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#### FAREWELL LUNCH FOR ERASMUS+ INCOMING STUDENTS

Within the scope of the Erasmus+ Programme, a farewell lunch event was organized for approximately 50 Erasmus+ incoming traineeship students from Romania who had been studying at the Faculty of Medicine. Together with the students, Vice-Rectors Prof. Dr. Erol Gürpınar, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Altunkaya and Prof. Dr. Ahmet Ögke, Advisor to the Rector Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Medicine Prof. Dr. Cem Oktay, Erasmus+ Faculty Coordinator of the Faculty of Medicine Prof. Dr. Ahter Dilşad Şanlıoğlu, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator Halime Nuran Caner, Faculty of Medicine Erasmus+ Programme Officer Gülçin Gülkokan and Erasmus+ Programme staff from the International Relations Office (IRO) attended the lunch which was held on August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019.



The opening speeches of the event were made by Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter and Prof. Dr. Cem Oktay. In their speeches, they presented their wishes for success to the students who preferred to study at Akdeniz University. Incoming students shared their satisfaction and happiness for the opportunities given by the Akdeniz University Faculty of Medicine.





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### AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY IS PLEASED TO WELCOME NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International student candidates who became eligible to attend Akdeniz University associate degree and undergraduate degree programmes as a result of the grades they achieved in the Akdeniz University International Student Examination (AKDENİZ YÖS-2019), completed the registration process during August and September 2019. The international students have started the courses for the 2019/2020 academic year. After the completion of the first and the second stage of placement process, the third placement procedures have been operated to allocate the remaining available places to candidates who have not yet been placed on any diploma programme.



The undergraduate programmes in the Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Dentistry, Faculty of Communication, Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Tourism and the associate programmes in the Vocational School of Social Sciences have been the most preferred programmes. We are very pleased to welcome international students to our university and we wish them success in their educational life at Akdeniz University.

### AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PROGRAMMES ATTRACT GREAT INTEREST FROM INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Akdeniz University has attracted a great deal of interest due to the availability of an extensive range of graduate programmes which provide high quality and affordable education opportunities. International student applications for graduate programmes were accepted between July 16<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 on <a href="https://obs.akdeniz.edu.tr/oibs/enstitubasvuru/">https://obs.akdeniz.edu.tr/oibs/enstitubasvuru/</a>. Candidates who are eligible to attend Akdeniz University completed the registration process between September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2019.



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### COOPERATION MEETING WITH OLEKSANDR DOVZHENKO GLUKHIV NATIONAL PEDAGOGICAL UNIVERSITY

A cooperation meeting was held in the International Relations Office with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Olena Melynk, Head of the International Cooperation Department of Oleksandr Dovzhenko Glukhiv National Pedagogical University in Ukraine. During the meeting, which was attended by Advisor to the Rector Prof. Dr. Binnur Genç İlter, International Cooperation Coordinator Ayça Altay, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator Halime Nuran Caner, Mevlana Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinator Merve Ayvallı and Alina Aksoy responsible for international students, information about the international activities of the IRO was shared and possibilities for cooperation were also discussed. As part of the cooperation visit of Dr. Melynk, she visited the Faculty of Education to meet with the members of the academic staff to discuss further cooperation fields.



#### **NEW PARTNER UNIVERSITIES**

Akdeniz University has recently signed scientific and educational cooperation protocols with Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv and Oleksandr Dovzhenko Glukhiv National Pedagogical University in Ukraine.







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#### ERASMUS+ ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR INCOMING STUDENTS



On September 17<sup>th</sup> 2019, an orientation programme was organized for incoming students from Europe who will continue their studies at Akdeniz University during the autumn semester of the 2019/2020 academic year under the terms of the Erasmus+ Programme.

#### ERASMUS+ ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR OUTGOING STUDENTS

An orientation programme was organized for the outgoing students who received an Erasmus+ grant for learning mobility under the terms of Erasmus+ Programme. During the programme, the students were provided with information about the culture of life in Europe, the education life in European universities and the procedures that they would have to follow.





