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## UNIVERSITY "KADRI ZEKA" GJILAN CONNECTS THE KOSOVAR BUSINESSES WITH THE EUROPEAN MARKET AND WIN THE FIRST AND THIRD PLACE IN THE INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION FOR WHITE AND RED WINE IN MARIBOR OF SLOVENIA

As a result of the cooperation agreements that University "Kadri Zeka" in Gjilan has with the University of Maribor in Slovenia and with the Association of Kosovo Wine Producers Association "Enology", University "Kadri Zeka" Gjilan and some wine producers of Kosovo have participated in the 10th International Wine Competitions held on September 16, 2017, in Maribor, Slovenia.

University "Kadri Zeka" in Gjilan and Kosovo wine producers won two international quality awards for white and red wine. We won the first place for white wine and we won the third place for red wine. This is the first time that University "Kadri Zeka" Gjilan and Wine Producers are participating in such a European competition.

On this occasion, the Rector of the University "Kadri Zeka" Gjilan, Prof. Assoc. Dr. Bajram Kosumi has received the first prize for the white wine and the third prize for the red wine.

These kind of agreements that University "Kadri Zeka" Gjilan have signed with international partners are a good opportunity for Kosovo's wine-producers to participate in the international wine competition, a very important event, and in particular by giving the Kosovo wine-producers a chance to be present with their wines in the European Union market, by opening the way and opening more and more opportunities for students, professors and Kosovar businesses to expand the international labor market every day.

The 10th international wine competitions was organized by the University of Maribor and supported by the University "Kadri Zeka" Gjilan.



## STUDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY "KADRI ZEKA" GJILAN WAS REPRESENTING REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO AT THE SUMMIT OF PEACE IN SOUTH KOREA

Blerina Ajvazi is a student of the Faculty of Education - The Preschool Programme at University "Kadri Zeka" in Gjilan, who represented the Republic of Kosovo at the forthcoming Peace Summit held in the South Korean Republic.

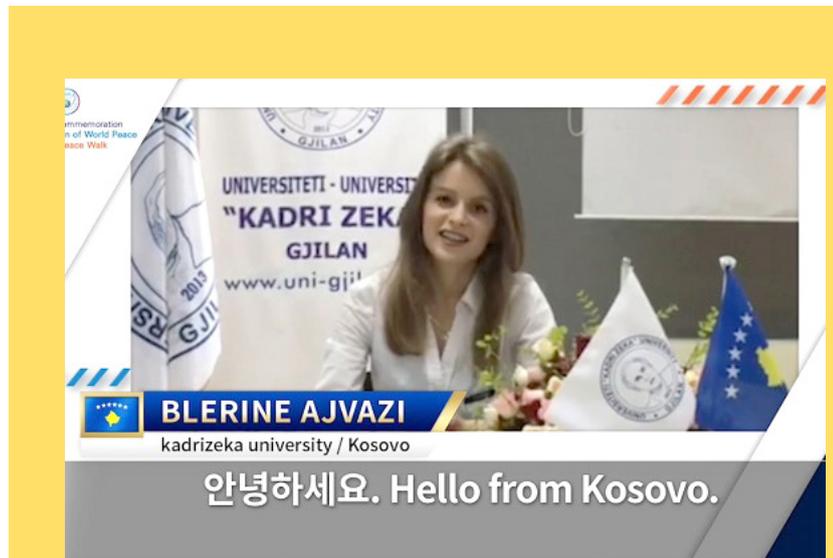
Blerina said that it was a pleasure to introduce her country and Kosovo's youth, showing the world that Kosovo and Albania are models of religious tolerance, cultural and countries that promotes peace.

Student, Blerina Ajvazi has expressed that it was a special feeling for her to be present at the Peace Festival, where she and other participants were dressed in national costumes, thus presenting the culture and tradition of their country, in this case the Albanian tradition. According to Blerina, many participating countries are impressed with Albanian national dresses.

At the same time, Blerina was honored for the fact that while staying in the South Korean Republic, leaders and representatives of the International Peace Youth Group (IPYG), which is a member of the International Women's Peace Group (IWPG) have chosen her as the leader of youth at the Peace Summit.

Unlike after the realization of some university activities, as the peace campaign legislation, broadcasting videos and direct interviews by IPYG in South Korea, Ajvazi was the newest representative of the world, where from all the videos from around the world, which have supported the Peace Declaration and End of Wars in the World, our students' videos were among the most popular videos of the Peace Summit.

The Peace Summit promotes the aims to share experiences in building and developing peace among young people from different countries.



## STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY "KADRI ZEKA" PARTICIPANTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE ORGANIZED BY "ARISTOTEL" UNIVERSITY IN GREECE

Students of the University "Kadri Zeka" in Gjilan, Xheneta Vranovci, Bionda Rexhepi, Vjose Avdiu, Edona Zuzaku and Armend Ahmeti participated in the Youth Conference - Summer School for students and professors organized by the University "Aristotel" in Greece for students and professors of the Black Sea University Network (BSUN) and the Balkan University Association (BUA), whose founder is also the University "Kadri Zeka" in Gjilan.

The theme of the Youth Conference - Summer School was "Institutional, Socio-Economic and Business Challenges for a Better Future".

The event has been a special participation for students to gain a life-changing experience with students from many

different countries, by presenting their impressions to young students and scholars and get useful feedback, to enrich their skills and knowledge of the communication by taking the best knowledge by the professors of the international academic community, and also enjoy the beach and summer time in a spiritual area of Halkidiki in Greece.

This has been a tremendous opportunity for students of University "Kadri Zeka" Gjilan to attend this International Youth Conference as our University is part of the Balkan Universities Association (BUA).

This organization was held at the Summer Camp at "Aristotel" University of Greece during the end of August and ended in the beginning of September 2017.



## UNIVERSITY "KADRI ZEKA" MANAGEMENT HAS HOSTED A DELEGATION FROM THE JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY OF UNITED STATES

Rector of University "Kadri Zeka", Prof. Assoc. Dr. Bajram Kosumi, together with his associates, hosted a delegation from James Madison University from Virginia of United States, accompanied by representatives of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology of the Republic of Kosovo . The JMU delegation consisted of professors: JoAnne Brewster, Michael Stoloff, Vesna Hart and Ahmet Shala.

In this event were also present the leaders of the University of Ferizaj.

This visit was aimed at exchanging information between JMU and University "Kadri Zeka" in order to identify common interests and opportunities for cooperation.

Rector of UKZ, Bajram Kosumi thanked the JMU professors for the visit, while in his speech he concentrated on introducing a short history of "Kadri Zeka" University and the activities of the University. He said that as a new university we are willing to cooperate especially regarding the mobility of students and professors and the possibility of various joint study programs.

Subsequently, the delegation from James Madison University (JMU) continued the meeting with regular academic staff and students of University "Kadri Zeka". In this meeting, each Dean from the four faculties of UKZ, Gezim Tosuni, Dean of the Faculty of Economics, Berat Aqifi, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law, Bashkim Dalipi, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Education, and Xhevdet Thaqi, Dean of the Faculty of the Computer Sciences and Vice-Rector of the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj, Afrim Loku, have presented each one separately the activities of faculties respectively University.

On the other hand, Michael L. Stoloff, a Dean at JMU after presenting the University from where he spoke, talked about the possibilities of co-operation between the two universities, placing greater emphasis on student exchange opportunities for semester or master studies as well as access in digital libraries in order to make more resources available for scientific research in our university.

The JMU delegation visited the working spaces of the University "Kadri Zeka" in Gjilan as well.



**KIRKLARELI UNIVERSITY  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS***Journey to Wisdom***Kirkklareli  
University**

Founded in 2007, Kirkklareli University prioritizes international mobility and joint international research projects as part of its internationalisation strategy. Our University accepts international students without examination as long as they are in the last year of high school or graduated. Over 700 international students from 22 countries (such as Bulgaria, Greece, Turkmenistan, Indonesia, Germany, Moldova... etc.) are studying in Kirkklareli

University. When it comes to exchange programs, our University has 64 Erasmus agreements with 20 European countries. In addition to that, Kirkklareli University signed several protocols with higher education institutions of other countries other than Erasmus. By means of these protocols Kirkklareli University students have the opportunity to get training (with or without scholarship) in the European Union and other countries.

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Institute of Medical Sciences  
Institute of Social Sciences

## “BEE TRACKING SYSTEM” BY KLU STUDENT



Ahmet Faruk Ulus is a student at the Kirklareli University Technology Faculty Mechatronics Engineering Department. He has developed a system which allows beekeepers to track the amount of honey accumulated in the hives, measure the temperature of the hives and record important beekeeping data. Thanks to the “Bee Tracking System”, beekeepers may easily reach this information by using a mobile phone application.

Ulus expressed his thoughts as follows: “In order to realise that Project, I left my previous University and came to Kirklareli. My father is a beekeeper and it has always been difficult for him to track the beehives, because of the distance between our house and the hives. So, I came up with this idea. With the help of this system, anyone can track the recent condition of their hives, no matter what the distance is. It operates with solar energy. We placed humidity, pressure, light and temperature sensors into the hives, in order to track the mobility inside them. You don’t have to open and check them all the time. The software will notify you if the hive is full or if there is any complication. Thus, it would be possible to increase honey productivity.”

