

## Our Rector and Senate Members Participate in the Higher Education Academic Year Opening Ceremony



2019-2020 Academic Year was opened on 18 September 2019, Wednesday with a ceremony held at the Presidential Complex Congress and Cultural Center in Ankara. Speaking at the 2019-2020 Higher Education Academic Year Opening Ceremony, President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan underlined that education has always been among their top priorities and said: "From our academic staff and teachers and administrators of public and private education institutions to our students and parents, our hearts and ears are open to everyone who has something to say about education."



Our University was represented in the 2019-2020 Higher Education Academic Year Opening Ceremony by Rector Prof. Dr. Gülfetdin Çelik, Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Fatih Sanoğlu, and Senate members including Prof. Dr. İbrahim Subaşı, Dean of our Faculty of Law, Prof. Dr. Hasan Küçük-kolbaşı, Dean of our Faculty of Dentistry, Prof. Dr. Hamdi Genç, Dean of our Faculty of Political Sciences, and Prof. Dr. Ali Tan, Dean of our Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture.

## Prof. Dr. M. A. Yekta Saraç, President of YÖK, Visits IMU



Prof. Dr. M. A. Yekta Saraç, President of Turkish Council of Higher Education (YÖK), visited our University on September 23, 2019 and met Rector Prof. Dr. Gülfetdin Çelik, the members of our Senate and Board of Directors, Deans, Vice Deans, and Heads of Departments.

President of YÖK Saraç, had a meeting with our academic staff, in which he provided information about the latest developments in Turkish higher education system. He noted that Turkish higher education system has come a long way toward achieving many of its quantitative goals and their next goal is "to ensure performance- and merit-based progress", a goal which YÖK cannot achieve on its own, but all universities should reach a consensus on the issue.



In the later part of his speech, the President of YÖK provided detailed information about their innovative projects and efforts based on the new YÖK concepts such as diversification of universities, mission differentiation oriented toward regional development, specialization and research universities, prioritized fields, transfer of authority to universities, and digital literacy, as well as chief problems in Turkish higher education. The speech was followed by a Q&A session with our academic staff.

At the end of the meeting, Rector Prof. Dr. Gülfetdin Çelik presented a commemorative gift to the President of YÖK, Prof. Dr. M. A. Yekta Saraç.

## An Enthusiastic Welcome to our New Students in our Orientation Week



We have completed our Orientation Week organized on 24-25-26 September for our new students who registered and started their studies in 2019-2020 academic year in the English preparation program or first-year courses in their respective programs. For three days in a row, our students were provided information about our University through the informative presentations by the staff of our Departments of Health, Culture and Sports, Library and Documentation, Student Affairs, and Information Technologies.

On the first of the Orientation Days held on September 24 in our South Campus, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Fatih Sarıoğlu congratulated the students for the new academic year said: "Last year, you were studying for your dreams and now, you are where you can realize them."



The 2<sup>nd</sup> of the orientation days was held in Cevizli campus on September 25. Secretary General Assoc. Prof. Faruk Bal delivered the opening speech, in which he underlined the young and dynamic quality of our University and the advantages of the fact that it is located in the culturally rich city Istanbul.

On the last day of the Orientation Week organized in our Orhanlı Campus, the opening speech was delivered by Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Yaşar Bülbül, who congratulated our students for their success in being selected for our programs and emphasized our strength in having such a distinguished academic staff and the fact that we always support our students in their self-improvement.



Throughout the week, students representing our student clubs opened booths to introduce their activities to new students. For three days, the events in the conference halls were followed by lunches in the Khedive Palace and Bosphorus tours, all organized by our Department of Health, Culture and Sports for our students.



## Turkey's Most Powerful Engine is Built with the Support of our University



The TÜBİTAK-KAMAG project titled "Modernization of TLM16V185 Type Heavy-Duty Diesel Engine" supported by the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Istanbul Medeniyet University, has completed its first period successfully. Dr. Hasan Köten, faculty member of our Department of Mechanical Engineering, is also a member of the project team. The project's design, analysis, production and testing phases will all be carried out in Turkey and the project will also contribute to Turkey's National Power Pack and technological independence. To be completed in a four-year time frame, this high-budget project is a first in Turkey. With a total budget of 63 million Turkish Liras, it is one of the projects supported by TÜBİTAK with the highest budget. We congratulate our Department of Mechanical Engineering and wish them him continued success in their project.



## Our Doctors Create a Miracle in our Hospital



Aziz Mert Yavuz jumped into the sea and got paralyzed when he was 18 and the doctors told he would not be able to walk again. But now, four years after the accident, he can walk thanks to his treatment in Istanbul Medeniyet University Göztepe Training and Research Hospital. Aziz Mert Yavuz, a university student, has experienced this miracle of only one percent possibility not only through his perseverance, but also thanks to the efforts of the members of our Faculty of Medicine serving in our hospital.

