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AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY YÖS EXAM APPLICATIONS HAVE DOUBLED!
THE AKDENİZ YÖS EXAM WAS HELD IN 21 CENTRES IN 10 COUNTRIES WITH
THE PARTICIPATION OF 4,500 APPLICANTS



The AKDENİZ YÖS-2018 Examination for international student candidates who would like to study on associate or undergraduate programmes at Akdeniz University was successfully held at 14.00 Turkish Time on May 12th 2018 in 21 different centres in 10 different countries including Turkey (Antalya, Ankara, Istanbul, Izmir, Van, Edirne and Trabzon), Germany (Cologne, Munich and Berlin), Denmark (Copenhagen), The Netherlands (Amsterdam), TRNC (Nicosia), Azerbaijan (Baku), Kazakhstan (Almaty), Kyrgyzstan (Bishkek), Russia (Moscow), and Saudi Arabia (Riyadh, Jeddah, Medina and Taif).

The Rector of Akdeniz University, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Ünal, has emphasized “interest in attending Akdeniz University among international students has been increasing year by year. In comparison with the last year’s data, the number of applicants has almost doubled from 2,300 to 4,500. In addition to increasing recognition of the recent academic achievements of our university, the campaign around the Turkish, English and Russian promotional videos and banners acted as preparation for the AKDENİZ YÖS Examination both in Turkey and all over the world has also contributed to the increase in the number of applications.

Despite the difficulty of organizing such an important examination in 21 different centres in 10 countries, the examination went smoothly and successfully. This year is the first time the AKDENİZ YÖS-2018 Examination was held in Edirne and Trabzon in Turkey, as well as in The Netherlands and Denmark in Europe, and in Russia and Kyrgyzstan. Our aim for the next academic year is to reach even more international students who would like to study at Akdeniz University by making the examination available in many more countries”. The AKDENİZ YÖS-2018 Examination results are valid for one year, and the results will be announced on May 28th 2018 on the following website, akus.akdeniz.edu.tr.

THE GRADUATION SPEECH OF ONE OF OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



One of our international students, İbrahim Younous Adam, a Chadian student who has recently graduated from the International Relations Department of the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences at Akdeniz University, made a speech at his graduation ceremony. İbrahim Younous Adam stated “While learning new things during the four years of my study, I also have found opportunities to realize my dreams and

shape my future in an academic environment where there are no restrictions. I have learned so many things to be a good citizen of my country. I would like to express my gratitude to the Rector of Akdeniz University, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Ünal, who gives great attention and support to international students, to the teachers and to all the members of the academic and administrative staff of Akdeniz University both for the opportunity to learn Turkish and for our future life. Also I would like to thank them all for their sincere hospitality. I wish a great success to our friends who are still studying in their academic life”.



GREAT INTEREST IN AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY BY UKRAINIAN STUDENTS



A presentation of Akdeniz University was made to Ukrainian students who visited our University within the scope of the ‘Culture and Dialogue Project’ between Antalya Hüsniye Özdilek Vocational and Technical High School, and the Ukraine Alexander Gymnasium. In the meeting, details of the requirements for being an international student, and of the Erasmus+ and Mevlana Exchange programmes were provided. During the introductory campus tour, the Ukrainian students visited the Faculty of

Communication, and later expressed the affection they feel for our University.

A VISIT FROM THE TURKISH NATIONAL AGENCY

The Turkish National Agency carried out a system and on-site financial audit of the Erasmus+ Programme conducted by Akdeniz University. The Turkish National Agency Higher Education Coordinator Hür GÜLDÜ, and Higher Education Specialist Ahmet Fatih IŞIK visited Prof. Dr. Mustafa ÜNAL, Rector of Akdeniz University during the audit. The meeting was attended by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İLTER, Advisor to the Rector for International Relations, and Lecturer Nurgül BÜYÜKKALAY, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator. The success of Akdeniz University's Erasmus+ Programme was discussed during the meeting.



