

Tourism Faculty Newsletter

FACULTY'S SUCEES AT NATIONAL LEVEL: 2025 YKS TOURISM PROGRAMMES RANKING BY MINIMUM ADMISSION SCORES



According to the 2025 ÖSYM-YKS placement results, as has been the case since 2017, the departments of Akdeniz University Faculty of Tourism once again ranked first among tourism faculty departments at public universities admitting students through the same score type, based on their minimum admission scores.

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Success of Our Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Students

Our Gastronomy and Culinary Arts students Umur KOCAOĞLU, Ali NEÇETİN ve Javidan JAHANGİRZADE, who represented our University in the “Local Chef International University Competition” held as part of the International GastroAntep Gastronomy Festival on Sunday, 14 September 2025, won first place. We congratulate our students and the faculty members of the Department for their support and wish them continued success.



Information Meeting on Social Awareness and Community Contribution Projects



As part of the activities of our Faculty's Education and Training Commission, an “Information Meeting on the Process Management of Social Awareness and Community Contribution Projects” was held on 23 September 2025. During the meeting, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Janset AYTEMUR, a faculty member at Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, shared her experience regarding the management of the course process with our faculty members.

Orientation Meetings of Our Departments

The Tourism Management, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts, Tourist Guidance, and Recreation Management Departments held orientation meetings for first-year students between 23 and 25 September 2025. During the meetings, students were introduced to the Faculty and their respective departments and were provided with information about international programmes.



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



More than 200,000 scientists worldwide across 22 scientific fields and 174 subfields were evaluated by Stanford University based on indicators including citations, the h-index, hm-index, c-score, and citations adjusted for authorship position. Prof. Dr. Tahir ALBAYRAK, a faculty member of the Tourism Management Department, was included in the “World’s Most Influential Scientists List” under the “Annual Impact” category. We congratulate our faculty member on this internationally recognised achievement and wish him continued success in his academic work.

Internationalisation Activities

Erasmus+ Outgoing Staff Mobility: Erasmus+ Within the scope of the Erasmus+ Programme 2024 Project Period KA171 Staff Mobility for Training, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ferhan BALCI TORUN, a faculty member of the Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department, visited Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic for 14 days in June 2025.



During the same period, Res. Asst. Ismahan Nur ÜSTÜNDAĞ from the Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department visited Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo under the Short-Term Doctoral Student Traineeship Mobility programme and participated in a 14-day international mobility activity.

Our Faculty Members’ Participation in Scientific Events

Res. Asst. Dr. Aylin GÜVEN HAMURIŞÇI from the Tourist Guidance Department participated in the seminar titled “Unknown Aspects of Antalya’s Flora and Vegetation,” organised by the Antalya Provincial Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry in cooperation with the Antalya Chamber of Tourist Guides and the Antalya Provincial Directorate of Culture and Tourism on 3 September 2025.



Our Faculty Members' Participation in Scientific Events

Vice Dean, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ferhan BALCI TORUN, and Prof. Dr. Özlem GÜZEL, a head of the Tourist Guidance Department, attended the meetings of the Antalya Provincial Promotion and Development Board organised by the Antalya Governorship on 17 July and 17 September 2025 with participation of representatives of the General Directorate of Promotion of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and the Türkiye Tourism Promotion and Development Agency.



Book Publication by Our Faculty Member

The book titled *Tourism Experience: A Multidimensional Approach from Theory to Practice through Case Studies*, edited by Prof. Dr. Özlem GÜZEL, a faculty member of the Tourist Guidance Department, has been published by Nobel Academic Publishing.

Academic and Administrative Changes at Our Faculty

Hava KESKİN, a faculty member of the Tourist Guidance Department, and Ferhan BALCI TORUN, a faculty member of the Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department, were awarded the academic title of Associate Professor.

Murad Alpaslan KASALAK, a faculty member of the Recreation Management Department, was awarded the academic title of Professor. We congratulate our faculty members and wish them continued success.

New Issue of Our Faculty Journal

The September issue of “Advances in Hospitality and Tourism Research (AHTR)”, our Faculty’s international peer-reviewed journal, has been published. The articles included in Volume 13, Issue 3 of 2025, together with general information about the journal, are available through DergiPark: <https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/pub/ahtr>

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