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THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL TROJAN HORSE SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

The Third International Trojan Horse Short Film Festival organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and Tourism the General Directorate of Cinema and ÇOMÜ, was held. Movie screenings, interviews and workshops were held at the opening of the festival.

At the awards ceremony, while Sarpedon group thrilled the audience with a mini concert, the Festival President Prof. Dr. Hülya Önal said that they watched over two hundred movies

and screened 25 movies. Merve Çaydere Dobai came in first with her short movie "The Mother of All Flowers" at the festival and she was awarded 7000 Turkish Liras. With his short movie called "Urgent Apprentice Wanted", Osman Çakır came second at the festival and he won 5000 TL award and Ramazan Kılıç thirdly received 3000 TL award for his short movie "Service".



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMUNITY REALIZED THE HEART OF GEOGRAPHY AFRICA PROJECT

Within the scope of Project, ÇOMÜ The Social Responsibility Community in collaboration with the International Social Responsibility Association delivered emergency aid to the people of the region and children at orphanages in Africa, Benin, Togo and Sudan.

Mücteba Bektaş, The President of the Community, stated that they gave presents to children where they went during 23days of visits, which were started with the slogan "Everything is for a smile" and opened water wells to solve water shortage, one of the biggest problems.



ÇOMÜ STUDENTS RETURN WITH HIGH RANKINGS FROM THE JAPANESE SPEAKING COMPETITION



This year students from ÇOMÜ's Department of Japanese Language Education returned again with successful rankings in hand from the 28th Japanese Speaking Competition.

The Japanese Embassy in Ankara in cooperation with the Turkish Japanese Foundation conducted the competition in which Group B (intermediate-advanced) Department

of Japanese Language Education level 2 student Zeynep Şeremet came in first place and level 2 student Olgu Atasoy came in third place. Group A (beginner) level 1 student Hüseyin Mert Bali was awarded third place. Group B category first place winner, Zeynep Şeremet, was awarded a round trip flight ticket to Japan.



ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN THE FIRST AT THE RESEARCH OF THE MOST GREEN OFFICE

Istanbul University has been ranked as first in the university category at the research of The Most Green Office which was made by enVision by preventing 4.490 trees to be cut with the 37 million paper savings.

Istanbul University has contributed to protect nature by providing a great deal of savings in the paper consumption as well as it has speeded up the work process after switching to the Electronic Document Administration System (EDAS).

In a special research made by enVision, Istanbul University has ranked first at the category of the most green offices among the universities in Turkey. According to the research, 4.490 trees have been saved from cut, 22 million liters of water have been saved, 1.267 tons of carbon dioxide and 89 tons of waste have been prevented in relation to the use of EDAS.

The Platelet of The Most Green Office Has Been Presented to IU Rector Prof. Dr. Mahmut Ak.

In the ceremony performed on the occasion of the ranking first Istanbul University in the research, the platelet and the certificate of the The Most Green Office were presented to IU Rector Prof. Dr. Mahmut Ak by the officials of enVision.

IU Rector Prof. Dr. Mahmut Ak told that he was proud because Istanbul University has ranked first as The Most Green Office among the universities in Turkey. By emphasizing the ecologist identity and the projects of Istanbul University, Prof. Dr. Mahmut Ak also expressed that the university has provided savings for time and economy by optimizing the work process after using EDAS.



“Our University Has Registered Its Ecologist Identity by this First Rank”

IU Rector Prof. Dr. Mahmut Ak told that the work process has been automatized, decision-making process has become faster, process queue and completion period has become shorter, in-house communication has become better, the risk of document loss has been removed.

IU Rector Prof. Dr. Mahmut Ak continued his words: “There are many important responsibilities for all the institutions for a sustainable environment. Our university has registered its ecologist identity by this first rank. By administering all the work process via EDAS since 2014 January, we contributed a lot to protect nature thanks to decreasing amount of paper and cartridge in 5.5-year period. In this context, I want to express that I am proud and happy.”

“I Congratulate Istanbul University in the First Rank of the List”

The administrator of enVision Kutlu Sagay cited his thoughts about the issue: “Many responsibilities fall to all institutions for a better green world. While the work process has turned into full integrated digital media in the offices, there have been great savings of time, economy and labor force via EDAS. On the other hand, tree cut and nature harm have been prevented. We carried out the research of The Most Green Office among local governments and the sector of electricity distribution last year. We have looked closer to the higher education section this year. I congratulate Istanbul University in the first rank of the list and thank IU Rector Prof. Dr. Mahmut Ak and prestigious institution thanks to their sensitivity to environment.

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TÜBA-GEBİP AWARD SUCCESS OF ACADEMICIANS OF İSTANBUL UNIVERSITY



2019 High Flyer Young Scientist Awards of Turkey Academy of Sciences (TÜBA) were announced. Academicians of Istanbul University; Prof. Dr. Sibel Aylin Uğur İşeri, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Merva Soluk Tekkeşin and Dr. Lec. Halit Uyanık has received awards in the category of health and social sciences within the scope of TÜBA-GEBİP Awards.

