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THE AUTH LIBRARY & INFORMATION CENTRE



The AUTH Library & Information Centre (AUTH Library) was founded in July 1927 and started operating in December of the same year. Currently, the Library and Information Centre is an independent decentralized unit of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, comprising the Central Library and its 45 branches.

The initial core of collection was formed by donations. Later, it was enriched by purchases and subscriptions. The collection includes manuscripts, books dating from the 15th century, maps, artifacts, etc. Currently the collection includes:

- More than 1.500.000 printed and electronic books
- 16.000 electronic journals (AUTH Library & HEAL-Link Consortium subscriptions)
- 36 bibliographic databases (AUTH Library & HEAL-Link Consortium subscriptions)
- More than 4.000.000 digitized pages from out-of-copyright material (Psifiothiki digital library) and pages of papers, master theses and doctoral dissertations (IKEE

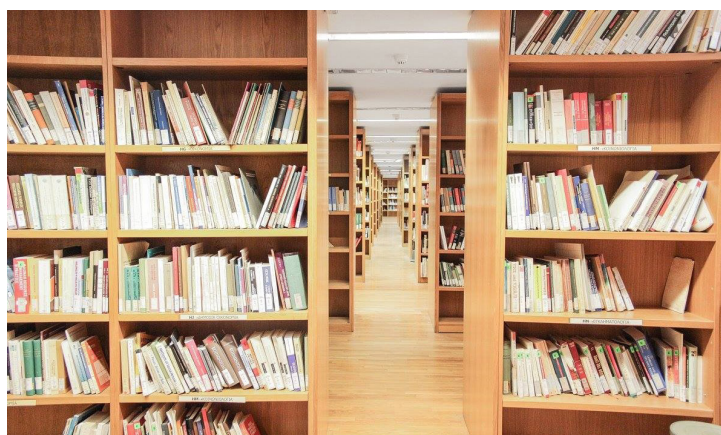
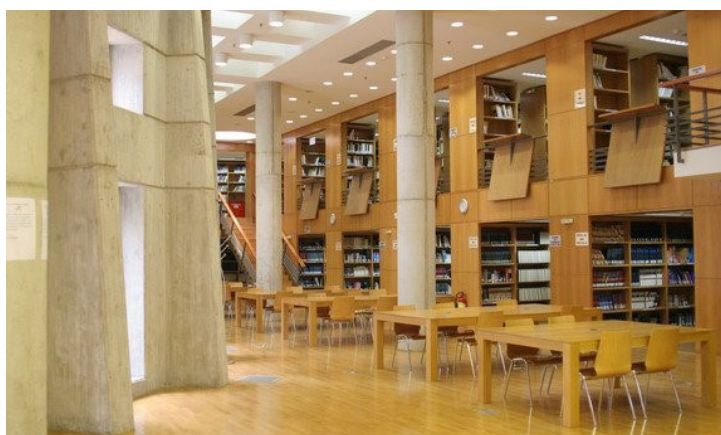
Institutional Repository)

The AUTH Library has successfully participated in three major operational programmes, co-funded by EU, in the last 20 years. Thanks to these funds, the Library re-organized its services. The University Library now offers traditional services, such as acquisitions and cataloguing, rare collections and digitization, loan and ILL services, reference. The Library's teaching support services include electronic coursepacks and library training. The research support services are electronic subscriptions, integration of search tools, scholarly communication services (IKEE Institutional Repository, Electronic Publishing) and support of the Hellenic Academic Libraries Consortium services (Electronic subscriptions, ERMS, NILDE, etc.).

The AUTH Library often displays its unique collections and promotes its services by organizing or participating in exhibitions and conferences. All collections and services are also promoted through the Library's social media accounts (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram).

Some of the achievements of the AUTH Library are:

- the foundation of HEAL-Link consortium in 1998, the launch of the first digital library in Greece in 2002
- the partnership with the AUTH Quality Assurance Unit and the IT Center in 2013
- the 13th IFLA BibLibre International Marketing award for the "ThessWiki" crowdsourcing project in 2015
- cooperation with the AUTH Laboratory of Cartography and Geographical Analysis and 5 Museums of Thessaloniki in 2016 and
- the award of AUTH academic excellence in 2017.



4th International Conference “Education across Borders”: Education in the 21st Century – Challenges and Perspectives.

The Rector of AUTH and President of BUA for the current year, Prof. Pericles A. Mitkas, held an address at the Opening Ceremony of the 4th International Conference “Education across Borders”: Education in the 21st Century – Challenges and Perspectives. The Conference (Florina, on October 19-20, 2018) was coorganized by the Faculty of Education in Florina, Greece, the Faculty of Education in Bitola, FYROM, and the Faculty of Education and Philology in Korçë, Albania.

The Conference aimed at promoting an interdisciplinary dialogue, as well as exchange of ideas among researchers-educators on issues related to skills and competencies, values and ethics, critical thinking and soft skills, multilingualism and multiculturalism,

sustainability, evaluation, accountability, and leadership and quality in education.



Prof. Mitkas noted that the ties between AUTH, as the former parent of the Faculty of Education in Florina, and the host University of Western Macedonia are still strong and getting stronger. He also extended an invitation to the later to become a member of BUA while considering the Conference a major contribution to the accomplishment of the mission and the vision of BUA. He concluded by saying that education can be used as a tool

for building bridges and border crossings, as a tool to foster collaboration and mutual understanding.

Workshop between the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Peoples' Friendship University (RUDN) of Moscow, October 3-5, 2018

In the frame of the Scientific Cooperation Agreement between the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Peoples' Friendship University (RUDN) of Moscow, a workshop between the two Institutions took place on October 3-5, 2018. A twelve-member delegation visited the campus of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH). RUDN's delegation, headed by RUDN's Vice-Rector, Prof. Larisa Efremova and the Heads of the Agrarian and Technological Institute, the Institute of Medicine, the Academy of Engineering, the Institute of Mathematics and the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, met with fellow colleagues from their respective Departments. Students and staff mobility, research opportunities and prospects of joint research and educational activity were thoroughly discussed during the Workshop. An ambitious joint two-year Master's Program in Organic Farming between the School of Agriculture of AUTH and the Agrarian and Technological Institute of RUDN has started in October 2018.



**INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTRE
FOR ARISTOTLE STUDIES A.U.TH.**

The "Interdisciplinary Centre for Aristotle Studies," A.U.Th. (D.I.K.A.M.) was founded by the Senate of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki on July 6, 2011, as an act of acknowledgment of the close bond that connects it with Aristotle, as well as an act of acknowledgment of the enormous impact of the Macedonian philosopher on the human thought for twenty-four centuries. What makes this Centre unique, is both the fact that it is the only interdisciplinary Centre in the world for the study of Aristotle and that it is located a breath's distance away from ancient Stageira, the place where Aristotle was born in 384 BC, and ancient Mieza, the place where Aristotle taught Alexander the Great.

The primary purpose of D.I.K.A.M. is to study and promote on a global scale, Aristotle's work in a range of topics covering all major fields of philosophy, such as Logic, Metaphysics, Politics, Ethics, Poetics, Rhetoric, etc., as well as the main disciplines of science, such as Physics, Biology, Medicine, Astronomy, Meteorology, Mathematics, Mechanics, etc. One of its goals is also to create programs for undergraduate and graduate students for the study of Aristotle.

