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**AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXAMINATION
(AKDENİZ YÖS)-2019 WILL BE HELD ON MAY 4th 2019**

Akdeniz University International Student Examination (AKDENİZ YÖS)-2019, which 4,500 international student candidates took part in 2018, has been planned to be held at 14.00 Turkish time on Saturday, May 4th 2019 in 45 different examination centres in 26 countries.

Prof. Dr. Mustafa Ünal, Rector of Akdeniz University, said of the examination; “The AKDENİZ YÖS Examination is one of the most reliable YÖS examinations which are offered by universities in Turkey. The AKDENİZ YÖS Examination process, including preparation of examination questions, organization of examination centres and assessment of the results has been successfully carried out by Akdeniz University.



The international student candidates who passed the AKDENİZ YÖS Examination in 2018 were also able to apply to 82 Turkish universities. It was a great success which showed the validity and the reliability of the AKDENİZ YÖS Examination. This year we expect more than 82 Turkish universities which will accept AKDENİZ YÖS Examination results”.

International student candidates will be able to apply for the AKDENİZ YÖS-2019 Examination between the dates of January 14th and April 9th 2019 using the online application system at the following location; yos.akdeniz.edu.tr .



AKDENİZ YÖS-2019 Examination Centres

| Country | Examination Centres |
|------------------------|--|
| Turkey | Ankara, Antalya, İstanbul, İzmir, Van, Edirne, Trabzon |
| Germany | Cologne, Munich, Berlin, Hamburg |
| Switzerland | Zurich |
| Norway | Oslo |
| Denmark | Copenhagen |
| Netherlands | Amsterdam |
| France | Paris |
| Austria | Linz, Vienna |
| Belgium | Brussels |
| Hungary | Budapest |
| Azerbaijan | Baku |
| Northern Cyprus | Nicosia |
| USA | Washington, New York, Chicago |
| Russia | Moscow, Kazan |
| Ukraine | Kiev |
| Kazakhstan | Almaty |
| Saudi Arabia | Riyadh, Jeddah, Medina, Taif |
| Jordan | Amman |
| Indonesia | Jakarta |
| Kyrgyzstan | Bishkek |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | Sarajevo |
| Afghanistan | Mazar-i Sharif |
| Pakistan | Islamabad, Lahore, Karachi |
| Egypt | Cairo |
| Algeria | Algiers |
| Nigeria | Abuja, Lagos |



A VISIT FROM THE EDUCATION COUNSELLOR OF THE EMBASSY OF AZERBAIJAN

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Necibe Nesibova, Education Counsellor of the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Ankara, accompanied by Dr. Cengiz Gadimli, the Chairman of Azerbaijan Culture and Solidarity Association in Antalya visited the Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Ögke in his office with the aim of discussing the cooperation in education. During the visit, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter, Advisor to the Rector for International Relations, Bahar Şahin, International Student Coordinator and Alina Aksoy, Responsible for Mevlana Exchange Programme, were also present at the meeting and they provided information about the Azerbaijani students studying at Akdeniz University.



After the meeting, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Necibe Nesibova had a meeting with the Azerbaijani students studying at Akdeniz University. She answered questions by the students, stating that that she was ready to provide help to students for any difficulty which they might encounter. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Necibe Nesibova emphasized that having a diploma of Akdeniz University would give them an advantage for their future career and it was a privilege to study at Akdeniz University.



PARTICIPATION IN EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION SUMMIT

Akdeniz University was represented by the International Relations Office (IRO) at the "European Higher Education Summit" in Helsinki, Finland. The international summit, which took place between October 30th and November 1st 2018, attracted a total of 272 participants from 64 countries worldwide. The opening of the programme was made by the Deputy Mayor of the city of Helsinki Sanna Vesikansa at the welcome reception, held in Helsinki City Hall. The event hosted representatives from 58 higher education institutions, 26 high schools and international student recruitment agencies. B2B meetings took place at Arcada University of Applied Sciences. Metropolia University of Applied Sciences hosted the last day of the programme. Akdeniz University was represented by Advisor to the Rector Assoc. Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter, Erasmus+ Programme and Mevlana Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinator Nurgül Büyükkalay, and International Cooperation and Publicity Coordinator Ayça Altay from the IRO.



NEW PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

Akdeniz University has recently signed scientific and educational cooperation protocols with Kazakh National University of Arts and Kazakh State Women's Teacher Training University in Kazakhstan. The cooperation protocol between Akdeniz University and J.F.Oberlin University (Japan) has been renewed, and the duration of the cooperation has been extended for 5 years. The protocols cover mobility for students and academics, as well as joint scientific activities. The list of the universities with which we have cooperation protocols can be found at the link <http://uio.akdeniz.edu.tr/current-cooperation-agreements> and the information about the student exchange under the terms of the cooperation protocols can be found on the website of the IRO at the following location; <http://uio.akdeniz.edu.tr/student-exchange> .



