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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



Greetings from the 36th issue of the Newsletter of the International Relations Office (IRO) and the first Newsletter of my Coordinatorship...

The phenomenon of globalization provides the creation of an interconnected and interdependent world that allows the flow of people, knowledge, cultures, ideas and technology across borders. Considering the close relationship between globalization and internationalization, it can be said that globalization is a factor affecting internationalization with its borderless and competitive structure. What is meant by internationalization in higher education is the process of integrating an international or intercultural dimension into the education-training, research-development and social contribution functions of an institution. An institution should consider some issues when determining its internationalization policy: student mobility, academic mobility, creation of joint academic programs, partnership in research and development.

While we took over the International Relations Office, which has many fields of activity, we set forth our aim to further the activities of our Office, which is in a fundamental position in the internationalization of our University, and to accelerate the internationalization of our University.

As the International Relations Office, we will continue our activities in line with the goals set by both the Higher Education Council and our University regarding internationalization. In this context, we aim to support many of our students and academics in benefiting from international opportunities by promoting international scholarship and internship programs such as Jean Monnet, Fulbright, DAAD and Chevening, as well as programs such as Erasmus+ Program, Free Mover and IAESTE, which are carried out under the responsibility of our Office. I and my colleagues are determined to make every effort to achieve this in the course of our assignment.

In this respect, while completing my words, I would like to express my special thanks to our University Rector Prof. Dr. Özlenen Özkan and our Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Murat Turhan.

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

**NEW COORDINATOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE:
PROF. DR. İRFAN TURHAN**



Working as Coordinator of the International Relations for more than a year, Prof. Dr. Sibel Mehter Aykın was replaced by Prof. Dr. İrfan Turhan was appointed.

Prof. Dr. Sibel Mehter Aykın said the following in her speech: I am happy to hand over the task to Prof. Dr. İrfan Turhan who is having both international publications and international activities and project knowledge and experience. During my tenure, me and my office colleagues worked intensively on the internationalization of our University. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this process. I am handing over my desk by presenting the list of works and transactions to be done, especially Paperless Erasmus (EWP), to our Esteemed New Coordinator. Aykın concluded his speech by stating that she is always ready to help in any matter in the internationalization activities of Akdeniz University.



Taking over the position of Coordinator of the International Relations Office, Prof. Dr. İrfan Turhan said the following in his speech: We would like to thank Prof. Dr. Sibel Mehter Aykın for her services and contributions during her tenure of approximately one year.

As the members of the IRO, we would like to thank Prof. Dr. Sibel Mehter Aykın and wish him success in his new duties.

STUDY IN TÜRKİYE YÖK VIRTUAL FAIR 2022



Akdeniz University participated in the “Study in Türkiye YÖK Virtual Fair 2022” organized by the Council of Higher Education (CoHE) between 20 – 22 July 2022. Study in Türkiye YÖK Virtual Fair, was held on a global scale with the participation of Turkish universities under the umbrella of CoHE with the aim of reducing the negative effects of the student mobility restricted during the COVID-19 pandemic and introducing Turkish universities to prospective international students online.

Under the coordination of Akdeniz University Virtual Fair Coordinator Prof. Dr. Sibel Mehter Aykın, Akdeniz University was represented by representatives from the IRO, Lect. Emel Kahraman, Serhan Karaloğlu and Elif Önal. Virtual Fair Representatives promoted our university internationally with online interviews between 08.00 - 20.00 for three days by instant messaging to prospective students and presenting information to students about the departments/programmes of our university, admission criteria for international students, exchange programmes.



Our Rector Prof. Dr. Özlenen Özkan said of the virtual fair; “Study in Turkey YÖK Virtual Fair, organized by CoHe within the scope of its target-oriented internationalization policy and providing the opportunity to introduce the Turkish higher education system to potential international students, is a very important event in terms of providing the opportunity to inform the prospective students through instant communication with the international student candidates who would like to study at our university, ensuring the participation of more international students to our university and international promotion of our university. Study in Turkey YÖK Virtual Fair, which we attended with the promotional brochures and videos at the stand of our university on digital platform and our fair representatives who held online interviews with prospective students in 3 languages during the fair, will make significant contribution to increasing the internationalization capacity of our university and increasing the number of international students.



The poster features a group of diverse young people sitting on a grassy area in front of a university building. The text is overlaid on the image and includes logos for the Ministry of National Education (Yükseköğretim Kurulu), Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University, and the 'Study in Türkiye' campaign. The main title is 'STUDY IN TÜRKİYE YÖK VIRTUAL FAIR 2022'. Below the title, it lists the event as a meeting point for prospective students, highlighting benefits like meeting university representatives online, free academic counseling, scholarship opportunities, accommodation facilities, and language learning centers. The dates are 20-22 July 2022, from 08.00 a.m. to 08.00 p.m. (GMT +03.00). Contact information is provided at the bottom.

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AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY IS RANKED AMONG THE BEST UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD

Akdeniz University was among the best universities in the world in the ranking announced by the Academic Rating Organization Shanghai Ranking. In the field-based ranking, Akdeniz University was among the best universities in the world in the fields of Hospitality & Tourism Management and Nursing.

The Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (GRAS) 2022, which represents the most comprehensive and objective ranking of world universities by subject, has been announced by ShanghaiRanking Consultancy. In the worldwide ranking, 5000 universities from 96 countries were evaluated in 54 subjects in the fields of natural sciences, engineering, life sciences, medical sciences and social sciences. According to the 2022 GRAS list, Akdeniz University was among the best universities in the world in the field of Hospitality & Tourism Management, in the 151-200 band, and in the Nursing field, it managed to enter the list in the 201-300 band.

The performance of universities in related subjects in the ranking; International academic awards were evaluated on a set of objective academic indicators and data, including best academic achievements, research quality and international collaboration. While Akdeniz University is one of the four universities from Turkey to enter the list of the best universities in the world in the field of Hospitality & Tourism Management, it has proven its success worldwide as one of the three universities in the field of Nursing.



**NEW ERASMUS+ PROGRAM INSTITUTIONAL COORDINATOR:
PROF. DR. İRFAN TURHAN**



Working as Erasmus+ Program Institutional Coordinator for nearly 3 years, Inst. Nuran Caner was replaced by Prof. Dr. İrfan Turhan was appointed.

Inst. Nuran Caner stated that she made lasting friendships during the period she worked in the office, that these friendships will always continue, and that she would be happy to help when faced with any questions or problems. The new Erasmus+ Program Institutional Coordinator Prof. Dr. İrfan Turhan thanked Inst. Nuran Caner for her services.



Presenting a certificate of appreciation to Nuran Caner for her contributions to the institution, Prof. Dr. Sibel Mehter Aykın Coordinator of the International Relations Office said, “Prof. Dr. İrfan Turhan has taken over a difficult task today. I am sure he will be very successful in his new position. I would like to thank Ms. Nuran for her efforts.

COOPERATION WITH THE NATIONAL HIGHER SCHOOL OF MARINE SCIENCES AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT – ENSSMAL



Akdeniz University has signed a cooperation protocol with the National Higher School of Marine Sciences and Coastal Management - ENSSMAL in Algeria. The protocol covers exchanges for students, academic staff members, as well as joint scientific activities..

THE VISIT OF SOFIA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY



Seven faculty members from Sofia Technical University, including the Dean of the Faculty of Computer Systems and Technologies and the Head of the Computer Systems Department, visited Akdeniz University, Faculty of Engineering, Department of Computer Engineering as part of the Erasmus+ Program Teaching Mobility.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY



AKDENİZ YÖS-2022 Exam organized for the international student candidates was held in Antalya, Ankara, Istanbul and Van in Turkey, and in Azerbaijan and Germany on July 23, 2022. International students who were placed in our University as a result of the AKDENİZ YÖS-2022 Exam completed their registration procedures and started their education. We are pleased to see the international students in our campus and we wish them a great time in Akdeniz University.



OUR GUEST STUDENS VIA FREE MOVER PROGRAMME



Within the Free Mover Programme, 2 international students have been accepted to our University as a guest student. Miki Zhivkov from the Fulda University of Applied Sciences is studying at the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences and Sarah Braun from the University of Greifswald is studying at the Faculty of fisheries. We are happy to see our guest students in our University and we wish them success in their education.

INTERNATIONAL CREDIT MOBILITY PROJECTS (KA171) PROJECT MANAGEMENT MEETING

Lecturer Dilek Hale Aybar and Serhan Karaloğlu participated to the "International Credit Mobility Projects (KA171) Project Management Meeting" organized by the National Agency at Anadolu University in Eskişehir on September 29, 2022.



ERASMUS+ INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR OUTGOING STAFF



Inst. Halime Nuran Caner who is Erasmus+ Assistant Coordinator, held information meetings for the staff of our University, who will conduct lectures and training activities within the scope of the Erasmus the Teaching and Training Mobility Program with the participation Prof. Dr. İrfan Turhan Coordinator of the International Relations Office on September 28, 2022.

**VISITS OF ACADEMIC STAFF FROM
ERASMUS+ PARTNER UNIVERSITIES**



Alexandra Perkins Oleszkowicz visited our Office within the scope of Erasmus staff Mobility for training.

Helena Sofia Pacheco Veiga, member of the academic staff of Politechnic Institute of Porto gave a series of courses in the department of Special Education within the frame of the Erasmus+ Programme and also visited IRO and shared her appreciation.



Pawel Swierk from AGH University of Science and Technology in Poland visited our Office within the scope Erasmus staff Mobility for Training.

Associate Profesor Mikolaj Leszczuk, member of the academic staff of AGT Universty of Science and Tecnology gave a series of courses in the department of Computer Engineering within the scope of the Erasmus +Programme and also visited IRO and shared his appreciation.



NEWS FROM OUR OFFICE

Our Erasmus+ Trainee student Costin Ghioc from Alexandru Loan Cuza Of Lasi completed his internship in Our Office. We thank him for being part of our team.



Our Erasmus+ Trainee student Marta Serowy from Warsaw University completed her internship in Our Office. We thank her for being part of our team.



We would like to thank our Erasmus Office colleague Rukiye Budak, who quit work, for her efforts in Our Office.



* Inst. Nuran Caner started to work at the International Relations Office as the Erasmus+ Program Assistant Coordinator. We congratulate her and wish her success in her new position.

* Lect. Dilek Hale Aybar started to work at the International Relations Office as the Erasmus+ Program Assistant Coordinator. We congratulate her and wish her success in her new position.



* İlknur Kurt started in our office as International Relations Office quality officer and social media manager. We congratulate her and wish her success in her new position



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