4<sup>th</sup> 2020. Esra Kahraman, who studied undergraduate programme at Akdeniz University through International Student Admission Requirements, emphasized that she was proud to be a student at Akdeniz University and the education had a great contribution to her career. Owing to this reason, she preferred to study a master's degree at Akdeniz University.



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#### THE VISIT OF SATBAYEV UNIVERSITY

Prof. Turysbekova Gaukhar, the Director of the Institute of Metallurgy and Industrial Engineering and Prof. Bektay Yerkin from Satbayev Kazakh National Technical Research University in Kazakhstan visited the International Relations Office on January 15<sup>th</sup> 2020. During the meeting in which Prof. Gaukhar indicated their willingness to establish a collaboration with Akdeniz University, information about the works and activities of the IRO was shared and the possibilities for cooperation were discussed.



#### **AKDENIZ UNIVERSITY HOSTED THE "SPM 2020"**

The SPM, one of the three branch presidents meetings, is organized by the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) Turkey each year. The SPM Akdeniz'20 meeting, attended by 42 higher education institutions, was hosted by ESN Akdeniz between the dates of February 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2020. Advisor to the Rector for International Relations Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter, Erasmus+Institutional Coordinator H. Nuran Caner, Erasmus Office staff Enes Bener and Derya Lökçü, ESN-Akdeniz President Gözde Özel, ESN members Serdest Yıldız, Deniz Korkmaz, and Orçun Özcan attended to the meeting.





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#### **NEW PARTNER UNIVERSITIES**

Akdeniz University has recently signed scientific and educational cooperation protocols with Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology in Japan and M.Auezov South Kazakhstan State University in Kazakhstan.





#### INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES FOREIGN LANGUAGE EXAM

The International Exchange Programmes (Erasmus+ and Mevlana) Foreign Language Exam for the 2020/2021 academic year was held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020 with the participation of more than 2.500 students. In addition to the Akdeniz University Central Campus, the exam was also held in Manavgat Faculty of Tourism and Finike Vocational School due to the high interest in the exam. The results of the foreign language exam were announced on February 25<sup>th</sup> 2020 on the official website of our university.

#### ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR ERASMUS+ INCOMING STUDENTS

Under the terms of the Erasmus+ Programme, an orientation programme was held for the benefit of incoming students who came to study at Akdeniz University in the spring semester of the 2019/2020 academic year. Enes Bener, responsible staff for Erasmus+ incoming students, provided a wide range of information to the students.





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#### INFORMATION MEETING FOR THE STUDENTS OF FACULTY OF MEDICINE

On January 15<sup>th</sup> 2020, an information meeting was held for the students studying at the Faculty of Medicine. Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator H. Nuran Caner and Erasmus+ Office staff Özge Kaya presented detailed information about the Erasmus + Programme.



#### INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY INTRODUCTION VIDEO SHOOTING

On March 11<sup>th</sup> 2020, an interview was held with the exchange students studying at our university for the shooting of the promotional video of Akdeniz University. During the video shooting, Erasmus students who came to study at the Faculties of Medicine, Tourism and Engineering expressed their happiness at the opportunity to study at Akdeniz University.





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For the 2019/2020 academic year, an academic foreign language exam was applied for students want to take part in IAESTE (International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience) internship programme. As a result of the foreign language exam, 7 students were qualified as candidate students to benefit from the IAESTE.

#### NEW MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME PROTOCOLS

Within the scope of the Mevlana Exchange Programme, protocols have recently been signed with the Kyrgyz State University of Construction, Transport and Architecture and International University of Kyrgyzstan, Kazakh National Women's Teacher Training University in Kazakhstan and Bahauddin Zakariya University in Pakistan.



Within the scope of the Mevlana Exchange Programme, a total of 6 students from Brazil, Indonesia, Kazakhstan and Russia came to Akdeniz University to study in the spring semester of the 2019/2020 academic year and 7 students from Akdeniz University went to Bosnia-Herzegovina and Russia to take part in the student exchange.

#### MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME INCOMING ACADEMIC STAFF

Within the framework of the Mevlana Exchange Programme, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zain-ul-Abdin and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, member of the academic staff from the University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir in Pakistan, took part in the academic staff exchange in the Department of Chemistry at the Faculty of Science.



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### MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR INCOMING STUDENTS



Within the scope of the Mevlana Exchange Programme, an orientation programme was held for incoming students who will attend courses at Akdeniz University during the spring semester of the 2019/2020 academic year. In the meeting, the necessary information was provided by Mevlana Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinator Merve Ayvallı and the staff responsible for the Mevlana Exchange Programme Ayşe Balkaya and Serhan Karaloğlu.

# THE 1st TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING OF THE "MAPPING TEACHER TRAINING IN EUROPE" PROJECT

The first transnational project meeting of the Erasmus+ KA2 Higher Education Strategic Partnership Project "Mapping Teacher Training in Europe" in which Akdeniz University is the coordinator, and funded by the Turkish National Agency, was held at Akdeniz University between January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2020. Project coordinators from 6 organizations attended the meeting to discuss the project activities which will take place from 2019 to 2022.





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# THE 3<sup>rd</sup> TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING OF THE "PRIDE OF PLACE" PROJECT

Akdeniz University is a partner in "Pride of Place" project which is funded by the EU under the terms of the Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership Programme.

The "Pride of Place" project aims at developing an up-to-date and sustainable educational programme for secondary education in rural areas across Europe. The project is unique in the purpose of raising awareness on the importance of development of Pride of Place and offering a ready-to-use and tested curriculum. Moreover, the project aims at developing a parallel curriculum for teachers which will support and increase pupils' 21<sup>st</sup> century competences while promoting and enhancing PoP.



The third transnational partner meeting was held in Gondomar, Portugal between November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> 2019. During the two-day programme, project partners visited the local schools of the "Agrupamento de Escolas no1 de Gondomar", discussed about the project and planned ahead for the next 6 months. The next project meeting is planned to be held in Antalya.





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#### FREE DANCE CLASSES OF THE "GUIA2" PROJECT

Free dance classes of the "GUIA2 (Guide Us Into Arts 2)" Erasmus+ KA2 Adult Education Strategic Partnership Project in which Akdeniz University is the coordinator, started on February 21<sup>st</sup> 2020. All students, including the disabled students can participate in no-cost dance classes. Volunteer dance instructors are going to teach Latin dance and Turkish folk dance every Friday at the workshop hall of the Research and Application Center for Individuals with Special Needs.



#### THE 5th WORKSHOP OF THE "GUIA2" PROJECT IN BELGIUM

The fifth training of the "GUIA2 (Guide Us Into Arts 2)" Erasmus+ KA2 Adult Education Strategic Partnership Project in which Akdeniz University is the coordinator, and funded by the Turkish National Agency, was held in Belgium between March 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2020. Akdeniz University was represented in the workshop by the members of the project team Lec. Ayfer Sayıt from the Vocational School of Technical Sciences, Atahan Taşyürek and İsa Gök from the IRO. The fifth workshop of the "GUIA2" project in Brussels was hosted by the project partner "De Zeyp", a community center offering a wide range of social and cultural activities.





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