Some of the activities of D.I.K.A.M. thus far are the following: Organizing of International Conferences & Colloquia, Cultural Promenades in the Footsteps of Aristotle and Alexander the Great, Lectures on Aristotle for the General Public in Greece and abroad, participation in International Conferences, editing of volumes on Aristotle and Conference Proceedings. Recently, the top events of DIKAM have been: (a) The organizing of the World Congress "Aristotle 2400 Years," 23-29 May 2016, at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, in ancient Stagira and in ancient Mieza. The Congress hosted the impressive number of 250 contributed papers from 43 countries all over the world, 22 leading Aristotle scholars as invited speakers and 650 participants/attendees (b) the publication of the volume, Aristotle - Contemporary Perspectives on his Thought, edited by the President of the "Interdisciplinary Centre for Aristotle Studies," Demetra Sfendoni-Mentzou, and published by the prestigious German scholarly Publisher De Gruyter (<https://www.degruyter.com/view/product/495383>). The volume includes

20 essays of the invited speakers of the World Congress. The Proceedings of the World Congress "Aristotle 2400 Years," with 118 essays of the Parallel Sessions will appear within 2018 (Publisher: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki). D.I.K.A.M. is also planning to organize a Summer School on Aristotle in collaboration with the University of Beijing-China, in ancient Stagira, primarily for Chinese students, but also for students from other countries.

The "Interdisciplinary Centre for Aristotle Studies," A.U.Th. (D.I.K.A.M.) has already established, and is open to proposals for, collaborations with other Universities and Research Centres in Greece and abroad.

Links for more information about D.I.K.A.M.:

Website: www.dikam.auth.gr



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World Congress "Aristotle 2400 Years":

<http://aristotleworldcongress2016.web.auth.gr/?q=en>



PROF. JEFFREY SACHS HONORARY DOCTORATE

"For me it is a paradox, how we can be so rich, and at the same time so foolish that we do not make basic steps that could save millions of lives." With these words and while referring to Aristotle's

economic theory, American Professor Jeffrey Sachs, one of the world's leading economists and experts on sustainable development and poverty reduction, has received an Honorary Doctor by the School of Economic Sciences of the Faculty of Economics and Political Science of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, granted by the Rector of the Institution, Prof. Pericles A. Mitkas.

Over the past two decades, the insight and intelligence of Jeffrey Sachs have helped many nations in their struggles for stability, leading the New York Times Magazine to call Sachs "probably the most important economist in the world." He has served as a special adviser to the last three Secretary Generals of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres, Ban Ki-Moon and Kofi Annan. He has also worked with Pope John Paul II and served as an economic advisor to former Russian President Boris Yeltsin, as well as to the governments of Bolivia, Poland and many more. He has twice been named among Time magazine's 100 most influential world leaders. A survey by The Economist in 2011 ranked Professor Sachs as amongst the world's three most influential living economists of the first decade of the 21st century.

An additional paradox of the modern economy is according to Prof. Sachs the fact that while complex and sophisticated energy systems based on renewable sources

of energy have been developed, people still insist on forms of energy destroying the planet, explaining that the most complex challenge humanity facing nowadays is sustainable development.

Being a very enthusiastic supporter of the values of the work of Aristotle, Jeffrey Sachs always refers to Aristotle in his speeches and his writings, quotes his messages and even adapted Aristotle's philosophies to current practices. During his speech under the title "Why We Need a New Aristotelian

Economics", he referred - among others - to addiction, noting that Aristotle had identified addiction as a sign that someone has exceeded his limits: "Addiction can destroy lives, and today people spend a huge part of their time trying to overcome their addictions. Addiction is today the largest industry in the US. What Aristotle did not predict is that modern economy would invent industries that live on addiction."



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ESTABLISHMENT OF SDSN BLACK SEA

The identification of companions on the just started journey to address the issues of sustainable development in the wider Black Sea region is the priority of the newly established Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Black Sea, the launching event of which was held on October 25, in Thessaloniki, in the presence of the head of SDSN Global, Professor at Columbia University, Jeffrey Sachs, and the Rector of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), Prof. Pericles A. Mitkas. The newly established SDSN Black Sea node will be hosted AUTH.

Prof. Sachs praised the tremendous importance of the establishment of the SDSN Black Sea Chapter, since - as he pointed out - the Black Sea region constitutes a very vulnerable ecosystem, which at the same time has to confront with challenges such as economic transformation and youth unemployment.

Nicolaos Theodossiou, Professor of Water Resources Management at the School of Civil Engineering, was appointed as chair of SDSN Black Sea Chapter. Prof. Theodossiou set as first goal to get in touch with the 110 Universities, from 12 different countries in the Black Sea region, to inform them of the new project that

is already supported by Rectors of Universities within the region and to take advantage of the enormous potential that needs to be activated.

The Rector of AUTH and President of the Black Sea Universities Network (BSUN), Prof. Pericles A. Mitkas stressed that "AUTH will lead the effort. The network will consist of representatives of 12 Black Sea region countries and will aim to monitor the course of the countries and advise governments to reach the 17 UN goals faster" and noted: "The fact that Prof. Sachs is present in today's launch of the SDSN Black Sea Chapter, shows the world's confidence to AUTH. Our University has the expertise and know-how to actively get involved in such an educational networking initiative in an area that is vital to Greece in various fields".

"The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki is proud because a node of the SDSN in the areas of the Black Sea is starting today", said the Rector of AUTH. "We are trying to give the people of our countries the opportunity to contribute to this global effort, for the planet to proceed in a different way, and for humanity to deal with the very important problems of poverty or uneven development".



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AITMATOV AND JUMABAYEV WERE COMMEMORATED IN MACEDONIA

Within the framework of the commemorative year 2018 dedicated by TURKSOY to the commemoration of the 90th anniversary of the birthday of the Kyrgyz author Chingis Aitmatov and the 125th anniversary of the birthday of the Kazak poet Magjan Jumabayev were organized panels at the International VISION University - Gostivar and Department of Turkic Language and Literature of the Faculty of Philology

of the Saint Cyril Methodi University- Skopje.

The Panel was carried out by TURKSOY and International VISION University. Academicians from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey presented papers on the life and work of both author and poet who left the considerable legacy and enriched the literature heritage of the Turkic World.



INTERNATIONAL VISION UNIVERSITY MARKS 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF ATATURK'S DEMISE

International Vision University traditionally like every year, this year also on the 10th of November 2018 participated in the commemoration ceremony of the 80th death anniversary of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of Republic of Turkey, at historical military school in Bitola. Delegation of Vision University and the large number of students participated

to the commemoration ceremony. Ceremony started with the moment of silence and Turkey's national anthem was sung by participants. At the end International Vision University students left a written message on the book of commemoration to pay tribute to Atatürk.



INTERNATIONAL VISION UNIVERSITY RECTOR HOCA RECEIVED THE "25TH-ANNIVERSARY MEDAL OF TURKSOY"

Within the scope of commemoration years of TURKSOY, International Vision University- Gostivar, hosted the second of the commemorative meeting of the 90th anniversary of the birthday of the Kyrgyz author Chingis Aitmatov and the 125th-anniversary of the birthday of the Kazak poet Magjan Jumabayev.

Since 2015, as part of their bilateral cooperation, International Vision University and Turksoy have taken part in many significant projects. In this context, the rector of the International Vision University Prof.Dr Fadil Hoca, due

to his efforts and services to promote the culture and art of the Turkic World, received the "25th Anniversary Medal of TURKSOY".

Prof. Dr. Hoca said that he is taking this medal on behalf of the International Vision University and its students. Prof. Dr. Hoca emphasized that with its administration, staff, and students, the International Vision University is always ready to support TURKSOY and its projects to promote the culture and art of the Turkic World.



ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

With over 240 years of prominent history, a contemporary education environment and distinguished academic staff, Istanbul Technical University (İTÜ) is renowned in Turkey with its engineering and architecture education.

İTÜ was established in 1773, during the time of the Ottoman Sultan Mustafa III. under its original name “Muhendishane-i Bahr-i Humayun”. Since then, İTÜ has undertaken the leadership in the Ottoman Empire reformation movements and had invaluable influence on the reconstruction, modernization and administration of our nation during the Republican Period of Turkey. Engineers and architects graduated from İTÜ had devoted tremendous effort on building the infrastructure in the cities and villages of Turkey via bridges, factories, buildings, power plants, telecommunication networks. Today, İTÜ has its signature under numerous first and unique projects of Turkey. First cube satellite, first electrical minibus, first hydrogen propelled boat, first unmanned automobile, first national computer, first television broadcast are realized by İTÜ and first university radio is established by İTÜ.