İstanbul University that always presents the results of being research university with its scientific and academic studies has achieved another success. Prof. Dr. Sibel Aylin Uğur İşeri, academic member of Aziz Sancar Institute of Experimental Medicine Research in Istanbul University, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Merva Soluk Tekkeşin, academic member of Oncology Institute in Istanbul University, have been awarded in the category of Health Awards. Dr. Lec. Haluk Uyanık, an academic member of Faculty of Law in İstanbul University, has been awarded in the category of social sciences

“It is So Precious to Receive Such a Prestigious Award”

Prof. Dr. Sibel Aylin Uğur İşeri who has received TÜBA-GEBİP Health Sciences Award in the field of Molecular Biology and Genetics indicated that TÜBA-GEBİP Awards are profoundly motivating and prestigious awards for supporting the studies of young scientists. Emphasizing that it is so precious to be awarded by Turkey Academy of Sciences, Prof. Dr. Uğur İşeri told: “It has been exciting for me to become one of the 3 people that are worth being awarded in the field of health sciences. I hope that the prize will be good for both my university and the people who are affected from the rare disease on which I studied.”



“This Motivation Will Be Reflected in Our New Studies”

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Merva Soluk Tekkeşin who has been awarded TÜBA-GEBİP Health Sciences Award in the field of Oral Pathology said: “As a scientist who completed all of her education process in İstanbul University, it is so honoring and pleasing to receive TÜBA-GEBİP Health Sciences Award for İstanbul University. Emphasizing that her aim is to plan a new study that will contribute to our country and the world, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Soluk Tekkeşin told: “I present my thanks to our honorable Rector and the Rectorateship of İstanbul University for trusting my studies and nominating me for the science award in the field of health sciences.”

“An Award That Increase Our Responsibilities”

Dr. Lec. Halit Uyanık who is a member of İU Faculty of Law and has received TÜBA-GEBİP Social Sciences Award in the field of law has used these statements: “I care about this award because it gives me stronger motivation and increase my responsibilities in academic studies that I am planning.”

2019 TÜBA-GEBİP Awards have been given to their owners in Presidency Building in 30th of December by President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.

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TURKISH SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CAMP HAS BEEN SET UP IN ANTARCTICA



The Turkish team that have taken part in 3rd National Antarctica Science Expedition, conducted in coordination of İTÜ Polar Research Center and in the leadership of İTÜ Academic Member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Burcu Özsoy, has put across establishing the base on the Antarctica.

3rd National Antarctica Science Expedition has been come to an end under the auspices of the Presidency of the Turkish Republic, the responsibility of the Ministry of Industry and Technology and leadership of İTÜ POLREC.

Turkish Scientific Research Camp has been established on Horseshoe Island within the scope of 3rd National Antarctica

Science Expedition in which the studies have been carried out for the project of Establishing Science Base on Antarctica. With being established temporary base of Turkey on the white continent, Turkish flag has been raised up to the flagpole on Horseshoe Island.

In the studies conducted by İTÜ PolReC, 3rd National Science Expedition Team had a family photo taken by exhibiting paintings of the children ranking the highest in the Antarctica- themed painting competition which was held by Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality and İstanbul Tuzla Municipality after the opening of the camp.

WE HAVE ESTABLISHED OUR TEMPORARY SCIENCE BASE ON ANTARCTICA

The Minister of Industry and Technology Mustafa Varank announced that the establishment of temporary base on Antarctica had been completed successfully. Minister Varank said "Our friends sent me the photos. We have set up our temporary science base on Antarctica. We have a project of establishing a science base on Antarctica, which is a project that is brought forward / put forward thanks to Esteemed President's visionary sense of politics. Now, our scientists is launching 3rd Science Expeditions to Antarctica. It has been

required that these science expeditions was made and the temporary base was established so that we could have a voice in Antarctica Treaty System and could set up a permanent base. We have established our temporary science base and our flag is hoisted on the continent, which fills us with pride. On the other hand, it is a challenging process for our scientists and they told me on the phone how they had been caught by the storm. We extend our appreciation and thanks to our scientists."

WE ARE PROUD OF WAVING OUR FLAG ON THE WHITE CONTINENT

Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Karaca stated that the news coming from Antarctica made them so happy and he said "It is proud that our flag is being waived for the sake of science. This year, the scientific research done on temporary base will pioneer establishment of permanent base on Antarctica." Prof. Karaca reminded that İTÜ had launched three national expeditions

to Antarctica and continued "Our country has been situated in the Polar Regions within the frame of Antarctica Treaty Systems and now our main objective is to elevate Turkey to consultative status on the continent. We are waiting excitedly that our team will come back our country."

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CAMP WILL BE CONTINUED FOR 3 YEARS

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Burcu Özsoy, Leader of Turkish Antarctica Science Expedition and İTÜ Academic Member, said that the scientific research camp was completed to be set up and would provide service on Horseshoe Island between the years 2019-2020.

Özsoy reminded that we had done feasibility studies during first two expedition and she continued "This science camp is of vital importance. Our science camp will provide

our scientists with a comfortable working environment on the continent 14.000 km away from Turkey and the camp will serve as a scientific research zone for three years in the summers."

Özsoy, drawing the attention to the difficulty of the process, stated that all expedition participants were working devotedly and making great effort.

IT HAS BEEN SET UP ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY

Özsoy laid emphasis on paying regard to environment in the establishment of the camp sending the environment impact statement to Antarctica Treaty System in advance and

she uttered that during the establishment they did not give any damage to the environment and all living organism on the island.

PROFESSOR YAĞCI HONORED WITH HUMBOLDT RESEARCH AWARD

Prof. Yusuf Yağcı, internationally renowned for his research on Polymer Chemistry at ITU was granted the Humboldt Research Award, a prestigious science award given by the Alexander von Humboldt (AvH) foundation in Germany.

