



# **Akdeniz University International Relations Office**

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## APPLICATIONS FOR AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXAMINATION (AKDENİZ YÖS) – 2020



Akdeniz University International Student Examination (AKDENİZ YÖS)-2020 which was organized for the international students who would like to study in undergraduate and associate programmes at Akdeniz University was planned to be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 14.00 (Turkey Local Time) at 54 exam centres in 30 countries.

Online applications for the AKDENİZ YÖS-2020 Examination, which 5.500 international student candidates participated in 2019, will be accepted between January 20<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> 2020.

A guide to application for AKDENİZ YÖS-2020, which includes the requirements and the application process, is available on the official website of Akdeniz University at the following location; [yos.akdeniz.edu.tr](https://yos.akdeniz.edu.tr).

## APPLICATIONS FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMMES FOR THE 2019/2020 SPRING SEMESTER

Akdeniz University, which offers a wide range of graduate programmes, continues to attract great interest from international students who would like to study at our University. Online applications for graduate programmes will be accepted between December 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 and January 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 through the websites of the Institutes. The entrance exam results will be announced on the website of the relevant institute. Final registration process will be carried out between February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2020.

### **A VISIT FROM THE CONSUL GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA**

On November 27<sup>th</sup> 2019, Dr. Ivana Zerec, the Consul General of the Republic of Croatia in İstanbul, visited the Rector of Akdeniz University Prof. Dr. Mustafa Ünal to indicate the willingness to improve and extend the present level of educational collaboration. As part of the visit, a meeting was held in the International Relations Office (IRO) to discuss areas of potential cooperation between Akdeniz University and universities in Croatia.



### **A COOPERATION MEETING WITH DJILALI BOUNAAMA KHEMIS MILIANA UNIVERSITY**

A meeting was held in the International Relations Office on October 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 with Prof. Dr. Fella Bendjilali, the Vice-Rector in charge of external relations of Djilali Bounaama Khemis Miliana University in Algeria. During the meeting dealt with potential cooperation areas, information about the international activities of the IRO was shared.



### **INFORMATION MEETING FOR THE DIRECTORS OF THE INSTITUTES**

An information meeting was held in the International Relations Office with the Directors of the Institutes on November 4<sup>th</sup> 2019.



During the meeting, which was attended by Advisor to the Rector for International Relations Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter, EU Projects Coordinator Dr. Rabia Vezne, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator H. Nuran Caner, Farabi Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinator Emel Kahraman, International Cooperation Coordinator Ayça Altay, International Students Coordinator Bahar Şahin and Mevlana Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinator Merve Ayvalli, information about the international activities including exchange programmes and EU projects was shared and the issues of improving cooperation between the IRO and the Institutes were discussed.

### **INFORMATION MEETING FOR THE DEANS OF THE FACULTIES**

On November 11<sup>th</sup> 2019, International Relations Office hosted an information meeting for the Deans and Vice-Deans of the Faculties with the purpose of fostering collaboration between the IRO and the Faculties. Advisor to the Rector Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter and the International Relations Office team including EU Projects Coordinator Dr. Rabia Vezne, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator H. Nuran Caner, Farabi Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinator Emel Kahraman, International Cooperation Coordinator Ayça Altay, International Students Coordinator Bahar Şahin and Mevlana Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinator Merve Ayvalli gave information about the exchange programmes, EU projects and international activities.





## **2019/2020 ACADEMIC YEAR EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES INFORMATION MEETING**

With the participation of approximately 500 students, an information meeting was organized by the International Relations Office on December 9<sup>th</sup> 2019.



During the meeting, information was provided to the students about the Erasmus+ Programme, the Mevlana Exchange Programme and the Farabi Exchange Programme.



## **2019/2020 ACADEMIC YEAR EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES INFORMATION MEETING IN MANAVGAT**

With the participation of students, information meetings about the exchange programmes were held at the Manavgat Faculty of Tourism and the Manavgat Vocational School on December 19<sup>th</sup> 2019. Staff members from the IRO, Farabi Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinator Emel Kahraman, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator H. Nuran Caner, Mevlana Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinator Merve Ayvalı and Derya Lökçü responsible for Erasmus outgoing students presented information the exchange programmes.