İTÜ is a worldwide known benchmark for engineering and architecture education with its esteemed historical

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background, modern education and prominent academic body. In Turkey, only İTÜ graduates have the eligibility to take the “Fundamentals of Engineering” and “Professional of Engineering” exams which have global recognition. İTÜ is not only distinguished by its technical education but also consolidated its academic existence by its undergraduate and postgraduate education in art and economics.

İTÜ is a state university that defines the professions of engineering and architecture in Turkey by providing a modern education environment while possessing its conventional structure. İTÜ educates pioneers in engineering and architecture not only well-known at national but also at international scale with their strong international ties.

THE FIRST LECTURE OF 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR AT İTÜ: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

by İTÜ | Oct 17, 2018

Istanbul Technical University (İTÜ) 2018-2019 Academic Year Opening Ceremony was held in Süleyman Demirel Cultural Center at Ayazaga Campus.

The First Lecture of 2018-2019 Academic Year at İTÜ: Artificial Intelligence

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Prof. Dr. Yaser S. Abu-Mostafa, the scientist who was granted various awards with his scientific studies on artificial

intelligence in California Institute of Technology, became the first academician who gave the first lecture of the semester at İTÜ. Students' interest in the lecture was worth-seeing.

İTÜ 2018-2019 Academic Year Opening Ceremony took place on Monday, 17th September, 2018 in Süleyman Demirel Cultural Center at Ayazaga Campus. Prof. Dr. Yaser S. Abu-Mostafa, renowned for the studies on artificial intelligence, participated as a guest speaker in İTÜ's academic year opening ceremony. İTÜ Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Karaca, various scholars and students attended to the ceremony and Prof. Dr. Davut Kavranoglu, Principal Advisor to the President of the Republic of Turkey, responsible for Science, University and industry, was present at the ceremony as the guest of honour.

Those who obtain data and analyse it will succeed in this age

İTÜ Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Karaca indicated in his speech that Prof. Dr. Yaser S. Abu-Mostafa's studies are stimulating for science world. Karaca, expressed his appreciation for hosting him at İTÜ, and quoted "Prof. Dr. Yaser S. Abu-Mostafa has opened a new door for artificial intelligence to be analysed from different perspectives with his studies and training activities on machine learning. He has given online machine learning lectures to researchers and he reached to a lot of people, interested in this field, with very ratios of rating. The book 'Learning from Data by Yaser S. Abu Mostafa' has taken place in the best-seller list in Amazon. I am honoured to host Abu-Mostafa, a path-breaking scientist, at İTÜ." Karaca laid emphasis on significance of artificial intelligence and machine learning today and in the near future with the latest examples by saying; "In our era, those who obtain data and analyse it will succeed. I guess that there is nobody who knows and is aware of Netflix. It has developed such a model that it has become a platform that makes much more profit than the series, which it sells, do. If the companies like Netflix exists, they exist thanks to technology. Disney's annual profit is 150 billion dollars, but Netflix' annual income is 165 billion dollars. It knows how to obtain data, use and market it."

He is a great scientist

Prof. Dr. Davut Kavranoglu, Principal Advisor to the President of the Republic of Turkey, responsible for Science, University and Industry and graduate of 1984- year from

Electronics and Communication Engineering, stated in his speech that Prof. Dr. Yaser S. Abu-Mostafa is a distinguished scientist. Prof. Dr. Kavranoglu said "I attended his lectures between 1985 and 1989 while I was studying for masters and doctorate. He is an excellent person, a good professor and a great scientist. We are glad to host him again at İTÜ after six years."

**The effect of artificial intelligence and machine learning on the society**

The presentation, titled "Artificial Intelligence: Evolution and Revolution (and Hype!)" of Prof. Dr. Yaser S. Abu-Mostafa, who was granted various awards with his scientific studies on artificial intelligence in California Institute of Technology (CalTech), attracted great deal of attention.

In his presentation, Prof. Dr. Yaser S. Abu-Mostafa explained the diagram of artificial intelligence by using key words such as vogue words, terminology, quality, progress, conversion, difficulties, data and inconsistencies. He opened his speech by expressing historical development of artificial intelligence and machine learning and relation between

them. Prof. Dr. Abu-Mostafa underlined that intelligence tried to carry out complicated tasks, learned new skills, and performed the functions such as innovation, undertaking and revolt. Prof. Dr. Yaser S. Abu-Mostafa continued his speech by drawing attention to vogue words and concepts such as artificial intelligence, learning with artificial intelligence, big data, deep learning, neural network, data science,

pattern recognition and data mining. He explained artificial intelligence and machine learning with examples. Prof. Dr. Abu-Mostafa, who told machine learning upon the process of a client's getting credit, conveyed that machine learning was a key technology in Big Data and various financial, medical, commercial and scientific application. Prof. Dr. Yaser S. Abu-Mostafa stated that with machine learning, it was possible to keep past records of the client and it was very easy to detect if a client was good or bad. He added that at this point algorithm

of learning would be able to form the borders depending upon data. Prof. Dr. Yaser S. Abu-Mostafa reminded the words of Stephen Hawking "The development of full artificial intelligence could spell the end of the human race." by laying emphasis of effects of artificial intelligence and machine learning on the society and economy. Prof. Dr. Yaser S. Abu-Mostafa said "Be careful for what you wish" by underlying that one day wishes would come true.



PROF. DR. DAN MCKENZIE OF CAMBRIDGE WORLD-RENOWNED EARTH SCIENTIST

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İstanbul Technical University continues to host world-renowned scientists and bring them together with İTÜ students and researchers.

Cambridge University Professor Dan McKenzie, one of the most prominent earth scientists who achieved many significant success and awards, met with scholars and students within the framework of İstanbul Technical University (İTÜ) Eurasian Earth Sciences Institute.

The seminar took place at İTÜ Faculty of Mines İhsan Ketin Conference Hall, with the attendance of large number of scholars, besides Prof. Dr. Celal Şengör of Faculty of Mines. In his speech, Prof. Dr. Celal Şengör was quoted "Undoubtedly, today, Dan McKenzie is the greatest earth scientist alive. He is a dear companion of our university for a long time. He has become a bridge between many İTÜ scholars and Cambridge. He is a fantastic person and we are very happy to host him at our University."

In his speech, Prof. Dr. McKenzie gave significant information about volcanism and mantle convection in the Middle East and Central Africa. Dan McKenzie, who has been researching on Turkey's tectonics since 1987, emphasized that earth's crust moving and data flow is more calculable compared to the past. Prof. McKenzie, who almost pictures the earth movements in the Middle East and Africa with his research, drew great interest of İTÜ scholars and students with his remarkable presentation.

Who is Dan McKenzie?

McKenzie, who owns Crafoord Prize which is deemed to be the Nobel Prize of Earth Sciences, succeeded numerous significant research regarding the emergence of plate formations constituting the earth, comparative movements of the plates and the reasons behind such movements. McKenzie developed a stretching model, which is being used by all petroleum companies in petrol research studies and he is recognized as one of the founders of plate tectonics theory, which has a revolutionary impact in Earth Sciences. McKenzie, who has spent his whole academic life at Cambridge, conducted his doctoral studies with famous physicist Sir Edward C. Bullard and he still continues his research at Bullard Laboratories in Cambridge. McKenzie, who was awarded by the Order of the Companions of Honour by Queen Elisabeth II, contributed at a great extent to Turkey's geology with his remarkable studies.