Prof. Yağcı, an academic member of ITU, Faculty of Sciences and Letter, Department of Chemistry, will enable the collaboration between ITU and German universities with the Humboldt Research Award. Yağcı has been invited

to Germany, where he will increase international scientific collaboration through the opportunity of scientific studies for up to a year with a research group of his own choice. The prestigious award, given to Prof. Yağcı for his contribution to scientific research, will be presented to him on 31st March, at the 47th Research Awards Symposium to be held in Bamberg, Germany.

LIFE LONG SUPPORT TO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Prof. Helmut Schlaad from Potsdam University nominated Prof. Yağcı for the Humboldt Award, which is given to specialists in their fields. Through this reward, Prof. Yağcı, will add to his existing work through the scientific research that will be carried out in the field of polymer chemistry with German scientists. The Humboldt Research Award takes

research studies into consideration and is an indicator of an increasing contribution to science. The award is in the value of 60 thousand Euros and will serve the aim of a lifelong support for research that will be carried out by Prof. Yağcı and German Scientists.

PROF. YAĞCI RELIES ON YOUNG SCIENTISTS

Prof. Yağcı, a scientist who has been carrying out academic studies at ITU, Turkey since 1980, stated that he felt honoured because he received a substantial international award and he added that the award would lead to increasing ongoing scientific collaboration with German scientists. Prof Yağcı also believes that young scientists of our university will obtain great achievements with hard work, even in difficult conditions.

Prof. Yağcı, in addition to many awards given in Turkey, has been granted many international awards such as Japan Polymer Society (2008), Organization of Islamic Countries (OIC)-Comstech (2011), OIC Science and Technology Achievement Award (2017), Royal Society of Chemistry Fellow (UK) (2017), International Belgian Polymer Group Award (2018) and Japan Photopolymer Society Best Paper Award (2018).



HUMBOLT RESEARCH AWARD IS GIVEN TO 100 SCIENTISTS FROM ALL FIELDS OF SPECIALISATION EVERY YEAR

The AvH Foundation, which has a wide network, of more than 27.000 academics and researchers, of which 54 have received the Nobel Prize, provides 2000 scientists from 140 various countries with research opportunities in Germany.

Amongst many awards, the Humbolt Research Award is awarded to scientists who make great contributions to science in their field at an international level and establish a new theory with scientific researches and basic discoveries in their field.

Scientists that have received this award from Turkey are, Prof. Dr. Oktay Sinanoğlu, Prof. Dr. Ziya Akçasu, Prof. Dr. Sadık Kakaç, Prof. Dr. Nihat Berker, Prof. Dr. Okyay

For further information: <https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/home.html>



INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED GEOSCIENTISTS RECIEVE HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM ITU



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AN AWARD FOR 40 YEARS OF COLLABORATION

During his speech at the opening ceremony Rector Karaca said " Professors Dewey, Le Pichon and McKenzie have honored our university by accepting the Honorary Doctorate title, hereby including their names to the those of our alumni, are among the most significant geoscientists alive for their research and support in Turkey and our university.

They exist in many scientific researches with many ITU academics and students. They have begun several projects

Prof. Dan McKenzie from Cambridge University, Prof. John F. Dewey from Oxford University and Prof. Xavier Le Pichon from College de France were presented with Honorary Doctorate for their contributions in the development of science and technology in geoscience in the world and our nation.

in Turkey, procured funding, thus scientifically developing our nation substantially in the field of geology. It is for these reasons we are presenting the Honorary Doctorate title to these names with whom we have been working with for a very long time, and by way making our ties of over 40 years official.

The Honorary Doctorate diplomas were presented Rector Karaca.

TURKISH UNIVERSITY AMONG WORLD'S TOP 100 GREEN CAMPUSES

Istanbul Technical University (ITU) came 54th on the Green Metric list among 780 universities around the world.