Assistant Professor Evren Caglarer, who supported the Project throughout, pointed out that they completed the test phase of study successfully. He declared: “We aim to reduce the number of bee deaths and foster productivity”. Ulus and Caglarer now tackling to reduce the production costs with the intent of offering product to market.



## ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

An Orientation Program for international students was held in the Kırklareli University on September 21st 2017. The program was designed to help new international students to settle in and get to know each other. Neriman Hocaoglu Bahadır, Coordinator of the International Office welcomed the students with an opening speech and stressed the importance of educational and sociocultural adaptation of international students. She also expressed their intention to organise various events for international students throughout the academic year, as International Office.

The main topics of the event were:

- Necessary information about Kırklareli University,
- Information on Kırklareli, its culture and natural beauties,
- Tips on various practical matters regarding the education system,
- Internationalisation strategies of International Office,
- Essential information on Turkish residence permit system.



At the end of the program a campus tour to the Fitness Center, Outdoor Sport Fields, Dining Hall, Canteen and Library was held.

## ACADEMIC VISIT FROM EUROPEAN POLYTECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

European Polytechnical University International Cooperation Unit Coordinator Prof. Dr. Nikolay Nikov and accompanying Professor Chernyo Chernev visited our University on July 13th, 2017. The meeting conducted by Kırklareli University International Relations Office, in which the topics of academic co-operation, possible

bilateral agreement between concerned "BUA" member Universities and the idea of joint research projects have been discussed. Following the meeting, Chernyo Chernev presented his travel book on historical and natural beauties of Turkey to our University.



## GREAT INTEREST FOR NAMIK KEMAL UNIVERSITY



Tekirdağ Namik Kemal University having a strong academic staff with international experience and technical infrastructure meeting the needs of time, continues to offer high quality higher education opportunities as well as international experience to our young people who will be our nation's bright future. Tekirdağ Namik Kemal University, being among the fastest growing universities in Turkey, is proud of becoming one of the first four universities in terms of reaching 100% occupancy in this year's placement for undergraduate programs.

Since its foundation Namik Kemal University has been growing gradually and continues its work with 44 units including 10 faculties, 1 conservatory, 3 institutes, 3 colleges, 11 vocational schools, 11 application and research centers and 5 department heads. Tekirdağ Namik Kemal University has approximately 35,000 students and 1,538 personnel, including 1,030 academic and 508 administrative staff.

Tekirdağ Namik Kemal University has been serving as an education institution equipped with high standard classrooms, laboratories and qualified academic staff for 10 years in a campus like an education and science center with faculties, institutes, vocational schools, research and application centers, dormitories, social and sports facilities. The students and academic staff of Tekirdağ Namik Kemal University can benefit from the exchange programs and make some of their studies abroad thanks to the academic cooperation protocols made at universities.

We also have agreements with 86 universities within the frame of Farabi which is the domestic university exchange program. 531 international students from 33 different countries from Somalia to Russia and from China to Cameroon, choose our university and continue their education.

In addition to academic education, Tekirdağ Namik Kemal University attaches importance to increasing personal development and professional skills, and it prepares its students for the future with its collaborations with industry, practical education and international relations.

Namik Kemal University, which has advanced education facilities, carries out studies to help students develop themselves in many fields with providing social responsibility projects, conferences, exhibitions, sports events, concerts, student clubs and free courses. Our academic staff and our students have started free courses in 30 different categories for keeping themselves physically and mentally healthy and spend their leisure time according to their fields of interests, or to have new hobbies and to provide services that will allow them to develop their skills and personalities in a healthy way.

Tekirdağ Namik Kemal University educates and graduates students who have a universal point of view, using informatics technologies at the top level, productive and entrepreneurial and also in their profession carrying international validity under the diploma supplement label. Tekirdağ Namik Kemal University, one of the fastest growing universities in Turkey, is on its way with great success by being a leading university in its region and the country.



## NAMIK KEMAL UNIVERSITY OF TEKİRDAĞ IS REPRESENTED IN TURKISH EDUCATION DAYS IN GREECE

Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University was represented in the "Turkish Education Days" held at the International Helexpo fair area in Thessaloniki, Greece's second largest city.

Members of the Association of Thrace Universities: Namık Kemal University, Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University, Trakya University and Kırklareli University and non-member İstanbul University have had the opportunity to introduce their departments and programs, their accommodation, nutrition, sporting and cultural facilities and broadcasting activities within the scope of "Turkish Education Days" organized by the "Consulate General Of Thessaloniki" within the frame of "14th Thessaloniki International Book Fair".