### **2019/2020 ACADEMIC YEAR ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME INFORMATION MEETING FOR DISABLED STUDENTS**

In cooperation with the Disabled Students Unit, the International Relations Office organized the very first information meeting about the Erasmus+ Programme for disabled students on December 24<sup>th</sup> 2019. Among the participants at the meeting were Disabled Students Unit Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Emel Sardohan Yıldırım, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator H. Nuran Caner, Erasmus Office staff Derya Lökçü and Enes Bener.



### **ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR THE UNIVERSITY STAFF UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME**

On November 13<sup>th</sup> 2019, an orientation programme was organized for the university staff who were entitled to benefit from the mobility of training within the scope of the Erasmus+ Programme. In the meeting, the necessary information was provided by the Advisor to the Rector Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator H. Nuran Caner and Erasmus Office Staff Özge Kaya.





### **“ERASMUS DAYS” EVENTS**

International Relations Office organized “Erasmus Days” event for Erasmus incoming students on October 11<sup>th</sup> 2019. Participants enjoyed the event which included traditional Turkish music concert and Turkish folk dances.



On October 10<sup>th</sup> 2019, “Erasmus Days” event which was organized by the Antalya Provincial Directorate of National Education took place in Akdeniz University with the participation of the Advisor to the Rector for International Relations Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator H. Nuran Caner and Erasmus Office Staff Derya Lökçü.



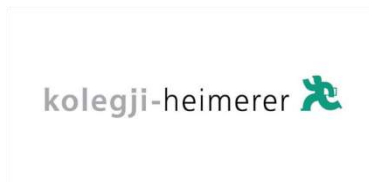
### **ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

On October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019, an orientation programme was held for the benefit of international students studying at our University. The opening speech was made by the Advisor to the Rector for International Relations Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter, who stated that “We are very pleased to welcome you from the different parts of the world. You became a part of this great family. I wish you to be happy and have a great time during your life at Akdeniz University. Welcome to our country, our city, and our University.” As part of the orientation programme, International Students Coordinator Bahar Şahin made a presentation which provide information about the cultural facilities, sports activities at Akdeniz University, as well as important issues for international students, such as general health insurance and residence permit.



### **NEW PARTNER UNIVERSITIES**

Akdeniz University has recently signed scientific and educational cooperation protocols with Heimerer College in Kosovo and Tashkent Pediatric Medical Institute in Uzbekistan.





### **A VISIT FROM AFGHAN STUDENTS**

An informative meeting for international students coming from Afghanistan was held in the International Relations Office on November 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. After the welcoming speech by the Advisor to the Rector Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter, presentations were made by International Cooperation Coordinator Ayça Altay and Fahrettin Kayan, who is responsible for international students. Afghan students were provided with information about the process for admission to undergraduate and graduate programmes, education opportunities at Akdeniz University and the activities of the IRO.



### **INFORMATION MEETING FOR POTENTIAL FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS**

On November 26<sup>th</sup> 2019, International Relations Office organized an information meeting regarding Fulbright grants. During the course of the meeting, Serin Alpokay, Educational Adviser at the Fulbright Commission İstanbul, made a series of highly informative presentations.

In first session she spoke about Fulbright grants for Vocational Schools, while the second session dealt with grants for graduate programmes, the application process and the requirements for candidates.

The programme concluded with a question and answer session which dealt with any outstanding questions that the students had about the Fulbright application process.



### **PARTICIPATION IN A FULBRIGHT WORKSHOP**

At the invitation of the Turkish Fulbright Commission, Advisor to the Rector Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter and Bologna and Farabi Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinator Emel Kahraman participated in a workshop named "Improving Internationalization Capacity at Turkish Universities: Student, Academician and Administrator Perspectives Workshop" held in Ankara between December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2019.



In the workshop, Fulbright grants were introduced and discussions were held on how to develop strategies for cooperation between the Fulbright Commission and Universities.

### **ERASMUS+ HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME YEAR-END MEETING**

With the participation of the representatives of higher education institutions in Turkey, Erasmus+ Higher Education Programme Year-End Meeting was held in Dokuz Eylül University in İzmir between December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019. Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator H. Nuran Caner and Derya Lökçü who is responsible for Erasmus outgoing students attended the meeting. In the meeting, it was 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. Akdeniz University was appreciated for its success in the implementation of Erasmus+ incoming internship student mobility.