Awards

Royal Society Fellow (FRS), 1976
Wollaston Medal, The Geological Society, 1983
Rutherford Commemoration Conference, 1988
Arthur L. Day Medal, 1989
Gold Medal of the Royal Astronomical Society, 1992
Royal Society Research Professor Award, 1996
William Bowie Medal, 2001
Crafoord Prize Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, 2002
Order of the Companions of Honour by Queen Elizabeth II, 2003
Copley Medal, 2011



PROF. DR. AYDOĞAN ÖZCAN "DEEP LEARNING"



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İTÜ BeeTalks Science and Technology Summit Dialogue Series continued with Prof. Aydoğan Özcan's talk on "Mobile Microscopy and Sensing Using Computational Optics and Deep Learning"

Prof. Dr. Aydoğan Özcan "Deep Learning"

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The "BeeTalks Science and Technology Summit Dialogues" 2nd meeting at Istanbul Technical University (İTÜ) 2018-2019 Academic year was carried out on October 2nd, 2018 at the Süleyman Demirel Cultural Center during. Prof. Dr. Aydoğan Özcan, known globally for his work in Science, Engineering and Medicine, was the guest of our university. "Deep Learning" technology was discussed at the meeting, with the attendance of our Rector, Prof. Mehmet Karaca, the Principal Advisor for the President of the Turkish Republic, Prof. Davut Kavranoglu, and many academicians and students. Prof. Mehmet Karaca referred to scholar Özcan with praise and as "our country's honor" during his opening speech and thanked him for his lecture.

Nano Technologies inclusive of Artificial Intelligence in the field of Health

Prof. Özcan presented a general overview of the subject

by exemplifying with studies carried out within the scope of "Deep Learning". Özcan, who referred to "Deep Learning" and its various fields of use and the opportunities it presents, presented and exemplified information on modern day-future intelligent screening in the field of medicine and detection and diagnosis systems. Accordingly, he shared his experiences of how medical services could be offered more productively. Dr. Özcan indicated how he felt great honor of being at İTÜ and mentioned new technologies in the field of telemedicine and global health, and their fields of application. Some of these technologies were given as: "Lens Free Holographic Microscope and Mobile Phone Fluorescent Microscope", "LUCAS (Lens Free Ultra-wide-field Cell Monitoring Array Platform based on Shadow Imaging)", "LUCAS Holographic Microscope", "LUCAS with High Resolution" and "Establishing E-Coli Bacteria with Mobile Phone". Additionally, he also mentioned that the field of application includes the detection of maintenance, diagnosis and disease observation points, blood count, sperm count and waterborne parasites.

At the end of the lecture, Dr. Özcan answered questions and



had one to one talks with students.

What is Deep Learning?

Its name comes from the deep neural networks general structure, which is formed by various artificial neuron layers materializing from a transaction which is planked on one another and is non-linear. It offers many pioneering

opportunities in the fields of composing images beyond main stream applications such as the recognition of specific features in images and labelling in various images, reconstruction and perception.

Prof. Dr. Aydoğan Özcan

Aydoğan Özcan, born in 1978 started showing interest in science and mathematics at secondary school. After graduating from University in 2000 he went onto complete his Master's degree at Stanford University in 2002, and Doctorate degree in 2005. He then continued his studies for a period of two years at Harvard University and during this time started showing interest in areas of electronics and medical issues. Aydoğan Özcan, who started his academic post at the University of California carried out studies in optic technologies and its use in diagnosing diseases.

For more news from İTÜ, please visit;

<http://global.itu.edu.tr/news>

For further information on international undergraduate admission;

<http://global.itu.edu.tr/global-study/undergraduate-programs/admissionn>

<http://www.sis.itu.edu.tr/eng/foreign/>

For further information on graduate school admission;

<http://global.itu.edu.tr/global-study/graduate-programs/admission>

<http://fbe.itu.edu.tr/Pages.aspx?app=1&pID=20&lang=en-gb>



ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

An Orientation Program for international students was held in Kırklareli University on October 31th 2018. The program was designed to help new international students to settle in and get to know each other. In his opening speech, Rector of Kırklareli University, Prof. Dr. Bülent Şengörür expressed the importance of raising international student numbers every year and promoting cultural exchange. Currently, 1120 international students from 34 different countries enrolled in Kırklareli University.

Dr. Fatih Çömlekçi from International Relations Office welcomed the students with a speech and stressed the importance of educational and sociocultural adaptation of international students. He also expressed their intention to organise various events for international students throughout the academic year, as International Office and made orientation presentation about Kırklareli University.

The main topics of the event were:

- Information on Kırklareli and its historical&natural beauties,
- Introduction about Kırklareli University and its academic units,
- Tips on various practical matters regarding the education system,
- Sociocultural opportunities for international students,
- Internationalisation strategies of the International Relations Office,
- Essential information on Turkish residence permit system.



“INDONESIAN CULTURE DAY” EVENT

“Indonesian Culture Day” event was held in Kırklareli University Rectorate Cultural Centre on 24th October 2018 with the presence of Prof. Dr. Neziha Musaoğlu, Vice Rector of Kırklareli University, International Relations Office Coordinator Dr. Neriman Hocaoglu Bahadır and Mr. Herry Sudradjat, Consul General of the Republic of Indonesia to Istanbul. In their speeches, Mr. Herry Sudradjat and Prof. Dr. Neziha Musaoğlu stressed the importance of friendship and

cultural exchange between Turkey and Indonesia. With the collaboration of our University, Indonesian Consulate and our Indonesian students introduced their country and culture. After several traditional dances (Betawi, West Java Silat, Rantak Minang, Maumere) and song performances (Sajojo & Yamko, Rambe Yamko, Papua) our guests had the chance to taste traditional Indonesian food.



VISIT FROM KOREAN EMBASSY CULTURAL CENTRE

On 15th October 2018, a conference on relationship between Republic of Korea and Turkey was held in Kırklareli University with the presence of Prof. Dr. Bülent Şengörür, Rector of Kırklareli University and Director of Korean Cultural Centre of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Dong-Woo Cho. Information about Korean culture and language and historical

background of diplomatic&cultural relationship between Turkey and Korea provided during the program. Before the conference, a movie entitled "Ode to My Father" screened for students and academics. On the same day, our guests from the Korean Cultural Centre displayed a traditional dance and music performance at Kırklareli University Cultural Centre.



KIRKLARELI UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW OPENING CEREMONY

Kırklareli University Faculty of Law started its first academic year, as 2018/2019, with its 100 new students. The opening ceremony held on 12th October 2018 began with the first lesson delivered by Galatasaray University Law Faculty member Prof. Dr. Necmi Yüzbaşıoğlu. Governor of Kırklareli Osman Bilgin, Justice and Development Party MP Selahattin Minsolmaz, Republican People's Party PM Turabi Kayan, Chief Prosecutor Gökhan Kapağan, President of the Justice Commission Vahdet Yeltepe, our Rector Prof. Dr. Bülent

Şengörür, Bar President Tugay Hınız, Dean of our Law Faculty Prof. Dr. Neziha Musaoğlu, our academicians and students attended opening ceremony.

In his speech, Prof. Dr. Necmi Yüzbaşıoğlu stressed the importance of the knowledge of law for every citizen and presented information about the history of Turkish judicial system. Following the opening speech, Governor of Kırklareli and our Rector presented plaque to Prof. Dr. Necmi Yüzbaşıoğlu.



CONFERENCE BY B.E.N.A VICE-CHAIRMAN

The conference was held with the participation of the Vice-chairman of Balkan Environmental Association (B.EN.A.) Dr. Milan Mesic who was invited by the Department of Biosystem Engineering of Agriculture Faculty through TUBITAK Guest Scientist Program.

Speaking at the opening of the morning session of the two-session conference of the Faculty of Agriculture, Department of Biosystem Engineering Professor. Dr. Bahattin Akdemir expressed his thanks to Milan Mesic for giving lectures at our university.

