

IMU Signs Cooperation Protocols with Belarusian Universities



Prof. Dr. M.A. Yekta Saraç, President of the Council of Higher Education (YÖK), made an official visit to Belarus on October 1-2, 2019, upon an invitation by Igor Karpenko, Education Minister of Belarus, in order to discuss potential collaboration areas in higher education and scientific research between the two countries.

During the visit, President Saraç was accompanied by Prof. Dr. Rahmi Er, Vice President of YÖK, as well as our Rector Prof. Dr. Gülfettin Çelik; Rectors of Gebze Technical, Karabük, and Selçuk Universities; and Dean of the Political Sciences Faculty of Istanbul University.

On the first day of the visit to Belarus, President Saraç and Belarus Education Minister Karpenko held a meeting where they discussed how to implement the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2016 for collaboration in higher education between the two countries.

On October 2, Wednesday, President Saraç and Belarus Education Minister Karpenko participated in the opening ceremony of "Belarusian-Turkish Inter-University Forum" and signed the "Protocol for Improving Cooperation in Higher Education between Belarus and Turkey" for 2020-2021. Rector Prof. Dr. Gülfettin Çelik also signed MoU's with Belarusian universities for collaboration in various fields. In this context, Istanbul Medeniyet University signed Mevlana protocols with Belarusian State University and Belarusian National Technical University. Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Çelik held a meeting with Belarusian State Medical University to discuss potential collaboration for education and research in health care.



IMU Attends YÖK 100/2000 Student Meeting



Implemented by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK), the "YÖK 100/2000 PhD Scholarship Program" has been active since 2016-2017 academic year. As part of this program, 2000 students are offered scholarships every year in 100 areas of priority from master of engineering to R&D in health needed by Turkey for its development and high tech production. Since 2016-2017 academic year, about 3,700 students have received PhD scholarships and currently a total of 28 students in IMU benefit from the program. As a recent development, since the beginning of 2019, YÖK has organized meetings for its PhD scholarship holders under its "100/2000 PhD Scholarship Project". After the first three student meetings in three different provinces, the fourth of the YÖK 100/2000 Scholarship Holders' Meetings was held in Istanbul University on October 21, 2019.



IMU Rector Prof. Dr. Gülfettin Çelik attended the meeting with our 28 PhD bursars. The meeting was also attended by President of YÖK Prof. Dr. M. A. Yekta Saraç and Prof. Dr. Naci Gündoğan, member of YÖK Executive Committee, along with the rectors of other public universities in Istanbul. During the meeting, students and academic staff shared their experiences and feelings about the scholarship project and the opening remarks were delivered by President of YÖK Prof. Dr. M. A. Yekta Saraç and Prof. Dr. Mahmut Ak, Rector of Istanbul University. The second part of the meeting focused on the topics "Being a YÖK 100/2000 PhD Bursar" and "Experiences and Recommendations", followed by an overall assessment of the current situation for the scholarship holders. A Q&A meeting was performed with the bursars in the final session.

IMU Supports Happy Cities Through Kartepe Summit



Kartepe Summit is organized for the third time this year by Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality under the main theme "Urbanization and Happy Cities" and the press conference for the summit was held on October 22 in Kartepe, the leading winter tourism destination in Kocaeli. First Lady Emine Erdoğan acts as the President of the summit's Honorary Board, which also included our Rector Prof. Dr. Gülfettin Çelik as one of members. Our University has been among the supporters of the summit, of which leading universities in Turkey are stakeholders.

Tahir Büyükkakın, Mayor of Kocaeli, organized a press meeting to inform the public about the details of the summit held on October 25-27. He was accompanied in the meeting by our Rector Prof. Dr. Gülfettin Çelik, along with Prof. Dr. Sadettin Hülagü, Rector of Kocaeli University, Prof. Dr. M. Hasan Aslan, Rector of Gebze Technical University, Prof. Dr. Mahmut Ak, Rector of Istanbul University, and Prof. Dr. Sevgi Kurtulmuş, President of the Board of Overseers in the International University of Sarajevo.

