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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



Greetings from the 48th issue of the Newsletter of the International Relations Office (IRO).

I would like to begin my remarks with encouraging news that clearly demonstrates the growing scientific productivity and international visibility of Akdeniz University under the leadership of our Rector, Prof. Dr. Özlenen Özkan. The 2025 list of “The World’s Most Influential Scientists”, prepared through a collaboration between Elsevier and Stanford University, has been officially published. In the list, which is released annually under the categories of “Career-Long Impact” and “Single-Year Impact”, a total of 23 scientists from our University were ranked among the most distinguished researchers worldwide. Specifically, 18 academics from Akdeniz University were included in the Career-Long Impact category, while another 18 were recognized in the Single-Year Impact category, reflecting their outstanding scholarly performance. This remarkable achievement stands as strong evidence that our internationalization efforts are yielding significant results on a global scale. The success of our esteemed academics fills us with great pride; I extend my heartfelt congratulations to them and wish them continued success.

We have also received promising news regarding our project applications under the EU Erasmus+ Programme. Within the scope of the Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility action (KA171 Project), our University has been awarded approximately 55,000 euro in funding by the Turkish National Agency to carry out student and staff mobility activities with universities in 11 non-EU countries. In addition, under the Erasmus+ Programme Key Action 2 – Partnerships for Cooperation, specifically within the KA220 Cooperation Partnerships, our University has been granted funding for a total of three projects in the 2025 call, including one project coordinated by our institution and two in which we participate as a partner. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who contributed to these achievements, especially our Rector, Prof. Dr. Özlenen Özkan.

In this issue, we also present information on the newly signed agreements within the scope of the Erasmus+ Programme, as well as details regarding incoming and outgoing students and visitors from higher education institutions across various regions of the world. We wish you an enjoyable reading experience...

Prof. Dr. İrfan TURHAN
Coordinator of the International Relations Office

23 ACADEMICIANS FROM AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY INCLUDED in the WORLD'S MOST INFLUENTIAL SCIENTISTS LIST

The 2025 edition of “The World’s Most Influential Scientists” list, prepared through a collaboration between Elsevier and Stanford University, has been published. The list, which is released annually under the “Career-Long Impact” and “Single-Year Impact” categories, evaluated more than 200,000 scientists worldwide across 22 main fields and 174 subfields. Among researchers with a minimum of five publications, those ranked within the top 100,000 according to the c-score metric or those placed in the top 2% of their respective subfields were included in the list.

AKDENİZ ÜNİVERSİTESİ'NDEN 23 AKADEMİSYEN DÜNYANIN EN ETKİLİ BİLİM İNSANLARI LİSTESİNDE



Elsevier ve Stanford Üniversitesi iş birliğiyle her yıl yayımlanan “Kariyer Boyu Etki” ve “Yıllık Etki” kategorilerinde etkin performanslarıyla ‘Dünyanın En Etkili Bilim İnsanları’ 2025 listesinde yer alan akademisyenlerimizi tebrik ediyor, başarılarının devamını diliyoruz.

 Prof. Dr. Ömer Civalak Mühendislik Fakültesi	 Prof. Dr. Yılmaz Şimşek Fen Fakültesi	 Prof. Dr. Evgin Göçeri Mühendislik Fakültesi	 Prof. Dr. Erkan Alpsoy Tıp Fakültesi	 Doç. Dr. Bekir Akgöz Mühendislik Fakültesi	 Doç. Dr. Ceren Karaman Teknik Bilimler MYO
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PROF. DR. ÖZLENEN ÖZKAN
AKDENİZ ÜNİVERSİTESİ REKTÖRÜ





Within the scope of the “*Career-Long Impact*” and “*Single-Year Impact*” categories, which take into account indicators such as citation counts, h-index, hm-index, c-score, and author-position-adjusted citations, a total of 23 scientists from Akdeniz University were included among the world’s most influential researchers. In this context, 18 academicians from Akdeniz University were listed in the *Career-Long Impact* category, while 18 academics were also recognized in the *Single-Year Impact* category for their effective scholarly performance.

We congratulate our distinguished academicians and wish them continued success in their academic endeavors.



AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY'S SUCCESS on ERASMUS+ KA171 PROJECT



As Akdeniz University, we have been awarded a grant of approximately €55,000 by the Turkish National Agency for student and staff mobility with universities in 11 non-EU countries as part of the 2025 Erasmus+ Program KA1: Individual Mobility for Learning and Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility with unaffiliated third countries (KA171 Project), for which our International Relations Office has completed its application. We would like to thank our Rector, Prof. Dr. Özlenen Özkan, and all the staff who contributed.

For details: <https://www.ua.gov.tr/haber/2025-basvuru-donemi-yuksekokretimde-hareketlilik-projeleri-ka171-basvuru-sonuclari/>



AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY ACADEMICS PARTICIPATED IN TEACHING ACTIVITIES AS PART OF THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME KA171 PROJECT



Mobilities of Associate Professor Dr. Rabia Bayındır gave courses in the University of Kelaniya in Sri Lanka and Lecturer Metehan Yaykaşlı gave courses in the Comrat State University in Moldova by the Erasmus+ KA171 Project Staff Teaching Mobility were featured in the news bulletins of their respective universities.



VISIT FROM ABAI KAZAKH NATIONAL PEDAGOGICAL UNIVERSITY, KAZAKHSTAN

A delegation from Abai Kazakh National Pedagogical University in Kazakhstan visited our University within the framework of the cooperation protocol signed between our institutions.





A meeting was held with the delegation from Abai Kazakh National Pedagogical University to discuss the establishment of an international joint (dual) degree program at the master's level in the fields of Music and Fashion Design between our universities. In this context, our efforts toward developing the joint degree program, which were initiated approximately one year ago, are continuing without interruption.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Mariyam Yeziyeva, Faculty Member of the Faculty of Fine Arts, for her valuable support and contributions to these efforts.

PROJECTS AWARDED GRANTS UNDER THE KA220 COOPERATION PARTNERSHIPS 2025 CALL

Under the Erasmus+ Programme Key Action 2: Partnerships for Cooperation, the 2025 call for proposals within the KA220 Cooperation Partnerships has been concluded. Our University has been awarded funding for a total of three projects, including one as coordinator and two as partner institutions.

The project titled “European Digital Network and Virtual Centre for Empowering Families with Intellectual Disability Children”, coordinated by Prof. Dr. İlkey Boz from the Faculty of Nursing, will be implemented under the coordination of Akdeniz University. The project will run for two years with a total budget of €250,000.

The project titled “Development of an Informal Care Ecosystem Empowered by Digital and Green Skills”, in which Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Çoban from the Faculty of Health Sciences participates as a project partner, has been awarded a grant by the German National Agency. The project has a total budget of €400,000, of which €64,520 has been allocated to our University.



Erasmus+

WE PARTICIPATED AT THE MEETING of ERASMUS+ (KA131) PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The Project Management Meeting for Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility (KA131), one of the Erasmus+ Programme activities, was held in Ankara on 25 September 2025, hosted by Gazi University and with the participation of university representatives. At the meeting, issues such as social security procedures for outgoing and incoming participants, work permit procedures for incoming participants, problems experienced by international students regarding residence permits, and common issues encountered during audits were discussed, and universities shared their experiences. Our Office was represented at the meeting by Ayşe Tuğcan, the responsible person for the Erasmus incoming students and incoming staff.



STUDENT MOBILITY WITHIN THE SCOPE of the FREE MOVER PROGRAMME



This year, our university is hosting a Japanese student, Junnosuke Amemiya, within the scope of the Free Mover Program. He is enrolled in the Department of English Language and Literature at the Faculty of Letters and has also registered at AKDENİZ TÖMER to learn Turkish.

As part of the Outgoing Free Mover Student mobility, our students Ahmet Alkaç, Zeynep Azra Güler, and Damla Karabulut are currently studying in Germany as guest students.

We wish all our students a successful and productive academic year.