A RECEPTION AT THE GERMAN CONSULATE IN ANTALYA



We attended a reception for students who have been awarded scholarships from DAAD (the German Academic Exchange Service) and our students who will go to Germany within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İLTER, Advisor to the Rector for International Relations, gave a speech about our bilateral collaboration with Germany, and the exchange of

students and academic staff members within the scope of the Erasmus+ Programme. 40 students will be able to study in the autumn semester of the 2018/2019 academic year in Germany with the Erasmus+ Programme. The German Consul in Antalya, Martin Vetter, met with the academic members of Akdeniz University.

A VISIT BY A DELEGATION FROM ARIA UNIVERSITY IN AFGHANISTAN



As part of a visit by a delegation from Aria University in Afghanistan, the Rector of Aria University met our Vice-rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet ÖGKE. A decision had been made to make a Mevlana Exchange Programme Agreement between Akdeniz University and Aria University in order to help the exchange of both students and academic staff members.

ERACON (ERASMUS CONGRESS AND FAIR) 2018

The ERACON 2018 (Erasmus Congress and Fair), held every year in a different European country by the European Association of Erasmus Coordinators-EAEC, was held in Murcia, Spain this year. 400 people consisting of university representatives, academics, representatives of the European Commission, and Erasmus+ corporate coordinators participated in the meeting. Approximately 55 people from 25 different universities in Turkey took part alongside Turkish National Agency officials, making the Turkish delegation the most significant participation in the meeting. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İltır, Advisor to the Rector for International Relations, Lecturer Nurgül Büyükkalay, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator, and Burak Kesmecı, responsible for Erasmus+ Programme attended the congress. They were able to advertise Akdeniz University, and enjoyed the opportunity to make new contacts with various European universities leading to new agreements.



A DELEGATION FROM THE RUSSIAN PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMY OF NATIONAL ECONOMY AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION VISIT AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY



A delegation from The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration visited Prof. Dr. Mustafa ÜNAL, the Rector of Akdeniz University. They expressed their willingness to sign a Cooperation Agreement between the two universities.

A VISIT FROM INDONESIA NEGERI MALANG UNIVERSITY

A meeting was held in the International Relations Office with a delegation from Negeri Malang University (Indonesia) presided over by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter, Advisor to the Rector for International Relations. We cooperate with Negeri Malang University within the framework of the Mevlana Exchange Programme under the coordination of the Council of Higher Education (CoHe). Within the framework of the Mevlana Exchange Programme Protocol between Akdeniz University and Negeri Malang University, three incoming students from Indonesia studied in the Faculty of Engineering.



THE VISIT OF JALAL-ABAD STATE UNIVERSITY



A delegation from Jalal-Abad State University (Kyrgyzstan) recently visited our University. During a meeting held in the International Relations Office, the possibilities for cooperation with Jalal-Abad State University within the framework of Mevlana Exchange Programme and Erasmus + Programme were discussed.

THE ERASMUS+ ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR OUTGOING STUDENTS



A great number of students have the opportunity to study for a semester or an academic year at various universities in Europe with the Erasmus+ Programme, which has been successfully conducted under the coordination of our office. In this context, an orientation programme was organized for approximately 300 students selected to go abroad with the Erasmus+ Programme in the 2018/2019 academic year. The students were informed about the culture of life in

Europe and European Universities, and the procedures that they would have to follow.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter, Advisor to the Rector for International Relations, indicated that Akdeniz University is one of the leading Universities in Turkey for the Erasmus+ Programme, which is conducted under the coordination of the International Relations Office. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter, Advisor to the Rector for International Relations, also stated that students benefiting from the Erasmus+ Programme have improved their foreign language proficiency, and gained both professional and personal development by experiencing foreign countries and their cultures. Lecturer Nurgül Büyükkalay, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator, revealed that approximately 4 million university students have benefited from the Erasmus+ Programme since its initiation. Ms Büyükkalay also stated that Erasmus+ beneficiaries have doubled their chances of finding a job within a year following their graduation. During the orientation programme İsa Gök, Derya Lökçü and Burak Kesmecı, responsible for outgoing students, gave information about what students should do before, during and after the mobility.