**En çok öğrenci/personel alan kurumlar I  
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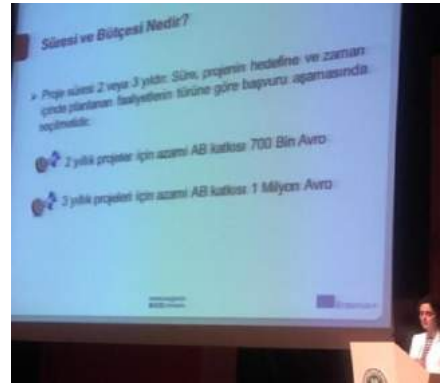
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AKDENİZ ÜNİVERSİTESİ	116	84	54	41	295
BOĞAZİCİ ÜNİVERSİTESİ	247	13	17	7	284
İSTANBUL BİLGİ ÜNİVERSİTESİ	252	21	7	2	282
YILDIZ TEKNİK ÜNİVERSİTESİ	215	8	27	30	280
GALATASARAY ÜNİVERSİTESİ	197	6	29	11	243
EGE ÜNİVERSİTESİ	138	21	52	17	228
BAHÇEŞEHİR ÜNİVERSİTESİ	184	2	19	19	224
ANKARA ÜNİVERSİTESİ	75	32	54	57	218

## **INTERNATIONAL CREDIT MOBILITY (KA107) PROJECT MANAGEMENT MEETING**

With the participation of representatives from higher education institutions in Turkey, a project management meeting for KA107 projects was held in Sivas Cumhuriyet University between the dates of October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 2019. The meeting was attended by Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator H. Nuran Caner and Erasmus+ Office staff Özge Kaya.

### **ERASMUS+ CENTRALISED ACTIONS INFORMATION MEETING**

Erasmus+ Office staff Derya Lökçü attended the information meeting on Jean Monnet Programme at Kocaeli University on October 8<sup>th</sup> 2019. The meeting was also attended by the representatives from higher education institutions.



### **ERASMUS+ INTERNATIONAL CREDIT MOBILITY MEETING**

Within the scope of the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (KA107) Call for Proposals 2020, Turkish National Agency held a meeting at Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University. In order to represent Akdeniz University, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator H. Nuran Caner and Mevlana Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinator Merve Ayvallı participated in the meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup> 2019.





## **ERASMUS+ INTERNATIONAL CREDIT MOBILITY KA107 PROJECT INFORMATION MEETINGS**

### **Faculty of Medicine**

On October 8<sup>th</sup> 2019, an information meeting was held dealing with Erasmus+ KA107 projects in the Faculty of Medicine. Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator H. Nuran Caner and Erasmus+ Office staff Özge Kaya gave information about the points to take into consideration in the process of writing KA107 projects in the meeting in which Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Medicine Prof. Dr. Cem Oktay, Erasmus+ Faculty Coordinator of the Faculty of Medicine Prof. Dr. Ahter Dilşad Şanlıoğlu, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Uğur Bilge, Gülçin Gülkökan, responsible for Erasmus+ Programme, and the Student Affairs staff Sibel Çevener participated.



### **Faculty of Tourism**

On October 15<sup>th</sup> 2019, EU Projects Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Rabia Vezne made a presentation about the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (KA107) projects to the academic staff of the Faculty of Tourism.



### **Faculty of Applied Sciences**

Within the scope of the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (KA107), an information meeting was held with Prof. Dr. Şerife Gözde Yirmibeşoğlu, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Filiz Angay Kutluk and Asst. Prof. Dr. Raife Meltem Yetkin Özbük from the Faculty of Applied Sciences on November 19<sup>th</sup> 2019.



### **Faculty of Fine Arts**

On November 27<sup>th</sup> 2019, a meeting was held with Prof. Dr. Cengiz Şengül and Kazakh doctorate students from the Faculty of Fine Arts on KA107 projects with Kazakhstan. During the meeting, information about Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (KA107) projects was shared and possibilities for cooperation were also discussed.



## **COOPERATION MEETING WITH DOSTOEVSKY OMSK STATE UNIVERSITY**

In order to discuss the issues of KA107 projects and Erasmus+ inter-institutional agreement, a meeting was held with the academic staff came from Dostoevsky Omsk State University in Russia under the terms of the Mevlana Exchange Programme on November 25<sup>th</sup> 2019.



## **A VISIT TO THE MEDITERRANEAN CIVILISATIONS RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

Advisor to the Rector Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter, EU Projects Coordinator Dr. Rabia Vezne, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator H. Nuran Caner and Mevlana Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinator Merve Ayvallı visited Mediterranean Civilisations Research Institute to give information about ICM KA107 projects on November 28<sup>th</sup> 2019.