After giving some information about The Balkan Environmental Association (B.EN.A) Dr. Milan Mesic made a presentation about the works carried out in the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Zagreb and shared the developments there with the participants.

The afternoon session of the conference, attended by faculty members of the Biosystem Engineering Department and undergraduate and graduate students, was held in the form of presentations and interviews.



NKU CENTER OF CHOICE FOR CANDIDATES

Following the Higher Education Institutions Exam (YKS), which is a long and exhausting test marathon, a large number of candidates preferred the undergraduate and associate degree programs of our university as a result and joined Namik Kemal University family in Tekirdağ.

After the announcement of the results of the Higher Education Institutions Exam (YKS), Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University became an attractive center of preference for many students.

According to the results of YKS 2018, our university was chosen by 5 thousand 245 new students. In 2017-2018 academic year, NKU with the number of 35 thousand 95 students will reach around 36 thousand in 2018-2019 academic year.

According to the results of the ÖSYS, the number of candidates who had the right to enroll in a program in NKU has been announced recently. The number of students settling in undergraduate programs is 2 thousand 302, while the number of students settling in associate degree programs is 2 thousand 943, and the number of students in doctoral programs has increased to 293, while the number of students settling in master's programs has increased to 2 thousand 396. 4 thousand 673 students settled in the first education while 572 students preferred to study in secondary education at our university.

Faculty of Fine Arts, Design and Architecture, Faculty of Theology, Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Veterinary Medicine have reached 100% occupancy rate. Faculty of Arts and Sciences followed them with 98% and Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences and Corlu Engineering Faculty with %85 and with 63% Agricultural Faculty followed.

Çerkezköy Vocational High School and Health Services Vocational School have reached a rate of 100 percent.

On the other hand, School of Health has also reached 100% occupancy rate.

Prof. Dr. Osman Şimşek stated that Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University's strong academic staff with international experience, technical infrastructure adapting to the requirements of the era that can be continuously developed, providing abroad experiences as well as creating a bright future for our nation's young people by offering high-quality facilities. Rector Prof. Dr. Osman Simsek made a statement for the students who enrolled at our university and said " I congratulate you for joining Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University family and wish you a great success through your education life"



1143 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CHOICE: NKU

Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University with an academic staff who are capable of producing scientific value at international level and who are dedicated to teaching, with their intensive and professionally oriented applied education, and with a current curricula designed together with sector representatives and research laboratories equipped with the latest technology provides the best education system to its students. Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University, which has been continuously growing since its foundation, started its academic life in 2006 with 15 faculties including 4 faculties, 1 institute and 1 college. Today, it continues its studies with 44 academic units including 10 faculties, 1 state conservatory, 3 institutes, 3 higher schools, 11 vocational schools, 11 practice and research centers and 5 department presidencies. We are on the way to becoming the most preferred university

in our country. Today 36.000 students are continuing their education in Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University. Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University is in interaction with the universities from many parts of the world with its international relations and bilateral collaborations, especially in Balkan countries, as well as transforming the proximity of the hinterland to the Balkan geography and the global metropolis of Istanbul, as an opportunity for students and researchers. Having the goal of being internationally recognized and preferred university, it aims to be a brand university that offers easy transportation from abroad. In the academic year of 2017-2018, our university quota was 464 students for undergraduate programs, 42 for associate degree programs and 27 for graduate programs (27 with thesis) totally 533 students and 559 candidates from 33 different countries have applied for this quota.



1143 Applications for 690 International Students Quota for 2018-2019 Academic Year

In 2018-2019 Academic Year applications for 576 undergraduate programs, 52 for associate degree programs, 60 for master's degrees and 2 for PhD students have increased. A total of 1143 candidates applied for being a member of NKU.

Namık Kemal University's strong academic staff with international experience, technical infrastructure in harmony with the requirements of the era, as well as presenting foreign opportunities offering quality higher education to young people who will form the bright future of our nation.

ONE MORE PATENT OF THE UNIVERSITY IS OFFICIALLY REGISTERED

Our university, which increases the number and quality of students every year with its strong academic staff, accelerates its studies in the fields of research and development and also innovation. The patent of "Vacuum Egg Container" which was designed by Prof. Dr. H. Ersin Şamlı in the Department of Animal Science at NKU Faculty of Agriculture and Assist. Prof. Dr. Erdal Kılıç in Vocational School of Technical Sciences was

accepted on 21/09/2018 which was a great success.

In today's conditions where healthy and natural nutrition gains importance, vacuum egg container designed with the goal of high-quality nutrition is a patent for keeping the nutritional values of eggs in refrigerators and coolers at the highest quality and values.



Trakya University continues to make visits for the growth of Balkan Universities Association

A VISIT FROM RECTOR PROF. DR. ERHAN TABAKOĞLU TO DEMOCRITUS UNIVERSITY OF THRACE, GREECE

Rector of Trakya University Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu visited Rector of Democritus University of Thrace, Prof. Dr. Aleksandros Ch. Polychronildis due to his new assignment and congratulated on his new position. Vice Rector of Democritus University for International Relations -Dr. Maria Michalopoulou, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs- Prof. Dr. Zoe Gavrilidou, Faculty Member responsible for International Relations Eleni Mavridou and Trakya University International Relations Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Türkyılmaz joined to the meeting.

Rector of Trakya University Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu emphasized that two universities, which have the same names and where a river passes between them, should cooperate more closely and he congratulated the newly elected Rector Prof. Dr. Aleksandros Ch. Polychronildis by

wishing him success. Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu stated that the next meeting of Balkan Universities Association will be held in Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and they also want to see Democritus University of Thrace in the Association during this period when Greece is the Chair of the Board.

In the meeting, where the Balkan Universities Association was introduced by stating that meetings are held respectively in Turkey and Greece, issues such as; organizing joint conferences, preparing the joint master programs for the purpose of meeting and integrating Turkish and Greek students, ensuring joint participation to the conferences and symposiums to be held at both universities by informing the lecturers, and providing the opportunity of mutual internship for Medical Faculty students were consulted.



BILATERAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN TRAKYA UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE, SERBIA

Trakya University has added a new one to its cooperation agreements and protocols in the field of international education. Rector of Trakya University Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu, who went to the city of Belgrade and had a series of contacts there, visited University of Belgrade and held meetings. Turkish Ambassador in Belgrade- Tanju Bilgicler International Relations Advisor Prof.Dr. Hilmi Ibar and International Relations Coordinator Assoc. Prof.Dr. Murat Türkyılmaz also accompanied Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu during the visit.

The delegate met with the Rector of University of Belgrade Prof. Dr. Ivanka Popović to discuss educational and scientific cooperation and to sign a joint protocol. The meeting aimed to establish bilateral relations and cooperation in the field of education, issues such as; carrying out joint scientific studies by faculty members, cooperating in different fields of education, carrying out joint scientific research, exchanging students and academic staff, producing and executing projects and also arranging a joint scientific and cultural

activities were handled and a bilateral cooperation agreement was signed.