ERASMUS+ KA2 CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT TRAINING IN ITALY

We participated in an Erasmus+ KA2 Capacity Improving Project under the coordination of the Arci Strauss Association in Italy. Other countries which are partners in our project include: Colombia, Mexico, Uruguay, Argentina, France and Estonia. We gave a training course as part of the “Enter Digital Era” project with Mexico Pueblo University in the field of youth needs analysis within the scope of the Erasmus+ KA2 Capacity Improving Project. We will conduct a research project on young people using digital tools, technology and social media with our partner countries in the project.



ERASMUS+ STAFF WEEK



The Erasmus+ Programme allows members of the the academic and administrative staff of universities to do training and teaching mobility at higher education institutions abroad for professional development in foreign countries. Many academic and administrative staff members from our university have benefited from both teaching and training mobilities with this programme.

FAREWELL DINNER FOR ERASMUS+ AND MEVLANA STUDENTS

We organized a Farewell Dinner for incoming students who had been studying at our University within the scope of the Erasmus+ and Mevlana Exchange Programmes. The dinner was attended by representatives of the Mevlana and Erasmus+ Exchange Programmes from the International Relations Office. In her opening speech, Erasmus and Mevlana Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinator Lect. Nurgül Büyükkalay mentioned that exchange programmes give a great opportunity for students and academic staff members from different regions of the world to study and gain new experience in Turkey. During the Farewell Dinner all the students expressed their happiness at being a part of exchange programmes at Akdeniz University. The Farewell Dinner ended with gifts presented to the students.



MEVLANA ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR OUTGOING STUDENTS



Within the scope of the Mevlana Exchange Programme coordinated by the International Relations Office, an orientation programme was held for outgoing students who will attend universities with which we have signed protocols under the terms of the Mevlana Exchange Programme during the autumn and spring semesters of the 2018/2019 academic year.

The orientation programme was attended by Erasmus+ and Mevlana Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinator Lect. Nurgül Büyükkalay, as well as Alina Aksoy, and Ayşe Tuğcan, who gave the students information about the procedures they should follow and preparations to make before their departure. 19 outgoing students have the opportunity to study in the following countries; Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro, Russia, Thailand and the United States of America.

In addition to the Turkish students who will study abroad within the framework of the Mevlana Exchange Programme, 61 students from 12 different countries and 29 academic staff members from 14 different countries will come to Akdeniz University.

MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME INCOMING STAFF

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Imran Shafi, member of the academic staff from Pakistan/NUST University visited Akdeniz University within the framework of the Mevlana Exchange Programme, and gave a series of courses in the Faculty of Engineering. He expressed his pleasure at the opportunity to give lectures and gain great experience thanks to the Mevlana Exchange Programme.



Lecturer Muhamad Nur Ghoyatul Amin, member of the academic staff of Indonesia/Airlangga University, gave a series of courses in the Faculty of Fisheries during his 2 week visit. Lecturer Amin shared his happiness at being one of the first incoming faculty members from the University of Airlangga, and mentioned that under the terms of the Mevlana Exchange Programme, collaboration between Akdeniz University and Airlangga University would gain in strength.