## **ADVISORY BOARD MEETING FOR 2019**

The Advisory Board, established to benefit from the Erasmus Programme in a most effective way, was held in Ankara with the participation of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Director for EU Affairs Ambassador Faruk Kaymakcı, the Director of the Turkish National Agency İlker Astarıcı and 80 participants from higher education institutions in Turkey. In order to represent Akdeniz University, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator H. Nuran Caner attended the meeting.



## **IAESTE TURKEY ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVES MEETING**



IAESTE (The International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience) Turkey annual representatives meeting was held at İstanbul Technical University on November 20<sup>th</sup> 2019. In order to represent Akdeniz University, IAESTE Representative Merve Ayvallı participated in the meeting.





## **A VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF POPULAR MUSIC AND MUSIC BUSINESS**

At the invitation of the University of Popular Music and Music Business in Germany, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator H. Nuran Caner visited the University between November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 2019. During the cooperation visit, Erasmus+ bilateral agreements were signed between the universities and decisions were taken to continue the interuniversity cooperation.



## **2019/2020 ACADEMIC YEAR MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME**

Within the scope of the Mevlana Exchange Programme, a total of 37 students from Azerbaijan, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan and Russia came to Akdeniz University and 4 students from our University went to the partner universities in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Russia and Ukraine to study during the fall semester of the 2019/2020 academic year.



## **2019/2020 ACADEMIC YEAR PROJECT-BASED INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME PAK-TÜRK PROJECT APPLICATIONS**

Within the scope of the agreement signed between the Council of Higher Education (CoHE) in Turkey and Higher Education Commission (HEC) in Pakistan, 4 projects submitted by Akdeniz University to the CoHE.

### **MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME INCOMING ACADEMIC STAFF**

Within the scope of 2019/2020 Academic Year Mevlana Exchange Programme, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Natalia Gatsura and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Evgeniya Malenova, academic staff from Omsk State University in Russia, gave courses in the Department of English Language Teaching of the Faculty of Education between November 17<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar Ahmad Saqib from Agricultural Faisalabad University in Pakistan came to the Department of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition at the Faculty of Agriculture between the dates of October 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 2019.

### **ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME INCOMING STUDENTS**

An orientation programme was organized by the International Relations Office for incoming students who will study at Akdeniz University in the fall semester of the 2019/2020 academic year under the terms of the Mevlana Exchange Programme. Mevlana Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinator Merve Ayvalli and the staff members responsible for the Mevlana Exchange Programme Ayşe Balkaya and Serhan Karaloğlu provided a wide range of information about the procedures they would have to follow and the education system of Akdeniz University.



### **THE 4th WORKSHOP OF THE “THEATRE PITCHING FOR EMPLOYMENT” ERASMUS+ KA2 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PROJECT IN GREECE**

The fourth workshop of the “Theatre Pitching for Employment” Erasmus+ KA2 Adult Education Strategic Partnership Project in which Akdeniz University is a partner, and funded by the Croatian National Agency, was held in Thessaloniki between December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2019. Participants from 7 partner organizations worked on how to connect the local method for working with unemployed young people with drama skills and presentation "pitching" method, in order to develop their presentation skills and to offer their idea about how to combine arts and tourism to contribute to the development of the city. At the end of the workshops, the participants presented the ideas they developed during the workshop. The workshop was hosted by the project partner “Theatro Aratos” and was attended by Atahan Taşyürek and İsa Gök from the Akdeniz University project team.



The second transnational project meeting of the “Theatre Pitching for Employment” project was also held during the workshop between December 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2019. EU Projects Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Rabia Vezne attended the transnational project meeting.





### **THE FIRST TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING OF THE “BIG INTERNPRIZE” PROJECT IN ANTALYA**

The first transnational project meeting of the Erasmus+ KA2 Vocational Education Strategic Partnership Project “BIG InternPrize (InternPrize: Business Ideas Generation)” in which Akdeniz University is the coordinator, and funded by the Turkish National Agency, was held in Antalya between November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2019. Project coordinators from 14 organizations attended the meeting to discuss the project activities which will take place from 2019 to 2022.



### **THE SECOND TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING OF THE “GUIA2” PROJECT IN BRUSSELS**

The second transnational project meeting 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 Brussels in Belgium between October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2019. Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter, Advisor to the Rector for International Relations, and Asst. Prof. Dr. Rabia Vezne, EU Projects Coordinator, attended the meeting in order to represent Akdeniz University.





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