On the first day of the program, Orhan Yalman Okan, Consul General of Thessaloniki, gave a reception in the Consulate General's Building in honor of the university rectors and accompanying delegations.

On the second day of the program, Orhan Yalman Okan, Consul General of Thessaloniki, on 11 May 2017, Rector of our university Prof. Dr. Osman Simsek, Rector of Trakya University Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu, Rector of Onsekiz Mart University Prof. Dr. Yücel Acer, Rector of Kırklareli University Prof. Dr. Bülent Şengörür and Rector of İstanbul University Prof. Dr. Mahmut Ak had a meeting together with Maria Kollia Tsarouha, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of Greece (responsible for Thrace and Makedonya), Apostolos Tzitzikostas, Regional President of Central Macedonia, Yiannis Boutaris, Mayor of Thessaloniki, and Perikis Mitkas, Rector of Thessaloniki Aristo University.

After the meeting, Consul General Okan and the university rectors organized a press and information meeting at the Helexpo Fair Conference Hall to share information about universities and education opportunities in Turkey.

Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University Rector Dr. Osman Şimşek is promoting the university and emphasizing the university's support for the industry through his students. "Namık Kemal University, which brings different cultures to academic ground, take firm steps to the future with dynamism, high quality education, research projects and scientific publications".

During the book fair that more than 20 thousand people visited, Greek students and citizens showed great interest in the stand of our university.



## 8<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCES CONGRESS IN THE BALKANS WAS HELD IN CONSTANTA

8<sup>th</sup> International Social Sciences Congress in the Balkans organized jointly by Trakya University, Gazi University, Sakarya University, Yıldız Technical University, Erciyes University, Nişantaşı University, Ahmet Yesevi and Ovidius University was held in Constanta. The institutions like Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency, Turkish World Research Foundation, Turkish Science-Research Foundation and International Organization of Turkic Culture supported the congress.

8<sup>th</sup> International Social Sciences Congress in the Balkans in which academics from Trakya University participated attracted a great deal of attention from Turkey and Romania. The congress consisted of 13 topics that were Anthropology and History; Language, Culture, Religion; Literature; Education; Economics and Finance; Entrepreneurship and Business; Law; Communications; Health, Sport, Tourism; Political Science and Public Administration; Sociology and Philosophy; International Relations and Management and Management Information Systems. Furthermore, the workshop of methodology was carried out in the congress.

On behalf of all the universities, Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu emphasized in his speech that Constanta is the most densely Turkish populated region in Romania and expressed Trakya University is proud of supporting and leading both cultural and academic events organized in the Balkans. Then, the Consul General of Constanta, Uygur M. Sertel expressed his pleasure to see Turkish universities in this most densely Turkish populated region. Lastly, as a guest participant, the Rector of International Vision University in Macedonia, Prof. Dr. Fadıl Hoca expressed he was proud of being the only university that provides education in Turkish outside Turkey and he thanked the ones who contributed to the organization.

Term Coordinator of the Congress from Gazi University, Prof. Dr. Enver Aydoğan and Congress Coordinator from Sakarya University, Prof. Dr. Recai Coşkun presented a plaque to Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu for his contributions to the congress.



## A VISIT FROM UNIVERSITY OF TETOVA

The Rector of University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti and Vice Rector in Charge of International Relations, Prof. Dr. Arber Çeliku visited Trakya University on September 19th, 2017. Our Vice Rector in Charge of International Relations, Prof. Dr. Cem Uzun, International Relations Coordinator, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Türkyılmaz and International Relations Consultant, Prof. Dr. Hilmi İbar also participated in the visit.

The main topic and content of Balkan Universities Association meeting that will be held in Tetova were negotiated. It was agreed on the necessity for increasing the number of the members of association, which is 61, and spreading over a larger area in the Balkans.

The Rector of University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti and Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu stated that Balkan Universities Association shouldn't only be a platform where Rectors gather and talk once a year but should be a meeting where the specialists working at all Balkan Universities come together and create new ideas in cultural, industrial, health and educational areas. They said that turning new ideas created on health, social and scientific fields and important issues of the Balkans into a scientific journal at the end of the meeting and making it a prestigious journal listed in scientific indexes in five years by publishing regularly after the meetings will add value to Balkan Universities Association.