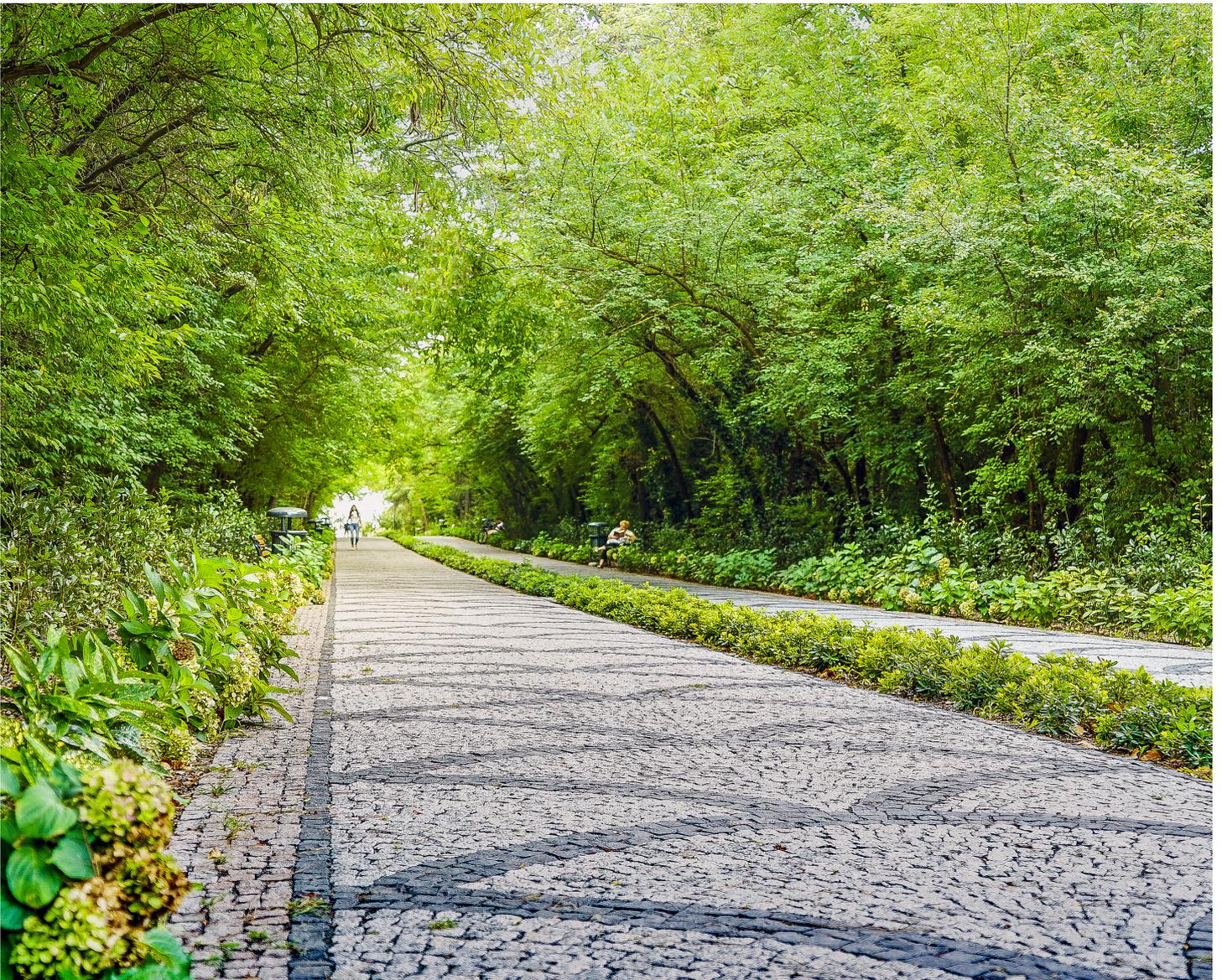
ITU has been steadily rising on green rankings for three years, said Mehmet Karaca, the university's rector.

Karaca emphasized that ITU would continue to strive for a higher place in the rankings, seeking to transform all of its campuses into sustainable living spaces.

ITU was the only Turkish university to make the top 100 to become the 28th greenest campus in Europe.

The Green Metric -- launched in 2010 -- is an initiative of the University of Indonesia and its indicators include setting and infrastructure, energy and climate change, waste, water, transportation and education.

Dutch University of Wageningen took first place in the list, followed by the University of Oxford and the University of California, Davis.



KIRKLARELI UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHED ACADEMIC COOPERATION WITH THE BURGAS FREE UNIVERSITY



The Rector of Burgas Free University from Bulgaria, Prof. Dr. Sc. Galya Hristozova and his delegation visited Kırklareli University on the 12th of November, 2019. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between two Universities, to establish a basis for academic cooperation, academic mobility, scientific knowledge exchange, and other joint activities. The subjects of the joint diploma program and collaborative scientific projects were also discussed.

The Rector of Kırklareli University, Prof. Dr. Bülent

Şengörür expressed his pleasure regarding the visit and underlined the importance of long-lasting academic collaboration. The Vice-Rector of Kırklareli University, Prof. Dr. Nezih Müsaöğlü, Vice-Rector of Burgas Free University Prof. Dr. Milen Baltov, President of Burgas Free University, Prof. Dr. Petko Chobanov, International Office Coordinator of Kırklareli University, Asst. Prof. Dr. Neriman Hocaöğlü Bahadır and Dr. Mehmet Fatih Çömlekçi were also present during the meeting.



ANNUAL "WORLD UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT" MEETING

The annual meeting of the World Universities Association for Community Development (WUACD) organized by a partner University, Universitas Airlangga, was held in Surabaya / Indonesia between 28th November - 1st December 2019. In the meeting, there were delegates from 5 continents (Asia, Africa, Europe, America, and Australia) and 18 different universities. Kirklareli University represented by the Head of International Relations Office, Dr. Neriman Hocaoğlu Bahadır, as the only attendant from Turkey.

This formation, WUACD, is based on an agreement that academic interaction with colleagues abroad has a significant role in social and economic influences in global issues. Its main focus is to improve the quality of community services programs in both Indonesia and abroad along with the other members of WUACD. This summit acts as a platform enabling each participant and partners to share valuable information, experience, and activity for the local community in the form of community engagement. The main themes of the meeting held this year were; "Health, Education, Disaster Mitigation, Behavior for Cross-Cultural Era, and Economy".

During the program, Dr. Neriman Hocaoğlu Bahadır attended several community service activities in Surabaya and Probolinggo districts. Also, she held meetings with foreign University representatives to enlarge the academic collaboration network of our University.



AT THE UT WAS INAUGURATED THE STATUE OF THE FOUNDER, FIRST HISTORICAL RECTOR OF THE UT, PROF. DR. FADIL SULEJMANI AND THE LAPIDARY "THE TORCH OF REMEMBRANCE"

The University of Tetova concluded the celebration of the 25th anniversary of its foundation with the unveiling of the monument of the Founder, First Historical Rector of the UT, Prof. Dr. Fadil Sulejmani. After the closing ceremony of the 25th anniversary of UT, in the outer space of the University, was inaugurated the monument "The Torch of Remembrance" symbolizes the sacrifice of all Albanian activists.