Lecturer Khalil Mohamd Halahla, member of the academic staff from Palestine/Hebron University visited Akdeniz University and gave a series of courses in the Faculty of Letters. Instructor Halahla stated that the Mevlana Exchange Programme is one of the best ways to share information and mentioned the significant role played by the Akdeniz University International Relations Office in this sharing.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ramil Gurbanov, member of the academic staff of the Azerbaijan State University of Economics, visited Akdeniz University within the scope of the Mevlana Exchange Programme in order to give a series of courses in the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gurbanov revealed that the Mevlana Exchange Programme is a great contribution to both students and academic staff members at the educational and cultural level.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vyacheslav Bogdanets, member of the academic staff from National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine gave a series of courses in the Faculty of Agriculture during his 2 weeks visit. Assoc. Prof. Bogdanets shared his happiness with being one of the first incoming faculty members from his institution, and emphasized the contribution of the Mevlana Exchange Programme to education and many other areas.

Prof. Dr. Luiz Carlos De Abreu, member of the academic staff of the Brazil/Federal University of Technology – Parana visited Akdeniz University and gave a series of courses in the Faculty of Agriculture. Prof. Dr. Luiz Carlos De Abreu shared his happiness at being one

of the first incoming faculty members from Brazil and stated that in the new semester the students and academic staff members of the Federal University of Technology – Parana will pass on the knowledge and experiences received at Akdeniz University in accordance with the benefits to be derived from the Mevlana Exchange Programme.

Lecturer Aelita Akopova, member of the academic staff of Ukraine/Odessa State Academy of Civil Engineering and Architecture, gave a series of courses in the Faculty of Architecture during her 2 weeks visit. Lecturer Akopova shared the happiness of being one of the first incoming faculty members from the Odessa State Academy of Civil Engineering and Architecture, and mentioned that under the terms of the Mevlana Exchange Programme, collaboration between Akdeniz University and Odessa State Academy of Civil Engineering and Architecture would gain in strength. Lecturer Aelita Akopova expressed a desire to benefit again from the Mevlana Exchange Programme in the future.

FAREWELL TO MEVLANA STUDENT

Having completed her courses under the terms of the Mevlana Exchange Programme during the 2017/2018 academic year, G lzirek Usonova (Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Art in the Faculty of Tourism) from Kyrgyzstan-Turkey Manas University has now returned to her country.



1st TRAINING COURSE OF THE “UPPSCIENCE” KA2 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PROJECT IN ROMANIA



The first training course for the “UPPScience (Using Profiling and Publishing for the Upping of Scientific Approaches)” Erasmus+ KA2 Vocational Education Strategic Partnership Project 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 Romania between April 26-30 2018. Teachers from 9 different organizations attended the training course on scientific research and article writing. 4 members of staff from Akdeniz University attended the training.

2nd TRAINING COURSE OF THE “UPPSCIENCE” KA2 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PROJECT IN MALTA

The second training course for the “UPPScience (Using Profiling and Publishing for the Upping of Scientific Approaches)” Erasmus+ KA2 Vocational Education Strategic Partnership Project in which the 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 Malta between May 27-31 2018. Teachers from 9 different organizations attended the training course on scientific research and article writing. 3 members of staff from Akdeniz University attended the training.



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



The “Creative InternPrize” Erasmus+ KA2 Vocational Education Strategic Partnership Project is coordinated by the Akdeniz University Faculty of Education with the support of the International Relations Office, and funded by the Turkish National Agency. The multiplier event of the Project was held in Antalya on June 21st 2018 with the participation of 60 people from local companies, VET

teachers, and students. The final meeting of the Project was also held in Antalya between May 10th and 11th 2018. The Creative InternPrize, carried out between September 1st 2016 and August 31st 2018, will generate opportunities for start-up in careers in the creative industries for students in VET through work-based learning apprenticeship experience within the school environment. Such project work is generated by the school in partnership with local industry and players in culture, media, social work, youth and other fields, and in this way it places students in contact with the labour market.

A STUDENT FROM HRADEC KRALOVE UNIVERSITY CAME TO THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE FOR ERASMUS+ TRAINEESHIP MOBILITY



Bulat Nidmedzianov from Hradec Kralove University in the Czech Republic came to the the EU Projects Department of the International Relations Office to do his Erasmus+ Traineeship Mobility for three months, and returned to his University in May.



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