INTERCULTURAL DINNER

An "Intercultural Dinner" event was held in coordination with the International Relations Office. Erasmus+ and Mevlana Exchange Programmes students from Germany, Brazil, Morocco, South Korea, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine prepared and presented a variety of delicacies from their national cuisines as part of the event. Among the participants at the event were the Advisor to the Rector Assoc. Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter, the Dean of the Faculty of Education Prof. Dr. Mehmet Canbulat, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Education Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bekir Direkci, Vice-Secretary-General Güler Çiğdem and Emre Çalışkan, Erasmus+ and Mevlana Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinator Nurgül Büyükkalay, members of staff from the IRO and Erasmus+ and Mevlana Exchange Programme Department Coordinators.



The guests enjoyed the opportunity to taste the meals prepared by incoming students, and learned more about the food cultures of the countries they came from. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter mentioned that the International Relations Office organised many activities and these international events encouraged intercultural communication and improved the sensitivity of both students and staff towards other cultures.



“ASHURA DAY” FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

As part of the international students orientation programme, an “Ashura Day” event was organised for international students who registered Akdeniz University for the 2018/2019 academic year. The Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Ögke, Secretary-General Ali Serinoğlu, Advisor to the Rector Assoc. Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter, International Student Coordinator Bahar Şahin, Farabi Exchange Programme Coordinator Emel Kahraman, Erasmus+ Programme Coordinator Nurgül Büyükkalay, members of staff from the International Relations Office, members of staff from the Health, Culture and Sports Directorate and international students participated in the event which was held in the Guest House Garden at Akdeniz University.

Advisor to the Rector Assoc. Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter made a speech for the international students. In her speech she said “We are glad to see the international students coming from different countries to our University. In our culture we share “Ashura” with our friends, our neighbours and our relatives. From now on you are a part of our family in Akdeniz University and we want to share this special dessert “Ashura” with you. We wish you success in your educational life. Welcome to our country, to Antalya and to our University”.

During the programme, International Student Coordinator Bahar Şahin gave information about the education at Akdeniz University and about the life in Antalya. Ashura was served to the participants and the international students had a great time while dancing with traditional Turkish music songs.



A VISIT FROM ALANYA ALAADDİN KEYKUBAT UNIVERSITY

Prof. Dr. Leyla Harputlu, Vice-Rector of Alanya Alaaddin Keykubat University, and members of staff from the International Relations Office visited the International Relations Office on December 28th 2018. During the meeting, information about the works and activities of the IRO was shared with the staff members of Alanya Alaaddin Keykubat University. Advisor to the Rector Assoc. Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter emphasized that Akdeniz University would give any help and support to Alanya Aladdin Keykubat University. The possibilities for cooperation with Alanya Alaaddin Keykubat University were also discussed.



ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME YEAR-END EVALUATION MEETING

A Year-End Evaluation Meeting for Erasmus+ Higher Education Mobility was held in Ankara by the Turkish National Agency with the participation of representatives from higher education institutions in Turkey. Advisor to the Rector Assoc. Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator Nurgül Büyükkalay, Erasmus+ Programme Officers Derya Lökçü and Yasin Gülmez attended the meeting. The opening speech of the meeting was made by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Director for EU Affairs Ambassador Faruk Kaymakcı. The meeting continued with the sessions were held by the Turkish National Agency.



PUBLIC DEBATE

With the cooperation of Antalya Chamber of Commerce and Industry, a public debate event was organised for the students who would like to benefit from the Erasmus+ Programme. Prof. Dr. Erol Nezih Orhon from Anadolu University attended the event as a debater and provided information on European Union and Erasmus+ Programme.



ERASMUS+ STAFF TRAINING WEEK

Members of the administrative staff of our university, Suzan Güzelyazıcı, Faculty Secretary of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, Alev Gündoğmuş, Chief at the Personnel Affairs Directorate and Dilek Aykut Hatipoğlu from the Faculty of Education visited different universities in Poland under the terms of the Erasmus+ Staff Mobility. Erasmus+ Programme Institutional Coordinator Nurgül Büyükkalay accompanied our staff during the mobility. During the meetings held with the university representatives, topics on education systems, student affairs and international relations of the universities in Europe were discussed.



ERASMUS+ ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR OUTGOING STUDENTS



An orientation programme was organised for the students who are eligible to benefit from Erasmus+ Programme in the spring semester of the 2018/2019 academic year. The students were informed about the procedures that they would have to follow and the education system of the European Universities and the culture in Europe.

ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME INFORMATION MEETING

In the scope of the Erasmus+ Programme, an information meeting was organised by the International Relations Office for the benefit of Akdeniz University students who are planning to apply for the Erasmus+ Programme. Information about the application process and the calendar was presented to the large number of participants.



EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES INFORMATION MEETING IN THE MANAVGAT FACULTY OF TOURISM

An information meeting was organised by the International Relations Office in the Manavgat Faculty of Tourism. Vice-Dean of the Manavgat Faculty of Tourism Asst. Prof. Dr. İlker Çinbilgel, Asst. Prof. Dr. Gözde Seval Ergün, Erasmus+ Faculty Coordinator Lecturer Hüseyin Keleş and the students attended the information meeting. Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator Nurgül Büyükkalay and the responsible of the Mevlana Exchange Programme Ayşe Balkaya made presentations to the students.