The monument was unveiled by well-known personalities, among them the Rector of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti, a well-known Tetovo philanthropist and businessman, also the donor of "The Torch of Remembrance", Mr. Lazim Destani, the wife of Professor Fadil Sulejmani, Haxhere Sulejmani, etc. To the participants with a greeting speech addressed the Rector of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti. "Fadil Sulejmani lives and will live forever, in the most beautiful dream of every student, intellectual and citizen of our country and beyond" - said in his speech the

Rector of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti.

While the donor of the statue of the founder and the first Historical Rector, Prof. Dr. Fadil Sulejmani, the well-known Albanian philanthropist and businessman, Lazim Destani, was very happy that the University of Tetova has raised the personality and figure of its founder, Prof. Dr. Fadil Sulejmani.

The wife of the founder and first Rector of UT, Professor Haxhere Sulejmani expressed her gratitude to the Rector of UT, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti and philanthropist Mr. Lazim Destani, who jointly enabled the statue of Fadil Sulejmani to be placed in front of the University. In the presence of many Albanian citizens from Macedonia, Kosovo and Albania, the Rector of UT, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti, together with Lazim Destani, the wife of Prof. Dr. Fadil Sulejmani, Haxhere Sulejmani and many other political, intellectual, and social personalities unveiled the statue of Prof. Dr. Fadil Sulejmani.



AT THE UT WAS ORGANIZED THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON HUMAN, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND ARTS



At the University of Tetova on November 13-14 was held the International Congress on Human, Social Sciences and Arts. As a part of this congress were conducted proceedings: 7th Scientific Conference of the Faculty of Economics and the Faculty of Business Administration, in cooperation with the Faculty of Economics of the University of Malta. In addition, for the 6th time, were organized the scientific conferences of the Faculty of Philology, Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Philosophy, also for the 2nd time was organized the conference of the Faculty of Pedagogy of our University, in cooperation with the Faculty of Education of the University "Alexander Moisiu" from Durres, Republic of Albania.

Rector of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti, referring to the organization of this congress, emphasized that activities of this nature aim at scientific advancement, new developments and overcoming problems that present a challenge for certain sciences. According to him, over the years and especially in the last decade, the University of Tetova has proven to be the main institution of scientific organization, perhaps the only institution in the country to carry out numerous activities in various fields. "This congress, the 2nd in a row, comes in a full format, organized with a large participation of scientific authorities, so we appreciate that this influential event for the general public represents the most important scientific event for 2019", said the Rector of the UT, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti.

At the International Congress on Human, Social Sciences and Arts, were presented 210 scientific papers by 300 co-authors, renowned scholars, scientific researchers from the country and the region, who over the years have contributed to scientific advancement, new developments and overcoming problems that pose a challenge for the aforementioned sciences, while on November 15-16, will be organized a workshop on topic: "Application of statistical methods in scientific research".



US AMBASSADOR KATE MARIE BYRNES VISITED THE UNIVERSITY OF TETOVA

The US Ambassador to our country, Her Excellency Kate Marie Byrnes, today visited the University of Tetova. At UT, the US Ambassador was received by the Rector, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti, who thanked her for choosing our University, to give a lecture on integration. He said that the University of Tetova and the Albanian people in the Republic of North Macedonia are grateful to the United States of America for their role and contribution they have given in support of our University since the first steps of its foundation, as well as for their commitment over the years to promoting democracy and genuine academic values through the US Embassy in our country. "I am profoundly glad that today, together with professors and students, we have the honor of hosting the United States' Ambassador to our country, Mrs. Kate Marie Byrnes. The visit of Madam Ambassador to our institution, takes place during a special month for the University of Tetova, as December is the month of UT's founding, it is the month of the anniversary of this institution, already proven in its educational and scientific activity.

So today, with this significant activity, during which, we will attend the Ambassador's lecture, we begin with our official agenda for marking the 25th anniversary of the founding of the University of Tetova. On this occasion, we reaffirm the 25-year partnership between UT and the USA, and the excellent cooperation in the field of education, science, and technology.

The students, professors, and the whole staff of the University are grateful to the United States of America for their contribution to this institution, since the very first steps towards its founding, as well as for their commitment to promoting democracy and genuine academic values.

As the leaders of this University, we have worked incessantly to nourish this friendship, to safeguard it, in order to open the way for genuine collaboration with American universities, with well-known American professors, teaching at our faculties, as well as for cooperation on some international scientific projects in various fields" - said the Rector of the UT, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti.

He further emphasized in his speech the fruitful cooperation between us and the serious institutional partnership, today we are enjoying the results of the joint projects with the University of Northern Illinois, such as the full operationalization of the Center for Peace and Transcultural Management, and the accreditation of the second cycle study program for Business Administration, a program that is managed and coordinated between our academic units, the Faculty of Economics at the University of Tetova, and the Faculty of Business Administration at the University of Northern Illinois.

The cooperation based on the American government

program, Fulbright, continues to result as quite successful, through which, every academic year, our faculties' study programs become enriched with academic and scientific staff from the most prestigious American universities.

Furthermore, through the so-called Fulbright Specialist Program, we are privileged to welcome professionals, who come to share their expertise and strengthen bridges between our institutions.

Another significant aspect to be emphasized is the other US government program, the Peace Corps, through which, the successfully accomplished mission by American volunteers at our university, has proven beneficial to the wider community as well.

