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## AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXAMINATION (AKUS/AKDENİZ YÖS-2017)

Applications for the AKUS/AKDENİZ YÖS-2017 examination were accepted online from international student candidates who wanted to study on associate or undergraduate programmes at Akdeniz University between January 16<sup>th</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 on the following website; <https://bys.akdeniz.edu.tr/akus/?lang=en>. Due to the very high level of interest shown in studying at Akdeniz University by international students, the number of applications for the AKUS/AKDENİZ YÖS-2017 examination has been increasing every year.



The AKUS/AKDENİZ YÖS-2017 examination will be held at 14.00 Turkish time on May 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 in 35 centres: (Antalya, Ankara, İstanbul, İzmir, Van, Hamburg, Berlin, Munich, Cologne, Zurich, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Paris, Linz, Vienna, Brussels, Baku, Moscow, St. Petersburg, Almaty, Bishkek, Ashgabat, Nicosia, Xanthi, Komotini, Kardzali, Sarajevo, Urmia, Tehran, Mazar-ı Sharif, Riyadh, Jeddah, Medina, Karachi and New Delhi) in 22 different countries (Turkey, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Netherlands, France, Austria, Belgium, Azerbaijan, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Northern Cyprus, Greece, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iran, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and India).

A guide to the application process for the AKUS/AKDENİZ YÖS-2017 examination, which has been prepared to inform international students about the application process, is available in Turkish and English from [akus.akdeniz.edu.tr](http://akus.akdeniz.edu.tr), and from the IRO website. The AKUS/AKDENİZ YÖS-2017 examination, which can be taken in Turkish, English, Russian, German, French or Arabic, is prepared in accordance with YÖS standards. It comprises 45 IQ questions, 30 mathematics questions, and 5 geometry questions.



## APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Brochures which provides information about the application procedures for associate degree or undergraduate programmes, graduate programmes, and transfers for the 2017/2018 academic year are available on the Akdeniz University International Relations Office website: <http://uio.akdeniz.edu.tr/publications> .



## A VISIT FROM THE GERMAN CONSULATE IN ANTALYA

Martin Vetter, the German Consul in Antalya, visited the International Relations Office and took the opportunity to discuss cooperation between our university and higher education institutions in Germany in the context of the Erasmus+ and Mevlana Exchange Programmes. The meeting was attended by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter, Advisor to the Rector for International Relations, Nurgül Büyükkalay, Erasmus+ and Mevlana Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinator, and Assist. Prof. Dr. Nihal Kubilay Pınar, Director of the Euromed Youth Centre.



### VISIT OF A DELEGATION FROM HEBRON UNIVERSITY

A meeting was held in the International Relations Office on March 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 with a delegation from Hebron University in Palestine to introduce our university, and as part of a study visit dealing with cooperation in the fields of agriculture and food engineering. After an informative meeting which described the international activities of our university, Prof. Dr. Ayed Salameh, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture of Hebron University, presented a “Thank You” plaque in appreciation of the organization of the study visit programme at Akdeniz University.



The delegation met members of the academic staff of Akdeniz University, and was provided with information in the fields of agriculture and food engineering during visits to the Faculty of Agriculture on March 13-14<sup>th</sup> 2017, and to the Department of Food Engineering on March 15<sup>th</sup> 2017.



### EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES INFORMATION MEETINGS

A series of information meetings was organised by the International Relations office on the Akdeniz University central campus, and in the academic units in the surrounding districts. During the meetings information was provided to students and members of the academic and administrative staff about the Erasmus+ Programme, the Mevlana Exchange Programme, and the Farabi Exchange Programme.



### SEMINAR ON FULBRIGHT GRANTS AND EDUCATION IN THE USA

An information seminar was held dealing with Fulbright grants including details of; master's and doctorate levels grants, Prof. Dr. Aziz Sancar Biochemistry and Biophysics PhD grants, doctoral thesis research grants, post-doctoral research grants for academics, and educational opportunities in the USA. The meeting was held under the coordination of the International Relations Office on March 7<sup>th</sup> 2017 by the Turkish Fulbright Education Commission to introduce and promote Fulbright grants and services provided by the Fulbright Education Commission.



### COOPERATION WITH ODESSA STATE ACADEMY OF CIVIL ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE

A cooperation protocol has been signed between Akdeniz University and Odessa State Academy of Civil Engineering and Architecture in Ukraine. The protocol, which provides the basis for both student and academic staff exchanges, aims to develop mutual understanding and establish scientific cooperation between the two universities.

