

OUR FACULTY MEMBERS PRESENTED TÜBA AWARDS BY THE PRESIDENT OF TURKEY



"TÜBA-TÜBİTAK Science Awards" ceremony was held at the Beştepe People's Convention and Culture Center on 30 December 2019 and attended by President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Minister of Industry and Technology Mustafa Varank.

In his opening remarks, President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan congratulated the scientists who are entitled to the TÜBİTAK and TÜBA awards and said: "With such achievements, Turkey is taking firm steps towards its 2023 objectives. And these efforts will provide a basis for the 2053 and 2071 vision that we will be entrusting to younger generations." He then commented on the awards as follows: "The awards we will be handing to our scientists here today is a recognition of their efforts. We are now taking the opportunity to commemorate Prof. Dr. Fuat Sezgin, our esteemed scholarship through an award created in his honor. This year, 57 of our scientists are being granted awards. Two scientists from the USA and Canada have won the "TÜBA International Academy Prizes". And a total of five awards will be granted this year in honor of late Fuat Sezgin. All rewarded scholars have produced remarkable studies."

President Erdoğan also commented on hot topics such as locally produced automobile and the opening of the Informatics Valley in his speech and announced the good news for scientific community that "the contributions to be paid to the EU by Turkey in 2020 amounting to about 80 million Euros will be used for our researchers."

Following the opening remarks, President Erdoğan presented the scientists their TÜBİTAK and TÜBA awards along with Minister of Industry and Technology Mustafa Varank, President of TÜBİTAK Prof. Dr. Hasan Mandal, and President of TÜBA Prof. Dr. Muzafer Şeker.

TÜBA Fuat Sezgin Special Individual Award was presented to Prof. Dr. İhsan Fazlıoğlu, faculty member and Dean of our Faculty of Arts and Humanities, for his original significant contributions to national and international research and education in "History of Science and History of Islamic Science".



TÜBA also presented the "Outstanding Young Scientist Awards" to 28 scientists in natural, engineering, health and social sciences and "Scientific Authored Book Awards" to 6 scientists. In this context, Assoc. Prof. Fatih Durgun of our Faculty of Arts and Humanities was awarded with the TÜBA-GEBIP (Outstanding Young Scientist Award) in "History".

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our faculty members who made us proud as a University by receiving these significant awards for their outstanding success personally from our President and wish them increasing and continued success.



OUR DEPARTMENT OF GASTRONOMY AND CULINARY ARTS RANKS THE 2ND IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEST



The 17th International İstanbul Gastronomy Festival was organized by the Turkish Cooks and Chefs Federation (TAŞFED) in Eyüp Culture and Congress Center in 25-28 December 2019.

Third-year students of our Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts, Kadir Dursun, Adem Hıdır, Ebru Ekinci and Büşra Nur Özçelik, came the 2nd in the world with their menu of Smoked Salmon with Tartar Sauce, Veal Steak Fillet Served with Firik Rice with Mixed Herbs, and Napoleon Cake Served with Lemon Cream, which were greatly enjoyed by the jury. We congratulate and thank our students who received the silver medal in the category of "Best University Team of the Year" and Inst. Berrin Onurlar for her support.

OUR STUDENTS CAME THE 4TH IN THE DIGITAL TURKEY IDEA MARATHON



The "Digital Turkey Idea Marathon" is organized by the Turkish Presidency Digital Transformation Office for university students in order to promote the development of feasible and sustainable technology-oriented ideas on Digital Turkey and e-Transformation. Students of our Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering participated in 2019 Digital Turkey Idea Marathon and were one of the 12 teams eligible for the final round from among a total of 169 teams with their artificial intelligence project. Our students then received the 4th prize as the team "Medeniyet Elektronik" in the final round held in Teknopark Ankara on 14 December 2019. We congratulate our students and wish them continued success.

TERM 1 STUDENTS OF OUR FACULTY OF MEDICINE PUT THEIR WHITE COATS ON IN A CEREMONY



The White Coat Ceremony of our Faculty of Medicine for 2019-2020 Academic Year was held on 24 December 2019 in our Âşık Paşa Conference Hall with a large audience. The ceremony was attended by Rector Prof. Dr. Gülfetlin Çelik, members of the Faculty of Medicine, students and their family members.



The first opening remarks were delivered by Prof. Dr. Mustafa Samastı, the Founding Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, who touched upon the meaning of white coat and said: "Medicine is defined as an art, rather than simply being a discipline of science and also encompasses meaning and wisdom in addition to science." Prof. Dr. Samastı then congratulated our students and their parents.