ERASMUS+ INCOMING ACADEMIC STAFF

Prof. Dr. Klaus Keuchel, member of the academic staff of Hamburg University of Applied Sciences, visited the IRO. Prof. Keuchel and Erasmus staff of the IRO Derya Lökçü, Esra Güloğlu and Yasin Gülmez held a meeting on mutual information sharing, Erasmus+ agreements and connections between the two universities.



A VISIT FROM BOSNIAN STUDENTS

Within the framework of the project between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Antalya Boğaziçi Anatolian High School, Bosnian students who are studying in high school came to Antalya. Bosnian students, Antalya Boğaziçi Anatolian High School students, and the Director of the School visited the IRO and information was provided to the students about Akdeniz University.



MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME INCOMING ACADEMIC STAFF

Within the scope of the Mevlana Exchange Programme, a meeting was held in the International Relations Office with Dr. Maksim Litvinov who came from Voronezh State University in Russia to the Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Letters.



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nihada Delibegovic Dzanic, member of the academic staff from Tuzla University in Bosnia and Herzegovina, gave a series of courses in Akdeniz University within the scope of the Mevlana Exchange Programme.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE AT THE TV PROGRAMME “ÜNİVERSİTEDEN ŞEHRE”

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter, Advisor to the Rector, Bahar Şahin, International Student Coordinator, Emel Kahraman, Bologna and Farabi Exchange Programme Coordinator, Günel Abdullayeva, a master programme student at the Department of Physiology and Lien Seher, an undergraduate programme student at the Department of English Language Teaching attended the TV programme called “Üniversiteden Şehre” on a television channel “Kanal V”. During the programme, information about the works and activities of the International Relations Office which represents Akdeniz University at a highest level was shared. The international students attending the programme expressed their happiness about Akdeniz University and they shared their memories about the university and Antalya.



THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE’S 3 EU PROJECTS HAVE BEEN GRANTED IN THE 2018 APPLICATION PERIOD

Within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme, 13 proposals in Vocational Education Strategic Partnership for innovation projects and 6 proposals in Adult Education Strategic Partnership for exchange of Good Practices have been awarded grants by the Turkish National Agency in the 2018 application period. Akdeniz University International Relations Office’s project applications called “Building Up Skills - ErasmusBUS” Erasmus+ KA2 Vocational Education Strategic Partnership Project and “Guide Us into Arts 2-GUIA2” Erasmus+ KA2 Adult Education Strategic Partnership Project have been granted by the Turkish National Agency. Besides these 2 projects, Akdeniz University is going to take part as a project partner in the Erasmus+ KA2 Adult Education Strategic Partnership Project “Theatre Pitching for Employment”, which has been granted by Croatian National Agency.



THE 3rd TRAINING COURSE OF THE “UPPSCIENCE” PROJECT IN ITALY

The third training course for the Erasmus+ KA2 Vocational Education Strategic Partnership Project “UPPScience (Using Profiling and Publishing for the Upping of Scientific Approaches)” in which Akdeniz University is a partner under the coordination of the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, and funded by the Norwegian National Agency, was held in Italy between October 30th and November 4th 2018. Teachers from 9 different organizations and 4 members of the academic staff of Akdeniz University attended the training course on scientific research and article writing.



THE 1st TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING OF THE KA2 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PROJECT “ERASMUSBUS”

The first transnational project meeting of the Erasmus+ KA2 Vocational Education Strategic Partnership Project “ErasmusBUS (Building Up skills)” in which Akdeniz University is the coordinator, and funded by the Turkish National Agency, was held in Antalya between November 26th and 27th 2018. Project coordinators from 7 different organizations attended the meeting to discuss the project activities which will take place from 2018 to 2020.



THE 1st TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING OF THE “THEATRE PITCHING FOR EMPLOYMENT”

Within the scope of the Erasmus+ KA2 - Vocational Education Strategic Partnership Project, the project called “Theatre Pitching for Employment” with the coordination of the International Relations Office, held its first project meeting in Zagreb in Croatia between December 2nd and 5th 2018. During the meeting, which was attended by project coordinators from 7 different organizations, aims and outputs of the project and a two-year project activities were discussed.



MULTIPLIER EVENT FOR THE ERASMUS+ KA2 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PROJECT “UPPSCIENCE” IN ANTALYA

Akdeniz University organised the multiplier event of “UPPScience” project in Antalya on December 14th 2018. The event was attended by 66 teachers from 15 different schools and 11 staff from Akdeniz University. Dean of the Faculty of Education Prof. Dr. Mehmet Canbulat and Advisor to the Rector Assoc. Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter made the opening speeches. The project coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Rabia Vezne introduced “UPPScience” project, its aims and outputs. Akdeniz University project team thanked NTNU and VisMedNet for the cooperation and teachers for their participation in the multiplier event.



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