

# Tourism Faculty Newsletter

## University Administration Visit to the Faculty

Akdeniz University Rector Prof. Dr. Özlenen ÖZKAN and Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Şükrü ÖZEN visited our Faculty on September 23, 2024, and held the first meeting within the scope of the "Academic Unit Evaluation Meetings". We would like to express our gratitude to Rector and Vice Rector for their visit and their valuable interaction with our Faculty's academicians and students.



## Achievement at National Level 2024 YKS Tourism Programs Ranking

According to the base scores for the National Examination 2024 Placement Results, Tourism Faculty, with all its departments, achieved the first-place ranking among the tourism faculties within the state universities in Turkey. This success has been ongoing since 2017. On behalf of our Faculty, we would like to extend our gratitude to University Rectorate, university and faculty's members and stakeholders for their continuous support.



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## Our Faculty Member on the List of the World's Most Influential Scientists



Scientists from 22 major branches and 174 sub-branches worldwide were evaluated by Stanford University, considering indicators such as citations, H-index, Hm-index, C-score, and citations by author order. Our faculty member from the Tourism Management Department, Prof. Dr. Tahir ALBAYRAK, was included in the "List of the World's Most Influential Scientists" in the "Annual Impact" category. We sincerely congratulate our faculty member on this remarkable achievement and wish him continued success.

## News from Faculty Members



From 5-6 September 2024, in the field of "Tourism", "Adilcevaz Tourism, Culture and Development Workshop" was organized by Bitlis Eren University (BEU) Adilcevaz Vocational School (Vocational School), which was included in the "Regional Development Focused Mission Differentiation and Specialization Program".

Our Faculty Member Prof. Dr. F. Özlem GÜZEL participated in the workshop as Moderator and Organizing Committee Member.

**TUADER Provincial Representative and Deputy Election:** Following the 4th Ordinary General Assembly Meeting determined by the new association management, the provincial representatives and deputies in 81 provinces of the Tourism Academicians Association (TUADER) were elected. Our faculty member Prof. Dr. F. Özlem GÜZEL was elected as the "Provincial Representative", while Assoc. Prof. Dr. Adem ARMAN was elected as the "Deputy Provincial Representative".

## Faculty Departments' Orientation Meetings



Between October 1 and 3, orientation meetings for freshman students in the 2024-2025 academic year were held by each faculty department. During these meetings, faculty members and administrative staff shared information about our University, Faculty and Departments, while answering all students' questions.

## Students Technical Visits



Within the scope of the Cultural Heritage Management course, on October 1, 2024 students from the Tourism Guidance Department visited Antalya Museum accompanied by Dr. Aylin GÜVEN HAMURİŞÇİ. We express special gratitude to Archaeologist Benay ÖZCAN ÖZLÜ for her support.

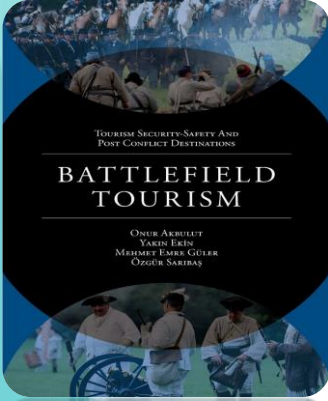
## Meetings at Faculty

**Internal Stakeholder Meetings:** On August 19, 2024, internal stakeholder meetings were held with our administrative staff to review administrative processes. Furthermore, on October 8, 2024, internal stakeholder meetings were held with faculty research assistants to review academic processes.

**Education and Training Commission Meeting:** Our Faculty's Education and Training Commission convened on September 24, 2024, to plan for the 2024-2025 academic year, determine the dates of orientation, advisor-student meetings, and revise the Faculty operation calendar.

# Graduation Ceremony for the 2023-2024 Academic Year

At the Akdeniz University 2023-2024 Academic Year Graduation Ceremony, 230 of our graduates who successfully completed their education proudly threw their caps. After the speeches, certificates and plaques were presented to the top-ranking students among our graduates. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our graduates and wish them success in the exciting new chapters of their lives.



## International Book Publication Edited by Faculty Member

On June 24, 2024, the international book titled "Tourism Security-Safety and Post-Conflict Destinations – Battlefield Tourism", was published by Emerald Publishing Limited. Among the editors of this publication is Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yakın EKİN from our Recreation Management Department. We sincerely congratulate our faculty member on this achievement and wish him continued success.

## Academic and Administrative Changes at Faculty

Prof. Dr. Bahattin ÖZDEMİR has been appointed as the Head of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department of our faculty, and Prof. Dr. F. Özlem GÜZEL has been appointed as the Head of Tourism Guidance Department. We wish our faculty members success in their new positions.

## New Issue of Faculty Journal

The September 2024 issue of our Faculty's internationally refereed journal "Advances in Hospitality and Tourism Research (AHTR)", which is indexed in ESCI, Scopus and TR Index, has been published. All issues of AHTR, which publishes four issues per year, can be accessed and article submissions can be made via DergiPark at: <https://dergipark.org.tr/en/pub/ahtr>

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