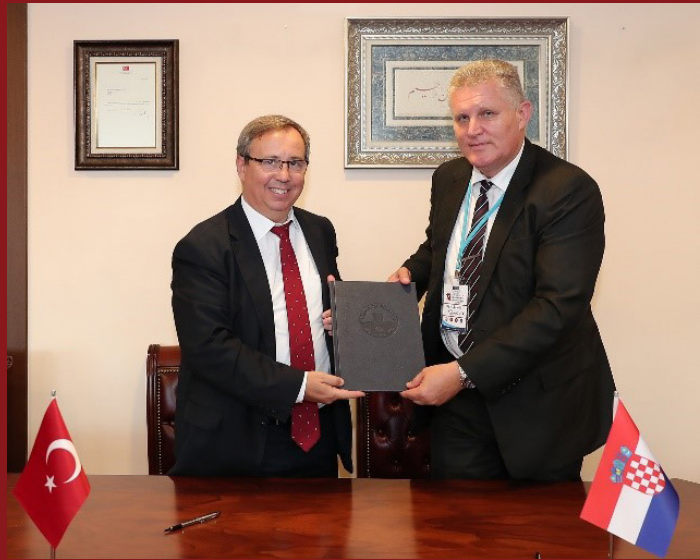
Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu delivered a speech in the beginning of the meeting and congratulated Rector Prof. Dr. Ivanka Popović on her new position and he stated that he was pleased to be the first Rector to visit Prof. Dr. Ivanka Popović and said "Because of its mission, Trakya University is the most important institution in this region that focuses on the Balkans. Nearly 3,000 of our international students out of 3.200 are from the Balkans. There are 206 universities in Turkey and these universities are aware of the fact that when it comes to cooperate with Balkans, Trakya University takes the lead. He added that Trakya University is the Permanent Secretariat and founding member of Balkan Universities Association, in which 70 universities are members. We aim to increase the number of member universities from 70 to 100 in a short time. At this point, we hope to see Belgrade University which is one of the oldest universities in the Balkans, among us.



THE COOPERATION PROTOCOL BETWEEN TRAKYA UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES BALTAZAR ZAPRESIC, CROATIA

Trakya University is enhancing its cooperation in international education with every passing day. In this context, a cooperation protocol has been signed between Trakya University and the University of Applied Sciences Baltazar Zapresic September 6th, 2018. The protocol signed by Rector of Trakya University Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu and Rector of the University of Applied Sciences Baltazar Zapresic Prof. Dr. Vladimir Simovic aims to establish educational-scientific cooperation and bilateral relations. The protocol includes items such as carrying out joint scientific studies by faculty members, cooperating in different fields of education, carrying out joint scientific research, exchanging students and academic staff, producing and executing joint European Union projects and also arranging joint scientific and cultural activities.

Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu reminded that Trakya University is the Founding Member and Permanent Secretary General of the Balkan Universities Association. He also stated "In parallel with our mission and vision on the Balkans, we are taking the firm steps forward to become the first Turkish University that comes to mind in the Balkans. Every year we increase our number of international students. We are committed to internationalization and being a brand university with programs such as Mevlana, Erasmus and Farabi, as well as bilateral international exchange programs for students and academic staff.



A VISIT FROM TRAKYA UNIVERSITY TO MEDICAL UNIVERSITY VARNA AND VARNA FREE UNIVERSITY

Vice Rector of Trakya University Prof. Dr. Cem Uzun and International Relations Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Türkyılmaz, Vice Rector of Medical University Varna Prof. Dr. Albena Kerekovska, International Relations Officer Siyana Smoletsova and International Relations and Erasmus Program Officers Silvana Dobрева and Svetlana Panayotova met on May 31st, 2018 in Varna Medical University, Bulgaria.

During the visit, issues such as bilateral exchanges between universities, Erasmus + and Mevlana Program and the Balkan Universities Association were handled, joint research opportunities and projects were discussed. Our

delegation stated that they want to create mobility with the departments which offer foreign language education in the Erasmus + program of Varna Free University. Furthermore, after signing the bilateral agreements, plans such as to start mobility of students and instructors, Mevlana Scholarships and educational mobility, Trakya University's Balkan Policy and to increase the number of students in the Balkans were introduced. During the visits, research facilities and periodicals of our university, Trakya University, Edirne, were also introduced.



Trakya University addresses to Balkan Region via the Conferences:

8.BALKAN SOCIAL SCIENCES CONGRESS WAS HELD IN CONSTANTA

The 8th Balkan Social Sciences Congress was held in Constanta in September 6th-11th, 2017 with the collaboration of Trakya University, Gazi University, Sakarya University, Yıldız Technical University, Erciyes University, Nişantaşı University, Ahmet Yesevi and Ovidius University. The congress was supported by the institutions such as TİKA, Turkish World Research Foundation, TÜBAV and TURKSOY. The Congress draw great attention of the people in Turkey and Romania and the academic staff of Trakya University also participated in the Conference. The Congress consisted of 13 topics from the fields of Anthropology and History; Language, Culture, Religion; Literature; Education; Economics and Finance; Entrepreneurship and Management; Law; Communication; Health, Sports, Tourism; Political Science and Public Administration; Sociology and Philosophy; International Relations and Management and Management Information Systems. Methodology Workshop was also held in the Congress.

Rector Prof.Dr.Erhan Tabakoğlu gave a speech on behalf of all universities and stressed that Constanta is the region which is densely populated by Turks and expressed his pride in supporting and leading in all kinds of cultural and academic activities in the Balkans as Trakya University. Later, Consul General of Constanta, Mr. Uygur M. Sertel stated that he was happy to see Turkish Universities in this region where the Turkish population lived most intensely.

Finally, Prof.Dr.Fadil Hoca, Rector of International Vision University, who attended the Congress as a guest, said that he was proud that International Vision University is the only university that gives Turkish education outside Turkey, thanked those who contributed to the organization of the congress.



I. INTERNATIONAL BALKAN CHEMISTRY CONGRESS

Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, organized the First International Balkan Chemistry Congress on September 17th-20th, 2018 at Balkan Congress Centre, Trakya University. A total of 564 participants from 21 countries, 50 of whom are international participants have participated with 109 papers and 192 posters to the conference.

The President of the Conference Prof.Dr.Mesut Kaçan stated that their aim is to bring together scientists from many countries of the world, especially from Balkan countries and to establish new cooperation in the field of chemistry. Prof. Dr.Mesut Kaçan said "We are organizing the First International Balkan Chemistry Congress under the auspices of Trakya University. Our mission is to make the congress a traditional one by bringing together participants from many countries of the world and contribute to the scientific progress by carrying out the breakthroughs that will carry them further. Trakya University has turned its direction into the Balkans, it has become an institution which aims to develop its activity field in Balkan geography, it has become an institution providing international education and training with its accredited departments. The fact that the first choice of students coming from the Balkan geography to our country is Trakya University and the university's having the most students from Balkan countries are the clear indication of this situation.

Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu stated that Trakya

University continues to serve to its region, country and humanity in the light of scientific values. It is proud of being the most active educational institution in the Balkans parallel to its mission and vision and is pleased to host one more international congress. We are proud to host a congress at Trakya University where 50 participants from 21 different countries, including 12 from the Balkan countries, will contribute to science with approximately 300 papers. Edirne, which hosts many civilizations, is a rare city where the roads intersect and the waters meet. Edirne, one of the cities that best describes the Ottoman Empire and our civilization, has hosted a multinational and multicultural understanding throughout history. As well as Selimiye Mosque and II.Bayezid Health Museum Edirne is the most important representative of this multicultural, multinational, multi-faith civilization with the second largest synagogue in Europe and the two churches still in use. Edirne is a Balkan city with its historical and cultural ties. Therefore, our university has turned its direction into the Balkans. There are approximately 210 universities in our country today. But when it comes to the Balkans, Trakya University first comes to mind. With such international conferences, the value of our university in the international arena is increasing. I would like to thank Mesut Kaçan who is the President of the Congress and the Dean of the Faculty of Science and esteemed academicians and our guests who contributed to the organization of the Congress.



UT ORGANIZED TWO INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES DEVOTED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TO THE RULE OF LAW AND CIVIL SOCIETY

"Economic development as a precondition for EU integration" and "The Rule of Law and Civil Society" were the topics of two international scientific conferences, which held the proceedings at the University of Tetova.