Prof. Dr. Belgin Erhan, faculty member of the Division of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation of the Department of Internal Medicine at Istanbul Medeniyet University Faculty of Medicine who treated the patient, noted that in addition to many other procedures, they used a special method of treatment called botox to prevent contractions in his legs.

### Rector of Al-Quds University Visits Our Rector



Professor Imad Abu Kishek, Rector of Al-Quds University, visited our Rector Prof. Dr. Gülfettin Çelik with his entourage. During the visit, the two rectors had a meeting on joint projects.

### Our Rector Meets our Staff who are Veterans and Relatives of Veterans



On the occasion of the Veterans' Day on September 19, Rector Prof. Dr. Gülfettin Çelik and his entourage had a meeting with our University staff who are veterans and relatives of veterans.



On this significant day, our Rector delivered a speech, in which he noted that our ancestors later experienced many hardships and pains during the Crimean War 1877-1878 Ottoman-Russian War, Balkan War, and the 1st World War and Turkish nation suffered from difficult conditions such as migration, exile, war, and terror throughout history. Our Rector said to our staff who are veterans and relatives of veterans: "We are a society of veterans and martyrs and thus constitute an exception in the world. You have also suffered from hardships and probably had painful experiences but you must feel a different kind of pride. For being a veteran or relative of a veteran is a reason for pride. As such, I believe that being with you gives a special meaning to Istanbul Medeniyet University."

At the end of the meeting, the staff were presented commemorative gifts and the meeting ended with souvenir photo-taking.

### Our Rector Meets our Students Competing in the UAV Contest as part of Teknofest Istanbul



In Yenikapı Recreation and Event Area, Rector Prof. Dr. Gülfettin Çelik and his entourage met the members of TEAM IMU consisting of three students of our Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering who have participated in the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Competition as part of TEKNOFEST ISTANBUL Aerospace and Technology Festival.

TEAM IMU consists our students Suat Bozkurt, Nisanur İlhan, and Ferdi Dumandağ, who are supervised by our faculty member Asst. Prof. Haluk Bayram. Our Rector and his entourage first conversed with the students about the unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) designed and produced for the competition and later toured around the Teknofest Istanbul festival area.

### First Phase of the 'Unregistered Turkish Manuscripts in Berlin Project' Successfully Completed



The first phase the Project on 'Identification of the Unregistered Turkish Manuscripts in Berlin State Library' has been successfully completed. The project is conducted by Dr. Güler Doğan Averbek, member of our Faculty of Education Sciences, and supported by our Scientific Research Projects Unit.

Of 3308 volumes of Turkish manuscripts found in the Oriental Studies Section of Berlin State Library (Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin), which is one of the largest public libraries in Germany, 1977 were classified from 1889 to 1981; however, no studies have been conducted on 1331 manuscripts. In order to identify these manuscripts which are currently closed to researchers' access, Oriental Studies Department of Berlin State Library called for a project, which was then launched with the support of Istanbul Medeniyet University. During the first phase of the project, Dr. Güler Doğan Averbek and Ahmet Emin Saraç revised and generated classification tags for all unregistered manuscripts. During the later stages of the project, the findings will be shared with the academic community.

## World SCI Day Event by our Faculty of Medicine



In 2016, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Spinal Cord Society (ISCoS) suggested 5th September as "World Spinal Cord Injury Day" and since then, this day has been observed every year in 35 countries with simultaneous events. The Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department of IMU Faculty of Medicine organized a World SCI Day event, in which five individuals with spinal cord injury who live life to the fullest (Ramazan Baş, Nil Mısır, Emriye Kaya, Suphiye Dağ, Murat Öz) were invited as speakers.



The event was held in the Conference Hall of IMU Faculty of Medicine in Göztepe Training and Research Hospital on September 5, 2019 and was attended by Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Yaşar Bülbül; Prof. Dr. Kemal Memişoğlu, the Provincial Health Director of İstanbul; Prof. Dr. Mustafa Taşdemir, Dean of our Faculty of Medicine; Prof. Dr. Gürhan Baş, Chief Physician of Göztepe Training and Research Hospital; Dr. Hakan Bahadır, Mayor of Bahçelievler district; other guests, hospital employees, our patients, and their families.

## Istanbul Medeniyet University Press is Active Again

"Regulation on İstanbul Medeniyet University Press" was discussed and unanimously approved by the University Senate on 11.09.2019, which marks the restart of the publishing services by our University. In this context, the "Publishing Services" tab has been created on the web page of our Library and Documentation Department, which can be used by our academic staff to apply for publishing services.



## Our Department of Turkish Music Creates the Turkish Music Chorus

A "Turkish Music Chorus" is created by our Department of Turkish Music. Chorus members will be delivered seminars on various subjects including Vocal Training, Mimicry and Elocution, Style and Repertoire in Turkish Music. All students and staff may attend the chorus. The first meeting for the chorus will be held on September 4, 2019.



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