Through such projects, we work towards the promotion of pro-western values, free speech, protection of peace through the educational model, and are committed to deepen the scientific studies and prepare the successful leaders, who would be capable of leading enterprises and different companies, which operate in the global labor market.

To us, the management, professors, and students of this University, unforgettable remains the contribution of the United States of America, which is linked to the most crucial moments of the existence of this institution of higher education.



We believe that the role of Her Excellency, the US Ambassador to our country, will be crucial for the field of education, the political and public life, as well as for the peace and stability of our country and the whole region, - said the Rector of the UT, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti.

While the Ambassador Kate Marie Byrnes, in her lecture in front of the students, was focused on young people, who are the future of a country and as such should raise their voice for change for a brighter future. After the lecture, students had the opportunity to ask various questions about Macedonia's future in the Euro-Atlantic structures, the problem of youth emigration. US Ambassador Kate Marie Byrnes appealed students to make efforts to create real opportunities in their hometown. "Create opportunities in your country. It is normal for young people to move around the world for new experiences but we are interested in serving our community, family and the state where we live. The real answer is to find a way to create opportunities for all young people to find and build your life here", - said Kate Marie Byrnes.

In appreciation for the support and visit to UT, the Rector, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti, to the US Ambassador bestowed the portrait of the founder and the first historic Rector of UT, Prof. Dr. Fadil Sulejmani.



UT MARKED THE JUBILEE YEAR, THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDATION



The University of Tetova, through a solemn academy marked the jubilee year, the 25th anniversary of its foundation. This academy was attended by a large number of public personalities from the country and ethnicities, including the Speaker of the Assembly, Mr. Talat Xhaferi, businessman and philanthropist, Mr. Lazim Destani, university rectors, Albanian political party leaders, deputies, ministers, professors and students.

The ceremony was declared opened by the Rector of the University of Tetova, Prof. Vullnet Ameti, who said that the 25th anniversary of the founding of the University of Tetova is a special event for the Albanian people, students, professors, intellectuals and lovers of Albanian education who became the dam of protection of this temple of knowledge and of the future, at the time when the foundation and sound rise of the University was prevented and fought with all possible means of violence available to the State.

It is worth mentioning that for the academic year

2019/2020, the University of Tetova has awarded around 100 scholarships to excellent students. We have made it possible for our institution to be involved in academic and scientific development projects in the framework of European higher education projects, in projects that primarily target the development of academic staff, the mobility of professors and students, the application of European quality standards and organization of international scientific conferences and congresses", - said Prof. Vullnet Ameti.

On the 25th anniversary of the University of Tetova was awarded the highest scientific title Doctor Honoris Causa to the artist of the nation, Mirush Kabashi. He said that this assessment made by the University of Tetova will remain unforgettable in his memory. "It was a great pleasure when I was nominated, but I never imagined that it would be such a magnificent and beautiful ceremony that there will be an extraordinary memory! It's not a gift, believe me, it's an extraordinary responsibility", - said Mirush Kabashi.



EU FUNDED AND THE HIGHEST BUDGET CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OF ITS KIND IS BEING IMPLEMENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TRAKYA UNIVERSITY

Trakya University implements the project "Cross-Border Regions Collaborate for Blue Growth: Blue Growth Collabs, whose total budget is 2 million 855 thousand 247 Euros under the INTERREG-IPA Bulgaria - Turkey Cross-Border Cooperation Program Strategic Project Limited Bidding Call program". Trakya University, which has taken an important step in the protection and development of the environment, will bring a water and environmental research center to Edirne within the scope of the project, which will be implemented in cooperation with the Project Coordination and Implementation Center of our University and the Department of Chemistry of the Faculty of Science.

The project, directed by Assoc. Dr. Emre Atılgan, Director of Trakya University Project Coordination Application and Research Center and AR-GE Activities and coordinated by Prof. Dr. Murat Türkyılmaz, Faculty Member of the Chemistry Department of the Faculty of Science and Director of the International Relations Application and Research Center

will also act in partnership with Edirne High School, Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov University and Akad N. Zelinski College will cooperate at regional and cross-border level in order to ensure environmental protection and sustainable development. The project, which is planned to carry out 1 million 384,000 Euros in infrastructure and R&D activities, will also strengthen the research infrastructures of project partners in order to develop joint research methodologies.

Joint scientific research methodologies will be the main strategy of the project, which will be carried out focused on implementing sample applications in Turkey and Bulgaria's own water systems such as sea, river and lake, and improving the capacity for interaction in conservation of nature. Trakya University, which develops a project called "Cross-Border Cooperation for Blue Growth: Blue Growth Laboratories" to create environmental protection awareness and sustainable development awareness, is establishing a partnership at a regional and cross-border level.



3 LABORATORIES WILL BE INSTALLED AND 1 RESEARCH BOAT WILL BE TAKEN

In addition to Trakya University Faculty of Science building, an area of 450 square meters will be built and water pollution monitoring laboratory, water ecosystem laboratory and water culture and biotechnology laboratory will be established with state-of-the-art equipment. In addition, a "Research Boat" will be taken to be used in the data collection function in water analysis in Edirne within the scope of the Project and a "Virtual Laboratory" will be opened in Edirne High School that will enable the diversity of scientific methods to experience and interact with researchers. The students will be able to be involved in the applications carried out online and simultaneously in existing laboratories at Trakya University with the equipment that Edirne High School will have.

In addition to the "International Blue Growth Conference", a project competition covering the Blue Growth Project Market: Blue Growth and Sustainable Development, Circular Economy and Water Systems, Environmental Protection Innovation, Cross-Border Waters and Pollution will be held in the project, which will also carry out various awareness activities for university students and regional stakeholders.