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Within the scope of the Mevlana Exchange Programme, 31 students from Azerbaijan, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Russia came to Akdeniz University. The Mevlana students will attend courses during the autumn semester of the 2019/2020 academic year. Under the terms of the Mevlana Exchange Programme, 3 students from Akdeniz University went to Bosnia-Herzegovina and Russia to study at partner universities during the autumn semester.



### MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR OUTGOING STUDENTS

Within the scope of the Mevlana Exchange Programme, an orientation programme was held for Akdeniz University students who are eligible to attend a student exchange during the autumn semester of the 2019/2020 academic year. During the programme, Mevlana Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinator Lect. Merve Ayvallı and the staff responsible for the Mevlana Exchange Programme Ayşe Balkaya and



Serhan Karaloğlu provided information about the procedures they should follow and the educational and cultural life they are going to experience in the host countries.



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### 2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR PROJECT-BASED INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME PROJECTS

❖ Within the framework of the Mevlana Exchange Programme of the Council of Higher Education (CoHE), the "Project-Based International Exchange Programme" aims to increase the quality in the internationalization process of the higher education system in conformity with "Internationalization of Higher Education" approach of the CoHE.



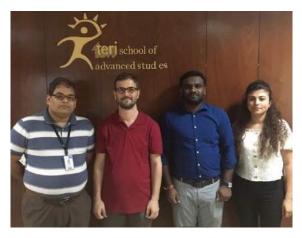
Within the scope of the "Project-Based Mevlana Exchange Programme" which enables the mobility of students and academic staff, Prof. Dr. Veli Ortaçeşme and Prof. Dr. Meryem Atik academic staff members from the Department of Landscape Architecture in the Faculty of Architecture and Prof. Dr. Habib Muhammetoğlu from the Department of Environmental Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering completed their staff mobility programmes at Chiba University in Japan between the dates of July 6<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 2019.

Under the terms of the project of Prof. Dr. Veli Ortaçeşme, Assoc. Prof. Noriko Akita from Chiba University completed her teaching mobility in the Department of Landscape Architecture between September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2019. Within the framework of the project, a master's degree student and a PhD student from the Department of Landscape Architecture had the opportunity to study at Chiba University during the spring semester.



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❖ Within the scope of the Project-Based Mevlana Exchange Programme, Assist. Prof. Dr. Nusret Demir from the Department of Space Sciences and Technologies in the Faculty of Science, whose project had been accepted by the CoHE, completed his teaching mobility at Teri School of Advanced Studies in India between the dates of May 18<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> 2019.



As part of his project, a master's degree student from the Department of Remote Sensing and Geographical Information Systems went to Teri School of Advanced Studies.

❖ Within the scope the Project-Based Mevlana Exchange Programme project of Prof. Dr. İsmail Tufan, whose project had also been accepted by the CoHE, Prof. Dr. İsmail Tufan and Dr. Ikuko Murakami from the Department of Gerontology completed their academic mobilities at J. F. Oberlin University in Japan between the dates of June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019.

### 2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR PROJECT-BASED INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME PAK-TÜRK PROJECT

Within the scope of the agreement signed by the Council of Higher Education (CoHE) in Turkey and the Higher Education Commission (HEC) in Pakistan, as part of the project of Prof. Dr. Mehmet İnan from the Department of Food Engineering, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Faiza Saleem from the Lahore College for Women in Pakistan completed her teaching mobility at the Department of Food Engineering between the dates of July 19<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup> 2019.

### 2019/2020 ACADEMIC YEAR PROJECT-BASED INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME PROJECT

Within the framework of the Project-Based Mevlana Exchange Programme, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yasemin Küçük from the Department of Physics in the Faculty of Science went to the USA to carry out the academic staff mobility in Texas A&M University-Commerce between the dates of September 15<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup> 2019.



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#### MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME INCOMING ACADEMIC STAFF

Under the terms of the Mevlana Exchange Programme, Prof. Dr. Vasila Hajiyeva, member of the academic staff from Western University in Azerbaijan, attended an academic staff exchange in the Akdeniz University Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences between April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup> 2019. Prof. Dr. Hajiyeva said of the programme; "Mevlana Exchange Programme is one of the best ways to share information and Akdeniz University International Relations Office plays an important role in coordinating the programme".