In his opening remarks, Rector Prof. Dr. Gülfetlin Çelik noted that men are shaped by their geography and surroundings and said: "It is in your destiny to be a member of Medeniyet University. Being a student of İstanbul Medeniyet University Faculty of Medicine is a great plus. We are a project university with ten thousand students and 750 academic staff members in 11 faculties; we are the most ambitious university in reaching out social life."

Our Rector underlined that despite our young age and inadequate physical infrastructure, we rank the 29th among 108 universities in Turkey according to the URAP rankings, expressing his firm belief that we will soon climb up to higher ranks and said: "I congratulate you all on this significant day at the start of our lifelong togetherness both for today and the future."

The Rector's speech was followed by the screening of a short video about our Term 1 Medical students. Then, our students were invited to the stage one by one and were put on their white coats by their professors as their first step in the medical profession. The event ended by collective photo shooting.



OUR RECTOR VISITS THE MINISTER OF HEALTH



Rector Prof. Dr. Gülfettin Çelik visited Dr. Fahrettin Koca, the Minister of Health, in his office in Ankara on December 19th. During the meeting, the Minister and Rector had an exchange of ideas on the health education and applications in our University.

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COURT OF ACCOUNTS VISIT OUR RECTOR



Seyit Ahmet Baş and Zekeriya Tüysüz, the President and Vice President of the Turkish Court of Accounts, visited Rector Prof. Dr. Gülfettin Çelik in his office on the 18th of December, Wednesday. During the meeting, the President and Vice President of the Court of Accounts received information about our University from our Rector.

OUR MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER 3 WAS “NO BARRIERS TO SHARING LIFE”



The International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3 was celebrated by our University through an awareness event held in our South Campus Aşık Paşa Conference Hall. During the event, our disabled guests took the floor, helping us in our efforts to understand them better.

The delightful concert performed by Hazar Şengül of our Department of Student Affairs was followed by the opening remarks by Prof. Dr. Afıtap İçağasıoğlu, Head of the Division of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, the Hospital's Chief Physician Prof. Dr. Gürhan Baş, Prof. Dr. Belgin Erhan, a faculty of the Division of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and Erhan Öztürk, a journalist in Sabah.

The final opening speech was delivered by our Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Yaşar Bülbül, who underlined the sensitivity of Istanbul Medeniyet University toward disabled individuals. Prof. Dr. Bülbül noted that the plans of our soon-to-be-built new campus reflect this sensitivity and said: “We expect to be together in our new campus with everyone who know no barriers to life; this is our ambition.”

In the session called “Inside of Life”, our disabled guests who were treated in our hospital took the stage and shared their life stories with the audience. The speeches in this session were delivered by Yusuf Gencer, a freshman student in our History Department who has spinal cord injury; Murat Öz, sportsman, coach and public accountant with spinal cord injury, who won medals in archery in Turkey and Europe; Arda Çınar, a master's student in Computer Engineering in Boğaziçi University, who suffered a stroke; Gökhan Elma, visually impaired third-year student in our Department of Turkish Language and Literature; and Erdal Yalçın, who authored 16 books and studied in two universities despite his 98% disability level, respectively.

At the end of the program, four voluntary medical students and a high-school student participated in the riding experience aimed to build empathy and rode wheelchairs around the campus, after which they shared their feelings and told about the challenges in the experience. The event ended with collective photo shooting.

WE HOST THE MAYOR OF TUZLA IN OUR ORHANLI CAMPUS



On 19 December 2019, our School of Foreign Languages hosted Dr. Şadi Yazıcı, the Mayor of Tuzla, in an event held in the Conference Hall of our Orhanlı Campus. The event was organized by Medeniyet Gemisi Student Club with the support of the School under the title “Conversations on Leadership” and received great interest from our staff and students.

In his opening speech, Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Yaşar Bülbül said: “Our University was established in 2010 by our President in order to build Turkey’s social future. Orhanlı Campus, which was assigned to our University in 2016, was built on an area with a lot of potential for development. I hope that this event will be a good start for our mutual benefit with the Municipality of Tuzla so that we can develop the area further and make use of our campus to contribute to social life in Tuzla; we are ready for any kind of collaboration toward this aim.”

Next, Prof. Dr. Özlem Fedai, Director of our School of Foreign Languages who acted as the moderator of the event, provided information on the activities of Dr. Şadi Yazıcı aiming to turn Tuzla into a region for education. Then, Dr. Şadi Yazıcı talked about his decision to become a mayor, his qualities as a leader from his own perspective, and what he has done to realize his dreams as a mayor. Dr. Yazıcı shared his invaluable experiences with our students and answered their questions at the end of the event.