In this organization, where technology companies working on environmental issues can showcase their products and work, students will be provided with more information about environmental protection awareness and new technologies. In addition, professional training and consultancy support will be given to Edirne High School students to develop their projects. with the "Blue Science Cage" event.

Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu, Rector of Trakya University, expressed his satisfaction at bringing together two important institutions in Edirne in the field of education in such a project, saying, "I think this project, which we are seeing its great symptoms today and aware of environmental events that will seriously threaten human health in the upcoming years, is very important for future generations to leave a healthy world, a livable environment. On this occasion, I congratulate the project team wholeheartedly, who has worked hard to implement such a project, and I hope that the project will benefit not only our region, but also to the whole world."

AN IMPORTANT SERVICE FROM TRAKYA UNIVERSITY CENTRAL LIBRARY: "BALKAN LIBRARY" OPENED

Trakya University Central Library has opened the eagerly anticipated 'Balkan Library' by booklovers and researchers, adding another one to its existing services. Trakya University Central Library, which has previously created 'Edirne Library' and signed an important cultural service by presenting more than 650 books about the city and urban memory to researchers and many of them rare, presented a library this time donated by Altay Gökbilgin, son of Prof. M. Tayyib Gökbilgin, in 2015 that composed mostly of books written about the Balkans and Edirne. Trakya University takes "Balkans", his geography of heart, on its focus in its every step and it is the first university that comes to mind when it is called "Turkey" in Balkans and when it is called "Balkans" in Turkey. Trakya University has implemented another important service with the Balkan Library established within the Central Library.

The library contains more than 3,000 books and 140 theses and includes important works in many fields such as Balkans, Balkan history, geography, literature, politics, economics and social sciences. Balkan Library which offers a wide range of

qualified and high quality works to its readers, will serve as an important resource for those who want to explore Turkey's historical, cultural, social, political and economic relations with Balkan countries, shed light on the past and follow the traces of our heritage.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nurten Çetin, Head of Trakya University Library and Documentation Department said on the subject that " we are now very happy to have presented the Balkan Library to the service of academicians, students, researchers and people following Edirne Library under the roof of our Central Library. We've been working hard for a while to bring this idea to life. Our Balkan Library, which opened the service, includes 1,472 Turkish, 1,617 Balkan languages and 145 English and French resources. We aim to make our library an important reference and attraction center in the Balkans area by developing our collection more and more every day. I would like to thank our Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu and all my colleagues who have worked hard to implement the project and send my best wishes."

Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu, Rector of Trakya University, said, "As Trakya University, we have carved the Balkans into the hearts and engraved on memories on many platforms. We are also very excited about the idea of Assoc. Dr. Nurten Çetin, the Head of the Library and Documentation Department, to establish a Balkan Library. Books are unique guides in recognizing the past and analyzing the future correctly. Therefore, it is our responsibility to pass on the historical and cultural heritage of the Balkan geography, which the Ottoman Empire ruled for nearly 550 years, to future generations. These books will show us what we lost, what values we need to navigate, the way to the goal we want to achieve.

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We wanted to bring our social and cultural relations with the cognate kinship and religious societies in Balkans under the umbrella of many different fields, from literature to art, history to geography and human sciences in an ancient city like Edirne, which has accomplished important work in history. I wish our library with its very rich oeuvre would be beneficial for Edirne, our region and our country. I would

like to take this opportunity to express my particular thanks to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nurten Çetin and everyone who has contributed to this project.

The subject distributions and numbers of books from Trakya University Balkan Library, which includes various topics and titles, all of which belong to Balkan countries, are as follows:

1.400 Literature and Rhetoric Books

945 History and Geography Books

394 Societies and Human Sciences Books

140 Thesis

160 Languages and Linguistics Books

97 Art Books

78 Bibliography, Library, Encyclopedia, Museum, Journalism and Writing Books

59 Philosophy and Psychology Books

34 Religions and Religious Sciences Books

31 Technology and Applied Sciences Books

9 Natural Sciences and Mathematics Books



13TH INTERNATIONAL BALKAN HISTORY CONGRESS WAS HOSTED AT THE INTERNATIONAL VISION UNIVERSITY. IN GOSTIVAR



International Vision University hosted the 19 Mays University in Samsun, which is one of Turkey's eminent University and the Mubadele Association (Exchange Association) in Samsun and jointly held the 13th International Balkan History Congress. The Minister of State of the Republic of Northern Macedonia Elvin Hasan, The Rector of International Vision University Prof. Dr. Fadil HOCA, President of the Turkish Movement Party and the Member of Parliament Mr. Enes Ibrahim, President of Samsun 19 Mays University Congress Prof. Dr. Prof. Dr. Bunyamin KOCAOĞLU, a former Colonel Suheyli Chobanoglu, The president of Samsun Mubadele Association Mrs. Olcay Kinay Yakin, the Vice-Rectors of International Vision University, Academicians from various universities in Turkey and a large number of students of the International Vision University attended the conference.

The Rector of International Vision University Prof. Dr. Fadil HOCA, in his opening speech of the Congress stated as "We are very happy to witness that the 13th International Balkan History Congress is being held for the first time in

the Balkans in our University". He also emphasized the importance that they witnessed a historical day. Furthermore, he stated International University will continue to host such organizations in the future. The opening speech was continued by the President of Samsun 19 Mays University Congress, Prof. Dr. Bunyamin KOCAOĞLU, The president of Samsun Mubadele Association Mrs. Olcay Kinay Yakin and The Minister of the Republic of Northern Macedonia, Mr. Elvin Hasan.