During the press meeting, Mayor of Kocaeli Tahir Büyükkakın gave the following details about the summit: "In the summit we will discuss with scientists and experts the problems concerning areas with direct effect on the quality of urban life such as accommodation, transportation, employment, environment, hygiene, social services, culture and art, health, sports, urban crimes, climate, disasters, and safety to identify what to do to attain happy cities."

Rectors of the stakeholder universities also spoke in the press meeting and Rector Prof. Dr. Gülfettin Çelik said: "We have huge problems in the cities. However, the solution we came up with as a nation for cities in the classical era could guarantee happiness, peace and the ability to raise generations in a livable environment for all urban residents from all social strata. It is clear that we can once again successfully keep up with the potential developments created by the recent improvements in production and transportation technologies in the 21st century. First of all, people need to unite around a shared mission once and for all. For states were the main focus in the 20th century. In time, the focus of our agenda changed to companies and now to cities. We are living in a world that transcends states and companies. Anything that is generated here is a message to New York and Tokyo alike."

The three-day summit hosted prominent NGOs, experts and scientists from all around the world and included 15 panels-conferences, 13 academic sessions, 4 case analyses, 2 forums, and a workshop on urban economy, jobs and employment.



Our Human Rights Research Center is Established

"Istanbul Medeniyet University Human Rights Research Center" was officially established by its regulation published in the Official Gazette dated 08.10.2019 no 30912. As specified in the regulation, the Center aims to "conduct theoretical and practical research and activities in order to ensure recognition, protection, implementation, and promotion of human rights with a focus on national and international law through an interdisciplinary approach in human rights law and humanitarian law and by using scientific methods."

In line with its founding purpose, our Human Rights Research Center will form various subdivisions on human rights such as the rights of martyrs and veterans, women, children, youth, senior citizens, disabled individuals, refugees, immigrants, asylum seekers, disadvantaged groups, victims, gifted individuals, minorities, and the poor. Furthermore, the Center also plans to open a "Turkish Female Murders Observatory" in collaboration with national and international organizations and to contribute to human rights activities conducted by the United Nations and affiliated organizations such as UNESCO and International Labor Organization. The Center will carry out scientific and academic activities to raise awareness about human rights among disadvantaged groups and enhance their access to human rights and will organize national and international conferences, symposia, seminars, and similar events on human rights law and humanitarian law.

We believe that establishment of Istanbul Medeniyet University Human Rights Research Center constitutes a significant step toward realizing our vision of "contributing to global peace and adopting humanitarian values" and "intention to become a university oriented toward Social Responsibility" and wish that it will bring many rewards for our University, country, and nation.

The First of Medeniyet Audiology Days Held



Our Department of Audiology organized the first of Medeniyet Audiology Days this year on October 24 and Prof. Dr. Nazım Korkut, Prof. Dr. Sertaç Yetişer, Prof. Dr. Tayyar Kalcıoğlu, Prof. Dr. Gül Özbilen Acar, Prof. Dr. Bülent Şerbetçioğlu, Asst. Prof. Başak Mutlu, Asst. Prof. Sıdıka Cesur, Audiology Specialist Merve Torun Topçu, Audiology Specialist Leyla Türe, Audiologist Sami Aktaş, and Mine Tuna contributed to the meeting with their illuminating presentations. The meeting hosted a total of 300 attendees, most of whom were students of the undergraduate program in Audiology. The opening ceremony for the 1st Medeniyet Audiology Days was attended by Rector Prof. Dr. Gülfettin Çelik and Dean of our Faculty of Health Sciences, Prof. Dr. Ayşe Okanlı. Among the sponsors were the firms Duyumed İşitme, Ear Teknik, and Erişçi Elektronik.



Turkish Courses Start in IMU TÖMER



Turkish courses in IMU TÖMER (Turkey Education Application and Research Center) for the 2019-2020 academic year started in the first week of October. IMU TÖMER has students from different countries including Madagascar, Peru, Chile, Philippines, Uzbekistan, Indonesia, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Egypt, Iran, Algeria, Morocco, Russia, Ukraine, Mongolia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Crimea, Macedonia, and Kosovo. On October 24, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Yaşar Bülbül and Secretary General Assoc. Prof. Faruk Bal visited IMU TÖMER Directorate and met and conversed with the students in the classrooms. Warmly greeting the students, they wished them success in learning Turkish. During their visit, our Vice Rector and Secretary General also received information from the Director Assoc. Prof. Ahmet Koçak about the activities of the center.