WE HOLD OUR “ZERO WASTE APPROACH” EVENTS

As part of the “Zero Waste Management Action Plan” created under the auspices of the Presidency of Turkey, our University organized a series of informative meetings to raise awareness for our academic and administrative staff and students under the title “Zero Waste Approach: Preventing Waste Production and Recycling”.

Prof. Dr. Erkan Şahinkaya, head of the Department of Bioengineering, was the speaker at the events, the first of which was held on 28 November 2019 in Cevizli Campus Conference Hall, while the second event was held on 5 December 2019 in South Campus Aşık Paşa Conference Hall and the third on 12 December 2019 in Orhanlı Campus Conference Hall. In his presentations, Prof. Dr. Erkan Şahinkaya provided detailed information about the environmental problems and their social effects around the world and in Turkey, the amount of the waste produced in İstanbul and our country and alternative approaches to their environmental and economic recycling, as well as the significance and aims of the Zero Waste Project in this regard.



WE TRAIN OUR STUDENTS IN FUNDAMENTALS OF VOLUNTEERING



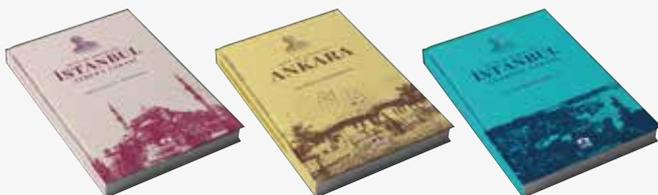
Istanbul Medeniyet University's Youth Office had been established following the declaration of 2019 as the "Year of Volunteering" by our Ministry of Youth and Sports. The Youth Office conducted its first training as part of the "Youth and Volunteering Project" in our North Campus on 19 December 2019. The "Training Program on the Fundamentals of Volunteering" was attended by the administrators and project executives of our student clubs. During the training session, Vice Secretary General Ali Ramazan Tak provided our students with training on project writing and administration as a Project Cycle Management Trainor.

MEHMED ÂKIF ERSOY'S POEMS BROUGHT TO LIGHT THROUGH THE PROJECT "ÂKIF'S CITIES"



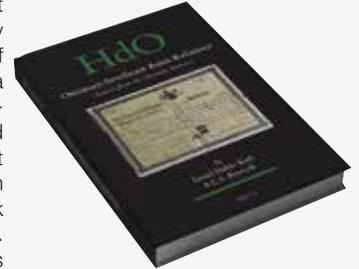
As the fruit of the project "Akif's Cities" carried out and edited by Assoc. Prof. Turgay Anar, of the Department of Turkish Language and Literature at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, a ten-book series has been published telling about the cities where the poet visited for some reason such as civil service, travel or residence. The Project was possible through the efforts of the Municipality of Pendik and Mehmed Akif Ersoy Intellectual and Artistic Foundation. Penned by expert authors, the books deal with the cities of İstanbul: Anatolian and European Sides, Ankara, Kastamonu, Edirne, Berlin, Anatolian Heartland (Balıkesir, Burdur, Antalya, Konya, Eskişehir, Bilecik), Egypt, Arabian Peninsula (Beirut-Damascus-Mecca-Medina-Najd), Adana-Antakya.

As part of Mehmet Akif Ersoy Commemoration Week, a photograph exhibition and a panel under the same title was organized by the Municipality of Pendik on December 25, 2019 to inform readers about the project.



A BOOK BY ASSOC. PROF. İSMAİL HAKKI KADI OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY PUBLISHED BY BRILL

The book "Ottoman-Southeast Asian Relations" authored by Assoc. Prof. İsmail Hakkı Kadi of our Department of History as a product of his ten years of meticulous research has been published by BRILL, one of the most prestigious publishing houses in the world. The two-volume book was also contributed by Prof. Dr. Andrew Peacock of St. Andrews



University as the second author. The work deals with the Ottoman relations with the countries in Southeastern Asia and chiefly with Indonesia and contains documents in Ottoman-Turkish, Malay, Arabic, French, English, Tausug, Burmese and Thai languages, which were obtained from the Presidential Ottoman Archives and are introduced with their English translations. It demonstrates the significance of the Ottoman archives for a better understanding of the history of the countries in Southeastern Asia and also contains letters from the Muslim rulers and communities in the region to Ottoman Sultans, as well as reports by the Ottoman consuls as to the activities of colonialist powers in the region.