Scientific researches from the fields of economy, business, tourism, administration etc, at the 6th international conference organized by the Faculty of Economics and Faculty of Business Administration presented their papers on economic development in our country, the growth of foreign trade and investment as well as on the benefits that our country will have with the membership in Euro-Atlantic structures. While scientific researchers from the fields of justice, media, civil society, etc, at the 5th international conference, organized by the Faculty of Law of the University

to deal with various issues. "I believe that the editorial boards of the respective conferences, with the selection of these current topics, will debate scientifically all the issues facing the rule of law today and the alternatives of accelerating the strengthening of the economy. Referring to the first topic, we consider that an important role in encouraging institutions respecting and enforcing laws, realizing their commitments, further deepening of institutional reforms that promote participation and cooperation, belongs to the civil society. But this happens in the states with a functional democracy, where civil rights and civil society are respected to participate in decision-making processes, access to public information, the right to propose laws, the right to freedom of speech and many other rights guaranteed by the constitution. Despite



of Tetova in cooperation with "Iustinianus Primus" Faculty of Law of Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, discussed about reforms in the justice system, the role of media and civil society.

Rector of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti, at the opening of conferences' proceedings, said that the topics dealt with in these conferences are very current as we all are witnessing the great developments that take place in our country, endless debates in relation to emerging events, public expectations for the future of the country and its orientation towards progressive aspirations. According to him, universities, as the most representative institutions of society, certainly cannot remain indifferent in these situations, all the more that they have the professional competence, the proper preparation, the necessary cadres and the clear vision

the abovementioned lack of standards, in our country and not only civil society has contributed to the advancement of many processes, both in the service delivery sector, mobilization of local communities, protection of groups in need, transparency of institutions and strengthening of their capacities" – said Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti.

He further added that the international community calls for deep reforms, especially in the field of justice, which would have direct effects over other relevant sectors as well, including the civil society. "Regarding the economic development, rules are also required to ensure that economic competition is achieved in equal conditions, within a competitive system worthy of a democratic society. Our country and our neighbors in the Western Balkans region are oriented towards Euro-Atlantic integration, but to embrace



the European values, the consolidated democracy, and the rule of law, we must all engage strongly, give our contribution as a civil society, as educational institutions, and as a progressive society of the 21st century" – said among others the UT Rector, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti.

The Minister for Foreign Investments of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, Prof. Dr. Bardhyl Dauti, said that Macedonia's most viable option and fairer determination remains the integration into the European Union and NATO. "Euro – Atlantic integrations are a strategic objective of the Republic of Macedonia as a guarantee for security, peace, stability and development. Integration into the EU means a larger market, greater competition, more opportunities, and greater security for all citizens. For countries like Macedonia, the question shouldn't be whether to integrate into the EU and NATO, but how to accelerate this process" – said Minister Prof. Dr. Bardhyl Dauti.



The President of the Economic Chamber of Northwestern Macedonia highlighted particularly the Global Competitiveness Index report, which was published a few days ago by the World Economic Forum, and which states that the current state in the sphere of the economy but also in other areas is not favorable in the Republic of Macedonia. "Another fact of concern about this report is that country's institutions are ranked in the 85th place, which is an indication that business is struggling because of institutional stagnation. Therefore, we as a Chamber of Commerce, consider that, in order to achieve our goals as a country and as a business sector, policy makers should also undertake concrete initiatives for the development and progress of the state to reach the level of the EU member states." – stated Mr. Nebi Hoxha.

Assessments on the importance and topics of the sessions of these conferences were also given by the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Dr. Qebir Avziu, dean of the Faculty of Economics, Prof. Dr. Raman Ismaili, and the Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration, Prof. Dr. Naser Rahimi. They were also satisfied with the editorial boards of the international scientific journals, which are published by the respective faculties of our University, the "Economic Vision" of the Faculty of Economics, which today inaugurated the 5th edition, and "Justicia" of the Faculty of Law, which promotes the 4th edition. On behalf of "Ss. Cyril and Methodius" University, the organization of these conferences was welcomed by the Vice-Dean of "Iustinianus Primus" Law Faculty, Prof. Dr. Irena Rajcinovska Pandeva.

12TH INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR OF ALBANOLOGY CONDUCTED ITS PROCEEDINGS ON THE TOPIC OF: "SCANDERBEG BETWEEN HISTORY AND LITERATURE"

Scanderbeg between History and Literature was the topic of the 12th International Seminar of Albanology, held today at the University of Tetova. This seminar has become an important center of studying Albanian language, literature, history and ethno culture, as it for many years in the premises of our University, gathers a large number of scientific researchers of eminent fields from the country and the region, as well as many professors and students.

Proceedings were declared opened by the Vice-Rector for Education of the University of Tetova Prof. Dr. Reshat Qahili. He said that this seminar precedes the beginning of the new academic year 2018/2019, and it is organized in the Nationwide Year of Skanderbeg, the hero of our nation. "Based on the historical significance of 2018 for Albanians wherever they live and operate, at the center of the activity of the twelfth edition will be the topic: Scanderbeg between

to position themselves scientifically and to give their contribution in concrete issues, already identified in daily use, spoken and written Albanian language, to highlight the values of Albanian literature, to affirm and protect the historical figures of the Albanian nation"- said Prof. Dr. Reshat Qahili.

Director of the Seminar of Albanian studies, Prof. Dr. Salajdin Saliu, in front of the participants in the seminar said that, beside the central topic will be discussed also on other topics from linguistics, literature, history, ethno culture or the sphere of the media. "We will talk about the possibility of digitizing our cultural heritage, as the civilized nations have acted, who care about their history. It will be talked about the clash between the world of Gutenberg and the digital world, as well as about the traumas conveyed to us at this time. In the framework of this year's seminar, we will promote the



History and Literature. Through special sessions, the 12th International Seminar of Albanology, will highlight various and diverse issues in the field of linguistics, literature, history, ethno culture and Albanian media. This scientific meeting of Albanologists from our country and beyond aims not only to gather the specialists of the above-mentioned sessions to express their views on the various issues, faced by the Albanian society, but invites the scientific researches

capital work, such as the "Etymological Dictionary of the Albanian Language", of the respected deceased professor, Kolec Topalli, a prominent figure of Albanian culture. As part of the seminar, we promote the newest issue of the journal "Albanology", one of the many scientific journals that hold the logo of the University of Tetova. This magazine brings studies from language, literature, history, ethno culture and media, is our modest contribution to our culture "- emphasized Prof. Dr. Salajdin Saliu.

In the framework of the solemn opening of the International Seminar of Albanology, was promoted the "Etymological Dictionary of Albanian Language" by the deceased academic

of the Albanian Language" which is now published and which we are talking for and we are here today. I would like to say that there are few scientific researchers of his kind who in a



Kolec Topalli. About the importance of this work spoke the director of the Institute of Linguistics and Literature in Tirana Prof. Dr. Valter Memishaj. "I am honored that today at the University of Tetova I am opening the introductory session for the work "Etymological Dictionary of Albanian language" by the academic Kolec Topalli. There are two particulars in this presentation: the first one is that it is promoted outside the borders of Albanian politics, and for this, on behalf of the institution that I lead, I thank the organizers of the seminar and especially the leader of the University, the Rector, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti. The second one is that the work is presented after the death of the honored academician, and this activity, in such a well-educated environment, becomes the expression of the serious and deserving appreciation of the scientific product that the academician inherited to us. Kolec Topalli mainly dealt with issues of historical phonetics and etymology of Albanian language", added among other things Prof. Dr. Valter Memishaj.

Meanwhile, the Head of the Department of Albanian Language and Literature of the University of Tetova Prof. Dr. Berton Sulejmani, spoke about the academic work of Kolec Topalli and said that he is a prominent personality of Albanology science of our time and that with the results of his work that he has left, are in different areas of research of the history of Albanian language. "He concluded his scientific activity with a broad synthesis of phonetic history, grammar history, lexicon history, such as the" Etymological Dictionary

man's life round up such a synthesis as Professor Topalli had. Such a great experience and research life will miss our science for a long time"- said Prof. Dr. Berton Sulejmani.