Our Medical Students Give Moral Support to our Pediatric Patients with Music



A music band formed by a few senior students of our Faculty of Medicine organized a small-scale moral concert for the patients under treatment in our Pediatric Hematology and Oncology service. The band includes Ahmet Salih Karaoğlu and Baki Berkay Üner at vocals and the guitar, Hüseyin Furkan Karamekik at kabak kemane, and Abdullah Ayaz playing the violin. The concert was attended and enjoyed by the patients and their families. Our students provided the patients with moral support in addition to medical help with an awareness that won great approval. Following the concert, our students and faculty conversed with the patients and there was consensus that such events should continue.

We congratulate our students for their awareness and wish that such happy events are continued.

Our University Organizes a Symposium on Bilingualism in Cologne



The first International Symposium of Bilingualism Studies and European Turks (BISET) had been organized in Paris in cooperation with Paris Embassy Education Consultancy for the first time in 2018. Now, the second of the symposium was held in Cologne (Germany) on October 10-11, 2019. With the main theme of "Bilingualism", the symposium was jointly organized by Istanbul Medeniyet University and Boğaziçi University with the support of Berlin Embassy Education Consultancy and was hosted by Turkish Maarif Foundation.



The thematic topic of the congress was the "50th Year of Turkish Courses in Germany" within the scope of the 50th anniversary of the Turkish courses in Germany and studies on this topic were given priority. Also, papers on bilingualism and language education were presented during the congress.

The opening remarks and the conference on bilingualism was followed by the sessions. The official languages of the two-day congress were Turkish, German and English. A total of 40 papers were presented in 12 sessions held in two separate halls by researchers from Germany and Turkey, as well as from Uzbekistan, Russia, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, France, and Belgium. New research and research results were introduced and Turkish teaching was discussed in all its aspects throughout the congress, which attracted a lot of attention from teachers teaching Turkish to the Turkish youth in Europe and also their parents.



Great Success of our Students in our Department of Information and Document Management in UNAK 2019



University and Research Librarians Association (UNAK) organized the UNAK 2019 Symposium on October 3-4 in Ayşe İlcak Library at Ankara TED University, which also included a poster competition for students from the departments of information and document management in Turkey.

Three students of our Department of Information and Document Management were granted the 1st, 3rd and 5th places for UNAK2019 Poster Competition Awards. Our student Melek Kılıç won the 1st award with her poster titled "Libraries Meet on Youtube", Yağmur Torun won the 3rd award with her poster "TKD Campus İstanbul: From Self to Union", and Sinem Azade won the 5th award with her work "Information and Document Managers Meet on Common Ground".

We congratulate our students and Coordinator Asst. Prof. Didar Bayır for their success.

IMU TÖMER Students Celebrate Republic Day 29 October with a Bosphorus Tour



On the occasion of the Republic Day on 29 October, Turkish Language Teaching Application and Research Center (IMU TÖMER) organized a Bosphorus Tour for foreign students who are learning Turkish at the institution. The students traveled by Üsküdar Municipality's Valide Sultan Ship and had the opportunity to see the historical, cultural and artistic values of Istanbul from the Bosphorus. IMU TÖMER students from sixteen different countries from Madagascar to Peru, Chile, the Philippines, Algeria, Morocco, Russia, Ukraine and Mongolia talked and mingled with the people on board. They were also provided by the tour guide information about Turkish history and historical buildings on the Bosphorus. During the trip the Director of IMÜ TÖMER Assoc. Prof. Ahmet Koçak, Instructor Mustafa Çağlar and Seval Çilem Aşkın accompanied to our students.

Ashura Feast from our Students



Students of our Gastronomy and Culinary Art Department of the Faculty of Tourism served ashura to the students in the dining hall of our Tuzla-Orhanlı campus on October 10, 2019. As future chefs, our students cooked the ashura in the department kitchen, which was deliciously enjoyed by all.



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