DIGITOUR PROJECT COORDINATED BY ISTANBUL MEDENİYET UNIVERSITY (IMU) STARTS IN THE FACULTY OF TOURISM



The first transnational partners meeting of the ERASMUS KA2 DIGITOUR project titled "Development of the Digital Marketing Competence of Adult Learners for Small and Medium-sized Tourism Enterprises (SMTEs) in Europe" was held in the Faculty of Tourism of Istanbul Medeniyet University on 19-20 December 2019 in Istanbul, Turkey.

His project aims to improve digital marketing capabilities of small and medium sized tourism enterprises. The project consists of identifying required digital tourism marketing competences of managers and employees of SMTEs in terms of knowledge, skills, responsibilities and autonomy, designing a qualification framework for 'digital tourism marketer', developing an online/mobile e-learning platform, organizing joint staff training in Greece and in Spain, preparing an e-book and organizing a final conference for sharing outputs of the project. Project participants were: Prof. Dr. Salih KUŞLUVAN from the Tourism Faculty of IMU (project coordinator), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özcan Erkan AKGÜN from IMU Faculty of Educational Sciences, Asst. Prof. Dr. Serkan POLAT and Res. Asst. Bahar TÜRKAY from IMU Tourism Faculty; Serkan GÜMRÜKÇÜ from Professional Hotel Managers Association, Turkey; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vicky KATSONI from International Association of Cultural and Digital Tourism, Greece; Karel Van ISACKER & Maria GORANOVA from PhoenixKM BVBA, Belgium; and Caridad Martínez Carrillo de ALBORNOZ & Jesus Carlos Luna HUERTAS from Inercia Digital SL., Spain.

THE FIRST TRAINING HELD FOR THE PROJECT "FIRST HEALTH IN KADIKÖY AS THE PIONEER"



The project "First Health in Kadıköy as the Pioneer" İstanbul was initiated by the protocol between İstanbul Medeniyet University and Kadıköy District Directorate of National Education. The first training program of the project took place on 20 December 2019 in Kadıköy Public Education Center. This applied training program aimed at increasing teachers' knowledge and skills in first aid. The event began with the ney concert of Nurse Muzafer Çolak. The training program included common incidents that require emergency response. This project was carried out by Associate Professor Aynur Aytekin Öztekin, Research Assistant Özlem Akarsu, and undergraduate students Zelal Çakın, Rojzerin Tay, Agah Aksoy, and İzzet Özer in the Department of Nursing at the Faculty of Health Sciences, İstanbul Medeniyet University. The project is planned to be continued with new training groups.

OUR SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES HOLDS 'A TREE AND A TEACHER' EVENT



Orhanlı Campus with the contributions of IMU Civilization Ship Student Society and School of Foreign Languages within the scope of '24 November Teachers' Day'. The event started with the speech of Prof. Dr. Özlem Fedai, director of the School of Foreign Languages. Afterwards, our teachers who continue to raise students with all their efforts and sacrifices were presented saplings for planting in memory of our esteemed teachers who passed away being committed to the ideal of raising students for the future, especially the head teacher Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. At the end of the event, our teachers planted their saplings together with their students.



THE EVENT "LEARNING FIRST AID THROUGH DRAMA..." BY OUR FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES



The event "Learning First Aid through Drama..." was held in IMU Cevizli Campus Conference Hall on 19 December 2019 by sophomore students of our Nursing Department under the coordinatorship of Assoc Prof. Aynur Aytekin Özdemir, Asst. Prof. Safiye Şahin and Res. Assr. Özlem AKARSU of İstanbul Medeniyet University Faculty of Health Sciences. Planned as a training project for secondary school students, the event was attended by 400 students from Kartal-Şehit Timur Aktemur Secondary School, school principal Emine Barbaros and school teachers. As part of the event, students were trained using creative drama technique for first response in cases common among students in schools that require first aid. The event was held as a pilot study and is planned to be continued to cover the entire Kartal district in the coming days in line with the demands.

INTRODUCTION TO TURKISH CUISINE WITH İMÜ TÖMER STUDENTS



İMÜ TÖMER (Turkish Teaching Center) Students are hosted by one of the famous brands of traditional Turkish cuisine; Hasan Usta Kebab. During the visit, the students from 22 different countries and academic and administrative staff members had a chance to see the preparation of kebab and also had a chance to prepare their own kebab. The students have both witnessed the Turkish hospitality and tasted the delicious Turkish desserts & appetizers in this workshop event.

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