NEWLY SIGNED ERASMUS+ BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

Within the scope of the Erasmus+ Programme, the list of inter-institutional agreements under the KA171 Project (International Credit Mobility), signed via the Erasmus+ Without Paper (EWP) system during July–August–September 2025, is presented below. The full list of our Erasmus+ bilateral agreements can be accessed via the following link: <https://app.erasmus.akdeniz.edu.tr/tr/euc-ias/quota-distribution-report-v2>

1. Chiba University/JAPAN

Faculty of Architecture / Departments of Architecture & Interior Architecture



CHIBA UNIVERSITY

2. Beijing University of Chinese Medicine/CHINA

Faculty of Health Sciences / Department of Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation



北京中医药大学
BEIJING UNIVERSITY OF CHINESE MEDICINE

3. Western Sydney University - National Institute of Complementary Medicine (NICM)/AUSTRIA

Faculty of Health Sciences / Department of Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation

NICM
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE

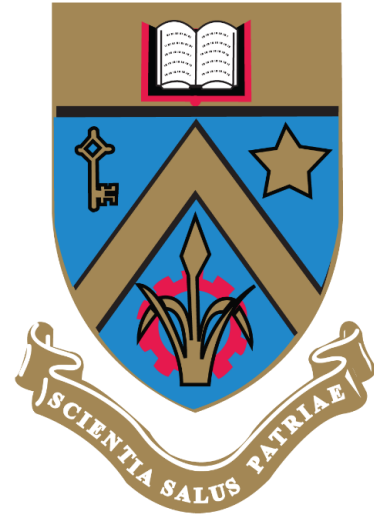
4. Universite Saint-Joseph De Beyrouth/LEBANON

Faculty of Letters / Department of Geography and Faculty of Science / Department of Space Sciences and Technologies



5. University of Mauritius/ MAURITIUS

Department of Informatics and Computer Engineering



6. Korkyt Ata Kyzylorda University/KAZAKHSTAN

Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences / Department of Economics



**INCOMING STAFF VISITS WITHIN THE SCOPE of
THE ERASMUS+ KA131 PROJECT**



Kristina Buhrova from Metropolitan University Prague came to complete her Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2024-2025 Academic Year between the dates 21.07.2025 to 25.07.2025 at the International Relations Office. We would like to thank her interest in Akdeniz University.

Bela Finta from George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu Mureş, came to complete his Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2024-2025 Academic Year between the dates 21.07.2025 to 28.07.2025 at the Department of Mathematics and the Faculty of Science. We would like to thank the Erasmus Coordinator of the Mathematics Department, Research Assistant Dr. Murat Karaçayır, for his support in this mobility period.





Bela Tamas Stipich, Sarolta Muranyi, and Judit Bona from the Eötvös Loránd University came to complete their Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2025-2026 Academic Year between the dates 15.09.2025 to 19.09.2025 at the Department of Speech and Language Therapy, in the Faculty of Health Sciences. We would like to thank the Erasmus Coordinator of the Speech and Language Therapy Department, Lecturer Aslı Altınsoy, for her support in this mobility period.

INCOMING STAFF within the scope of ERASMUS+ KA171 PROJECT

Mohamed Belgaid, from the University of Sciences and Technology Houari Boumediene (USTHB), came to Akdeniz University to complete his KA171 Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching in the 2024-2025 Academic Year between the dates 04.07.2025 to 18.07.2025 at the Department of Physics and the Faculty of Science. We would like to thank the responsible person from the Physics Department, Prof. Dr. İsmail Hakkı Sarpün, for his support in this mobility period.



ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME INCOMING STUDENTS ORIENTATION MEETING FOR THE 2025–2026 ACADEMIC YEAR



Within the scope of the 2025-2026 Academic Year Erasmus+ Programme, an Orientation Meeting for the Fall Semester was organised by the responsible person for the Erasmus incoming students and incoming staff, Ayşe Tuğcan, for incoming students who came to Akdeniz University from different countries in the world in the date of 23 September 2025



**ERASMUS+ KA2 CREATIVEinGREEN
PROJECT ACTIVITIES**



As part of the European Union–funded CREATIVEinGREEN Project, a consortium meeting was recently held in Portugal, hosted by Universidade da Maia. Research Assistant İlkyaz Akdemir and Assoc. Prof. Ramazan Eren attended the meeting on behalf of Akdeniz University.



The main focus of the meeting was to evaluate the project's progress, define the next steps, and further develop the curricula for the e-User Experience Designer (e-UX Designer) and e-User Interface Designer (e- UI Designer) programs.

Participants discussed the current state of green and digital transformation in education across Europe, sharing insights and strategies for enhancing the project's innovative e-learning platform, which aims to combine sustainability, creativity, and advanced digital design skills. The meeting also touched upon strengthening university-industry cooperation and expanding practical learning methods for students in order to develop a curriculum aligned with sectoral requirements.

For more information about the project, please visit www.creativeingreen.eu





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