### INTERNAL INSPECTION

An internal inspection meeting was held on March 29<sup>th</sup> 2017 in the International Relations Office as part of the application of the “ISO 9001 Quality Management System”, which is required in all administrative units of the Akdeniz University Rectorate. The meeting was both informative and productive.



### WELCOME DINNER AND ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR INCOMING ERASMUS+ AND MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME STUDENTS

As part of the Erasmus+ Programme and Mevlana Exchange Programme conducted by the Akdeniz University International Relations Office, a welcome dinner and orientation programme was held for the benefit of incoming students from 12 different countries; Germany, Azerbaijan, France, the Netherlands, Spain, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Macedonia, Poland, Romania and Slovakia. The students will attend courses at Akdeniz University for a period of 5 months during the spring semester of the 2016/2017 academic year.

After the welcome dinner, an orientation programme was held which provided information to the incoming students about the culture of life in Turkey, Antalya and Akdeniz University.



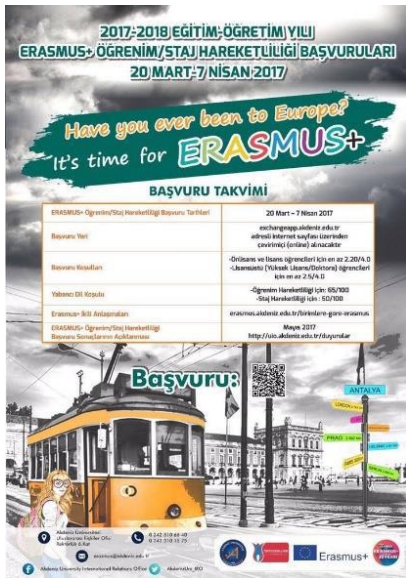
## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME FOREIGN LANGUAGE EXAMINATION

For the 2017/2018 academic year, a common foreign language test was applied for the first time for students who want to take part in Erasmus+ Study and Training Mobilities, and the Mevlana Exchange Programme. The foreign language examination was carried out in 5 languages; English, German, French, Russian and Arabic. Applications were accepted online by the International Relations Office, and approximately 2,000 students participated in the test which was conducted by the School of Foreign Languages under the coordination of the IRO.



## ERASMUS+ APPLICATIONS FOR STUDY AND TRAINING MOBILITY FOR THE 2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

Applications are now being accepted online from students who want to take advantage of the Erasmus+ Study and Training Mobility Programme in the 2017/2018 academic year. The Erasmus+ Programme provides students with the opportunity to study and train in their fields for a period of 1 academic term or 1 academic year at a higher education institution in Europe.



## ERASMUS+ STUDENTS FROM KAZAKHSTAN

As part of the Erasmus+ KA107 Mobility Activity for Partner Countries, a group of students from Ahmet Yesevi University came to Akdeniz University to study for one academic semester. This is the first year in which a mobility programme has been arranged with a non-EU country under the terms of the Erasmus+ Programme.



## ERASMUS+ KA107 (MOBILITY ACTIVITY FOR PARTNER COUNTRIES) WORKSHOP

As part of the Erasmus+ Programme Mobility Activity for Partner Countries (KA107) which is an activity that provides educational or vocational experience to higher education students and staff members in non-EU countries, a workshop was arranged by the International Relations Office for the benefit of members of the academic staff of Akdeniz University.



Information was provided about the Mobility Activity for Partner Countries, and about the application process for the project. The workshop was attended by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İltter, Advisor to the Rector for International Relations, Erasmus+ and Mevlana Institutional Coordinator Nurgül Büyükkalay, EU Projects Coordinator Rabia Vezne, International Cooperation and Publicity Coordinator Ayça Altay from the IRO, and members of the academic staff from different units who have an interest in creating project proposals.

### EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE IN ITALY

As part of the "Act to Be Part of Europe II" project of the European Voluntary Service (EVS), 8 students will be sent to Italy for a period of 30 days to take part in a project designed to promote participation in social activities. The project will help them to gain international experience, and enhance their abilities in line with their interest and needs. The project will also help the participants to take advantage of the opportunities which are available to them as a result of their decision to become volunteers, and to introduce them to common learning techniques.

### EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE IN POLAND

As part of the European Voluntary Service (EVS) project "Creative Youth in our Environment" of which our office is a partner, 2 students will be sent to Poland to join the project and attend training courses and activities dealing with the issues of the utilisation of sustainable natural resources, measures to decrease waste, reducing energy consumption, promoting sustainable transport, responsible consumption, water saving, and dealing with climate change.



### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD INTERNATIONAL STAFF TRAINING WEEK

The University of Oxford in the United Kingdom organized an International Staff Training Week for the first time this year and Nurgül Büyükkalay, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator at Akdeniz University, was selected to attend the training. There were 20 representatives participating in the programme from universities in Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, France, Spain, Finland, Norway, Germany, Slovakia, Turkey and India. All those taking part had the opportunity to learn about the history, structure, and collegiate system of Oxford University. They also discussed the process of internationalization and how it affects the Erasmus+ Programme, and shared knowledge about the opportunities for cooperation which are available.



### MEETING WITH OUR OUTGOING ERASMUS STUDENT IN PRAGUE

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İltter, Advisor to the Rector for International Relations and Assist. Prof. Dr. Özlem Saka from the English Language Teaching Department met with Buğrahan Turgut during a recent visit to Prague.

Buğrahan is a former Akdeniz University student who studied English Language Teaching in the Faculty of Education, and it was during his studies that he participated in the Erasmus Learning Mobility Programme in Slovakia. Since his graduation from Akdeniz University he has established a successful professional career in Slovakia, and gives credit to the Erasmus Programme for the opportunities which changed his life.



## **MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR**

The International Relations Office accepted applications between February 14<sup>th</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 from students and academic staff members who wish to benefit from the Mevlana Exchange Programme during the 2017/2018 Academic Year. We received 286 applications from incoming students from Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Indonesia, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Palestine, Russia and Ukraine; 124 incoming academic staff member applications

from Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Indonesia, Georgia, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Pakistan, Palestine, Sudan and Ukraine, and 161 outgoing student applications from Akdeniz University.



## **MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME PROTOCOLS**

Akdeniz University has increased the number of Mevlana Exchange Programme Protocols it has signed with other universities to 88. The protocols cover 28 different countries including; Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, China, Djibouti, Georgia, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mexico, Montenegro, Morocco, Pakistan, Palestine, Russia, Serbia, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, Ukraine, and the USA.

## **MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME INCOMING STUDENTS**

For the spring semester of the 2016/2017 academic year, we are pleased to welcome incoming students from partner higher education institutions in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan who have come to Akdeniz University within the scope of the Mevlana Exchange Programme to study in the Faculties of Medicine, Letters, Tourism and Fine Arts, and at the Antalya State Conservatory.



## APPLICATIONS FOR THE PROJECT-BASED MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME FOR THE 2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Project-Based Mevlana Exchange Programme came into effect at the beginning of the 2016/2017 academic year within the terms of the priority areas which had been specified by the Council of Higher Education (CoHE) for the mobility of students and academic staff members. The programme was based on the results of studies which had looked at ways to increase the level of qualifications in the internationalization-centred processes. A total of 22 projects from 18 Turkish universities were accepted by the CoHE, and Akdeniz University surpassed the other participating universities after conducting 3 successful projects over the course of the 2016/2017 academic year. For the 2017/2018 academic year a number of applications for participation in the Project-Based Mevlana Exchange Programme have already been received by the IRO.

### PROJECT-BASED MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Within the scope of the Project-Based Mevlana Exchange Programme, a project has been submitted by Prof. Dr. M. İlhan Çağırğan, academic staff member from the Department of Field Crops in the Faculty of Agriculture, in cooperation with Kasetsart University in Thailand.



Professor Çağırğan visited Kasetsart University within the scope of the project, and Asst. Prof. Sujin Jenweerawat and Asst. Prof. Chalernpol Phumichai paid a visit to Akdeniz University during which they had a meeting with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlder, and with Professor Çağırğan. Our distinguished visitors from Kasetsart University expressed their



satisfaction with the project, and their appreciation of the opportunity to visit Akdeniz University within the scope of the “Project-based Mevlana Exchange Programme”. They stated that this project would make a positive contribution to the development of cooperation between Akdeniz University and Kasetsart University.

## MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME INCOMING ACADEMIC STAFF

Prof. Dr. Yasuhiro Watanabe, member of the academic staff from J.F. Oberlin University in Japan, gave a series of courses in the Akdeniz University Faculty of Tourism within the scope of the Mevlana Exchange Programme. Prof. Dr. Yasuhiro Watanabe also gave a seminar with the title “Japanese Culture and Tourism Experiences” for the benefit of Akdeniz University students from the Faculty of Tourism.



## MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME OUTGOING STUDENTS ABROAD

For the spring semester of the 2016/2017 academic year, Akdeniz University students were sent abroad to study in partner higher education institutions located in Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Japan, Kyrgyzstan and Macedonia within the scope of the Mevlana Exchange Programme.



## IAESTE PROGRAMME

Within the scope of IAESTE (the International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience), of which Akdeniz University is a member, different countries send information about internship opportunities for the benefit of students who are planning to go to various countries to take part in internships which are relevant to their studies. If there are suitable traineeship placements available in their field of study, students will have the opportunity to participate in a traineeship programme abroad.

## AGRO-TOURISM SEMINAR ON THE “MAKE A DIFFERENCE, ADD VALUE TO THE LOCAL” PROJECT, “ADRASAN'A TAT KAT DAYS” AND “FINAL SITTING”

The project “Make a Difference, Add Value to the Local”, which operated under the terms of the Grant Scheme “Promoting Youth Employment in Sectoral Investment Areas”, received approved from the Ministry of Labour and Social Security and took place between March 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 and March 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. The objectives of the project were to improve the abilities and skills of 30 young people which would increase their potential to gain employment in the field of tourism. The project supported 30 young girls, who were living in Adrasan and were without a regular income, while they attended a course of ecological product development training. The target group was made up of young people between the ages of 17 and 29 living in Adrasan, all of whom had graduated from secondary school or left school early, who worked part-time in the tourism sector, but who did not have the skills needed to obtain full-time employment. The project was aimed particularly at young girls who had married early, and who could not attend school for family, economic or social reasons, as well as young people with disabilities.

To achieve the aims of the project, two different activities were organised in Antalya. On February 13<sup>th</sup> 2017, an Agro-Tourism Seminar-II was held with the participation of students from Akdeniz University. On February 16<sup>th</sup> 2017, ‘Adrasan’a Tat Kat Days-II’ was held with the participation of Dr. Polat Kara, District Governor of Kumluca, and Prof. Dr. Mustafa Ünal, Rector of Akdeniz University. The final event of the project was held in Adrasan on February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 with the participation of trainees and local people from Adrasan.



### THE 5<sup>th</sup> AND 6<sup>th</sup> “EDUCATHE+” INTERNATIONAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

“EDUCATional THEatre is a space which promotes inclusion and employability for People with Disabilities”. This is a KA2 Adult Education Strategic Partnership Project in which the Akdeniz University EuroMed Youth Centre is a partner with the support of the International Relations Office, and funded by the Croatian National Agency. The fifth workshop was held in Athens in Greece between January 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 and February 4<sup>th</sup> 2017, and the sixth workshop of the Project was held in Siracusa, Italy between March 21<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 with the participation of 8 organisations from 7 different countries including Croatia, Turkey, Belgium, Latvia, Bulgaria, Italy and Greece. At the end of the workshop in Athens, an international theatre performance with the title “Mirroring” was performed, and after the workshop in Siracusa an international theatre performance with the title “Borders” was held with the participation of local audiences.



## **TRANS-NATIONAL PROJECT MEETING FOR THE ERASMUS+ KA2 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PROJECT “CREATIVE INTERNPRIZE”**

The “Creative InternPrize” project is coordinated by Akdeniz University and funded by the Turkish National Agency under the terms of Erasmus+ KA2 Strategic Partnership Projects, and is being implemented from September 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 to August 31<sup>st</sup> 2018. The Creative InternPrize is a partnership between 11 organisations including 3 VET schools, 1 VET provider, 1 adult education provider, 3 universities, 1 enterprise centre and 2 NGOs working in education and training, who have come together to implement a concept based on project-oriented apprenticeships and internships in the creative industries. There will be 2 training courses, 3 transnational project meetings, and 7 multiplier events to disseminate the project. The first transnational project meeting was held in Dungannon in Northern Ireland between January 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2017.



### **NEWS FROM THE IRO TEAM**

- ✓ Emel Kahraman, Akdeniz University Bologna Process Coordinator, has been appointed Farabi Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinator. We would like to wish her success in her new appointment.





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