#### **IAESTE PROGRAMME**



Within the scope of IAESTE (the International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience), of which Akdeniz University is a member, the 2019/2020 academic year applications for an international internship will be accepted online between October 8<sup>th</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup> 2019.

#### SEMINAR ON JEAN MONNET SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

An information seminar was held by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Directorate for EU Affairs on September 23<sup>th</sup> 2019 to promote Jean Monnet Scholarship Programme. During the seminar, Selman Çetin, Antalya Representative of the Directorate for EU Affairs, provided information on the applications for the 2020/2021 academic year Jean Monnet Scholarship Programme to Akdeniz University students and members of the academic and administrative staff.





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#### THE 3<sup>rd</sup> WORKSHOP OF THE "GUIA2" PROJECT IN CZECH REPUBLIC

The third workshop 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 Prague, Czech Republic between July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 4<sup>th</sup> 2019. 13 participants from 6 different organizations attended the project workshop and the "Menteatral Festival", in which theatre groups working with people with learning disabilities were presented. In order to represent the Akdeniz University project team, project coordinator Dr. Rabia Vezne, Emel Kahraman from the IRO and Ayfer Sayıt from the Vocational School of Technical Sciences attended the workshop which was hosted by the project partner "Teatralie".







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#### THE 4th WORKSHOP OF THE "GUIA2" PROJECT IN NORTHERN IRELAND

The fourth workshop of the "GUIA2" Erasmus+ KA2 Adult Education Strategic Partnership Project in which Akdeniz University is the coordinator, and funded by the Turkish National Agency, was held in Belfast in Northern Ireland between September 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2019. The workshop was attended by 13 participants from 7 different organizations.



The workshop participants learnt about the method of the hosting organization and also attended the "Bounce Arts Festival". The fourth workshop in Belfast was hosted by the project partner "Arts & Disability Forum". Akdeniz University was represented by the members of the project team Alina Aksoy from the IRO and Ayfer Sayıt from the Vocational School of Technical Sciences.





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### THE 3<sup>rd</sup> WORKSHOP OF THE "THEATRE PITCHING FOR EMPLOYMENT" ERASMUS+ KA2 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PROJECT IN SLOVENIA

The third 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 Maribor in Slovenia between September 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<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 - a sort of a solution for low employability of unemployed young people in Maribor.



The project participants presented the ideas they developed at the end of the 5-day workshop. The workshop was hosted by the project partner "Prizma Foundation" and it was attended by EU Projects Coordinator Dr. Rabia Vezne and Ayça Altay from the project team.





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#### "ERASMUS WITHOUT PAPER" WORKSHOP AT SELÇUK UNIVERSITY

A workshop titled "Erasmus Without Paper" was held at Selçuk University in Konya with the coordination of the Turkish National Agency on September 30<sup>th</sup> 2019. The workshop was attended by Derya Lökçü and Enes Bener who are responsible for Erasmus incoming and outgoing students in the IRO. During the meeting, Erasmus Without Paper (EWP) project was presented to the participants. In accordance with the aim of establishing the European Higher Education Area by 2025, the EWP project, co-funded by the European Commission, is bringing Erasmus administration into the 21<sup>st</sup> century by going digital. EWP aims to replace a paper-based workflow by a digital one.



#### **ESN MEETING**

A meeting was held with the members of Akdeniz University ESN (Erasmus Student Network) with the aim of contributing to the mobility periods of incoming students attending the Erasmus+ Programme at Akdeniz University during the autumn semester of the 2019/2020 academic year.





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#### IN-SERVICE TRAINING ON OFFICE ERGONOMY

An in-service training was held at the IRO with the aim of presenting information about the ergonomic conditions in the workplaces to the staff of the IRO. The training was given by Dr. Sebahat Yaprak Çetin and Res. Asst. Alime Büyük from the Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation in the Faculty of Health Sciences.



THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE TEAM OF AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU A SUCCESSFUL 2019/2020 ACADEMIC YEAR.





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