### XIII. ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT CONGRESS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

XIII. Ecology and Environment Congress with International Participation was held with the cooperation of İzmir Sub office of Turkey Biologists Society and Biology Department of Trakya University Faculty of Science on September 12th-15th, 2017 at Balkan Congress Centre. Congress, the main theme of which is bio-diversity and protecting environment, hosted 361 oral and 330 poster-691 in total- presentations concerning Vector Ecology, Landscape Ecology, Ecotoxicology, General Ecology, Inland Waters Biology and Ecology, Agricultural Biotechnology, Environmental Education, Environmental Pollution and its control, Eco geography, Conservation Biology, Global Climate Change, Terrestrial Ecosystems, Urbanization and Environmental Issues, Ecological Agriculture, Wilderness Management, Environment and Human Health, Ecotourism, Air Pollution, Environmental Microbiology, Food Safety and Nanotechnology. There were 582 participants at the congress attending from national and foreign universities, institution under National Education Ministry and various public institutions, 561 of whom had papers. 7 presentations were held by national scientists world-wide known in their fields and by scientists invited from the USA, Belgium and Germany. In addition; 3 panels were organized with the attendance of 23 panelists on Bio-diversity, Vector Ecology, Vectorial Diseases and Environmental Issues of Trace. In the first of mentioned panels, the struggle exertion against mosquito in Trace and measures to be taken were discussed. Moreover,

information was shared about hazardous and invasive Asian Tiger Mosquito having spread from East Black Sea region to Trace.

In the panel on Bio-diversity in Turkey; Bio-diversity of Anatolia was evaluated in the evolutionary perspective with its past and present. Endemism and Historical Biogeography of Anatolia were handled.

In the panel on Environmental Issues of Trace; the topics including recent uncontrolled industrialization in the area and urban waste, overuse of pesticide, unplanned urbanization, intensive destruction of ecosystem compounds, major threats on biological diversity resulting from mine and quarry facilities, extensive environmental pollution were discussed and some relevant solution suggestions were assessed.

In the light of gathered information from the presentations, contemporary environmental issues, their causes and solution suggestions for these issues were introduced. The importance of environmental education at schools was highlighted.

At the end of congress, certificates and plaques were presented to the participants after closing speeches.



## A VISIT FROM THE MUSLIM AND CHRISTIAN CLERGYMEN IN THE NORTH-WEST BULGARIA

The mufti of Edirne, Emrullah Üzüm and a delegate which consists of clergymen, mayor, deputy mayors of North-West Bulgaria visited the Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu on September, 25th, 2017. Vice Rector in Charge of International Relations, Prof. Dr. Cem Uzun, International Relations Coordinator, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Türkyılmaz also participated in the visit.

The Mufti of Vidin-Montana, Necati Ali Ali told that they started out to strengthen the friendship and neighbor relations between two countries and they believed the necessity of keeping the spirit of past fresh and transferring it to the future generations and he added their desires to make visits in this direction.

Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu informed the delegate about Balkan Universities Association and told that the meeting of the Association was held in Sofia this year and the next meeting will be held in Tetovo. Rector also told that "Edirne is city where too many cultures live together and was a capital city. We desire to sustain the brotherhood here and as two neighbor countries, the same songs make us feel happy or upset; we eat the same kind of food and share lots of things and we are pleased with your visit.

Metropolit Arhimandrit Antim stated that Trakya University is a unique University with its latest technology

and quality in this region. He also told about the significance of medical science and its benefits to mankind. He said that "let's tell the world that Muslims and Christians can live together in peace and harmony. In case two people, who had one apple on their hands, change their apples between them, that will show their material ties; however, if they share their ideas, that will also diversify the opinions. Knowledge is the foundation of everything. Knowledge illuminates the soul; people can reach every area of the world with education."

Mayor of the Belogradchik district in Vidin, Boris Nikolov told that they are following closely the developments within the last 15-20 years in Turkey. He also obtained information about the Bulgarian students in our University, decrease in tuition fees and also the details about how the foreign citizens can get benefit from the University Hospital.

The mufti of Edirne, Emrullah Üzüm mentioned about the Belen Mosque in Pleven which is built by the efforts of Edirne Governorship and also the other mosque projects which are planned to be built in Northwest Bulgaria. He also added that it is significant for people to meet the religious needs at home town and they are looking forward to waiting the supports of the academic community regarding this issue.



## THE FIRST GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

The first graduation ceremony of the Department of Materials Science and Engineering, as an official Department of the School of Engineering took place on September 22 2017. The University of Ioannina is proud to announce the foundation of the School of Engineering after long and strenuous work. Our proposal, having met all the necessary criteria, has been accepted and implemented by the Greek Ministry of Education. Three

departments feature in the School of Engineering, which are the following:

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering

The Department of Materials Science and Engineering

The Department of Architectural Engineering.





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