While Prof. Dr. Anila Omari from the Center of Albanological Studies in Tirana stated that the "Etymological Dictionary of Albanian Language" by Professor Kolec Topalli is his last major work, which crowned the experience of a life devoted to scientific research in the field of Albanian language and its history. "Professor Kolec begin his study of the history of Albanian language in the 70s and the first results of this work were published in the only scientific journal of the Institute of Linguistics "Philological Studies"- said Prof. Dr. Anila Omari.

While Prof. Dr. Begzat Baliu from the University of Prishtina emphasized that the etymological dictionary of the Albanian language of Professor Kolec remains one of the largest syntheses and one of the deepest synthetic corpuses of Albanian language. "The work of Professor Kolec Topalli comes as a continuation of the tradition of etymological studies of the Albanian language, which methodologically and conceptually, constitutes in itself the best achievements not only of its internal developments, but of the European school in general as well"- said Prof. Dr. Begzat Baliu.

In this activity, the director of the Institute of Linguistics and Literature in Tirana, Prof. Dr. Valter Memishaj bestowed the book "Etymological Dictionary of the Albanian Language" by the academic author Kolec Topalli to the Rector of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti.

RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TUZLA PROF. DR. NERMINA HADŽIGRAHIĆ VISITED UNIVERSITIES IN INDONESIA

Rector of the University of Tuzla Prof. Dr. Nermina Hadžigrahić, with the representatives of the University of Bosnia and Herzegovina, visited three universities in Indonesia from 22 to 28 October 2018.

On this occasion, the Agreements on cooperation were signed with the Indonesia University in Jakarta, Achmad Yani University in Bandung and the University of Gen. Achmad Yani from Yogyakarta.

Cooperation will take place in the following areas:

- Networking and exchange of professors, researchers, students and other staff for the purpose of lecturing and exchange of experiences;
- Joint participation and application for funds intended for education, research and artistic activities;
- Joint educational activities, training activities and / or research activities;

• Joint organizations of conferences, symposia, congresses, seminars, courses, summer schools, workshops and other forms of cooperation of common interest;

• Students exchange programs;

• Other activities of common interest.

Delegation of the University of Bosnia and Herzegovina was consisted out of: prof.dr sc. Nermina Hadžigrahić, Rector of the University of Tuzla, Prof.dr.sc. Harun Hodžić, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Zenica, Prof.dr.sc. Veldin Ovcina, Vice Rector for Finances of the University "Džemal Bijedić" in Mostar.

Visit to Universities in Indonesia was organized by Her Excellence Amelija Achmad Yani, Ambassador of Indonesia in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



VII REGIONAL FUTURE MOOT COURT CONTEST: STUDENTS AT THE FACULTY OF LAW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TUZLA HAVE WON SECOND PLACE IN A REGIONAL COMPETITION IN A SIMULATED TRIAL

In the period from 12 to 15 October 2018 in Bitola (Macedonia), the seventh regional Futura Moot Court contest was held in a simulated trial in front of the European Court of Human Rights, organized by Civil Rights Defenders. Eight faculties from Serbia, Macedonia and Bosnia and Herzegovina and over 60 students and members of the academic staff participated in this competition.

The members of the Moot Court of the 'Universitas' Club of the Faculty of Law of the University of Tuzla at this prestigious competition have won the second place and, at the same time, they are the best ranked law faculty in the area of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Participation in this competition was preceded by intensive preparations for solving a complex hypothetical case based primarily on the protection of rights guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

Addressing the argumentation and counter argumentation of members of the 'advocacy clubs' of all law faculties from

the countries of the region took place before the judges' councils, composed of judges of the highest court instances from countries of the region and the world, such as: Boštajn M. Zupančič, former ESLJP judge in Strasbourg, Margarita Caci Nikolovska, Vice-President of the Constitutional Court of BiH, Aleksandra Martinović, President of the Constitutional Court of the FBiH, Bosa Nenadić, former President and Current Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Serbia, Nataša Gaber Damjanovska, Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Macedonia and many others.

The students representing the Faculty of Law of the University of Tuzla and Moot Court 'Universitas' are Paloma Andrić, Selma Kunić, Amar Kavgić, Husić Amila, Hasanović Azra, Mešić Faruk and Sarić Samra. The team was led by Prof. Dr. Mahmutović Dževad and the assistant Iveljić Maja and Smajić Almira.



THE MASTER PROGRAMME IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP WAS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED AT VARNA FREE UNIVERSITY "CHERNORIZETS HRABAR"



The training in the master programme in Entrepreneurship, implemented by Varna Free University in partnership with the Bulgarian Entrepreneurship Center and the foundation

of the American financial advisor and investment manager Larry Biehl InterCultura started on 20 October.

The event was attended by the President of Varna Free University Prof. Anna Nedyalkova, D.Sc. and representatives of the academic management of the university, the founder of the Interculture Foundation Larry Biehl, the creator of Siri Norman Winarsky, the creator of Ymotion, the writer, director and the Super Bowl star Dr Jamie Williams.

The official launch of the programme started with the signing of a complementary agreement between Varna Free University and the InterCulture Foundation and 31 students were selected to hold scholarships in the master programme in Entrepreneurship who received their certificates for scholarships and their student booklets.

THE FORUM "CIRCULAR ECONOMY – PRIORITY OF THE NEXT EU PROGRAMMING PERIOD" LAUNCHED THE MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM IN CIRCULAR ECONOMY

The Forum "Circular Economy - Priority of the Next EU Programming Period" was organized by Varna Free University together with the District Governor of Varna District Mr Stoyan Pasev. Among the special guests of the event were Mr George Kremlis, Honorary Director of the European Commission's Directorate-General for the Environment, under whose patronage is the master's degree programme in Circular Economy implemented; Mrs Atanaska Nikolova, Deputy Minister of the Environment and Water, Mr. Yancheng Mao, Head of Education at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Republic of Bulgaria. Regional governors, mayors of municipalities, representatives of business and non-governmental organizations, as well as representatives of the academic community and students took part in the forum.

The Master's program in Circular Economy has successfully started at the branch of Varna Free University in Smolyan with lectures by Mr. George Kremlis on October 26. The official

opening and start of the training in Circular Economy in Varna on December 1, 2018.

The master programme in Circular Economy is the first and only in the country master programme integrating in complex, specialized and innovative training the current problems of environmental protection and waste management in accordance with international, European



and national criteria and requirements. The programme enables training in eco-innovation and prepares for the new professions in the context of the transformation from a linear to circular economy. The syllabus of the specialty includes fundamental and specialized courses, which develop the knowledge and skills of students in the field of ecology and sustainable development, circular economy and project management.



VARNA FREE UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATES IN TWO PROJECTS CO-FINANCED UNDER THE INTERREG DANUBE TRANSNATIONAL PROGRAM

Project DTP2-048-1.2. WOMEN IN BUSINESS - Fostering the Young Women Entrepreneurship in the Danube Region is co-financed under the INTERREG Danube Transnational Program. The duration of the project is from 01-06-2018 to 31-05-2021.

It aims to stimulate young women with innovative ideas to start up and develop their own business to achieve market success by enhancing their competencies for business and social innovation by setting up women entrepreneurship centers and developing innovative training models.



Varna Free University "Chernorizets Hrabar" participates as a partner in the project DTP1-1-045-3.1 CityWalk under INTERREG Danube Transnational Programme. The duration of the project is from 01.12.2016 to 31.05.2019 and it aims to help cities in the Danube Region to reduce emissions, noise and to become safer, better places to live, by increasing the role of more sustainable forms of mobility in the urban transport mix, especially active transport forms - like walking and biking. To do so the main focus of project is to improve the key conditions of walkability.



Increasing greenhouse gas emissions and congestions are negative side effects of urbanization, resulting from inefficient and unsustainable local transport systems. A key challenge in cities is to improve transport systems and accessibility in an environmentally-friendly manner. CityWalk project will result in improved urban mobility - while reducing emissions, noise levels and congestions, increasing safety and making cities more liveable places (and also contributing to a healthier population).



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