The plenary session of the congress was held and moderated by the Vice-Rector of the International Vision University Prof. Dr. Hasan Oktay, President of 19th Mays University Congress Prof. Dr. Bunyamin KOCAOĞLU and a former Colonel Suheyli Chobanoglu.

The working section of the Congress took place in three different halls and in three sessions. Papers of academicians from Turkey and abroad and International Vision University and faculty members, in addition to Turkish language, also continued with the paper presentations throughout the day in English as well as Macedonian language.



ACADEMIC COOPERATION PROTOCOL HAS BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN VISION AND USKUDAR UNIVERSITY

International VISION University has added a new one to its versatile studies. Thus, an Academic Cooperation Protocol has been signed with the Uskudar University which is one of the among prestigious university in the Republic of Turkey. The Rector of Uskudar University Prof. Dr. Nevzat TARHAN and The Rector of International VISION University Prof. Dr. Fadil Hoca when signed cooperation agreement in the Senate Hall stated put the emphasize on and pointed out the importance as "We believe that this signature is the beginning and we hope that the academic cooperation between us will reach to a higher level".



2ND GRADUATION CEREMONY AT THE INTERNATIONAL VISION UNIVERSITY



On 21st December 2019, on the Turkish Education Day, International Vision University gave its 2nd Graduates in the 6th year of its foundation. International Vision University experienced the pride and joy of giving his second graduates from the Faculty of Law, Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Architecture, Faculty of Social Sciences and Informatics, especially the Master's Degree of International Vision University. High-level guests from Turkey and abroad attended the 2nd Graduation Ceremony of the International Vision University which was presented by the famous TV presenter Mr.Yusuf EMİN. The ceremony was accompanied by the International Vision University Rector Prof.Dr. Fadil HOCA, ChiefAdvisor to the President of the Republic of Turkey, Mr. Ihsan SHENER, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr. Ihsan Selim BAYDASH, Deputy Chairman of the MHP, Mrs. Deniz DEPBOOYLU, Deputy Member of the MHP Mr.Saffet SANCAKLI, Minister of the Republic of Northern Macedonia

Mr. Elvin HASAN, The president of TDP Mr. Beycan ILYAS, The President of THP and Member of the Parliament Mr.Enes IBRAHİM, the parliament Deputy of TDP Mr. Yusuf HASAN, The president of TMBH Mr. Erdogan SARACH, Former AK Party Member of Parliament Mrs. Gulay DALYAN, The Mayor of Gostivar Mr. Arben TARAVARI, The mufti of Gostivar Mr. Shakir Efendi FETAHU, Former Rector of Akev University Dr Hayati AKTASH, HSYK Branch Manager Mr. Misbahattin EROGLU, Member of the Supreme Court of Appeals Mr. Basri BAGCI, Member of the Court of Appeals Mr. Necip TOPUZ, Member of the Court of Appeals Criminal General Assembly Member Mr. Yilmaz KARABODUR, President of the Supreme Court of Public Prosecutor Mr.Huseyin Kurshad SERBES, and General Director of Credit Dormitories Mr. Recep Ali ER. Rector of the International Vision University, Prof.Dr. Fadil HOCA shared the rightful pride and joy of the University's 2nd Graduates. After the protocol speeches, a

plaque was presented to the first graduates of the Masters' Degree and in addition to their diplomas top scoring student in the department, they were presented with certificates and

diplomas to other graduates. After the ceremony a famous singer Gulden MUTLU gave her successful concert.



INTERNATIONAL VISION UNIVERSITY HOSTED ACADEMIC TITLE AWARDS PRESENTATION CEREMONY

On 14 November 2019 (Thursday) at 12:45pm, an "ACADEMICIAN TITLE PRESENTATION" was held in the ceremony hall of the premises of International VISION University. In total 10 Academic Titles were presented, including 2 professors and 8 with "Assisting Professor" to the University staff working at the International Vision University. The ceremony has started with the opening speech of Prof. Dr. Fadil Hoca, the Rector of the International Vision University. At the ceremony attended the Vice Rectors of the University, Faculty Deans, University professors and a large number of students.

In his address the Rector of the International VISION University, Prof. Dr. Fadil Hoca has emphasized the importance of today's program as "this ceremony is neither a conference nor a symposium". In fact, he pointed out that "today's program is a work product of the studies that the

University has made effort in building the university with new teaching staff".

At the ceremony Professor Titles were presented the Vice Rector to the Prof. Dr. Hasan Oktay and Prof. Dr. Bulent Dervish by the Rector of University Prof. Dr. Fadil Hoca. Academic Titles 'Assist. Prof. Dr. Scs' were presented by the University Vice Rectors to the Secretary General Vesna Poposka, as well as the other academicians at the International VISION University such as, Assist. Prof. Dr. Scs Atilla Jorma, Assist. Prof. Dr. Scs Aybeyan Selim, Assist. Prof. Dr. Scs Adnan Vraynko, Assist. Prof. Dr. Scs Muhittin Kahveci, Assist. Prof. Dr. Scs Arafat Useini, Assist. Prof. Dr. Scs Nalan Kazaz and Assist. Prof. Dr. Scs Eyup Dulina. At the end of the program, the Deans of the faculties awarded scholarship certificates to 10 students from different faculties who achieved high success in their education.



NEW RECTOR PROF. ARTAN NIMANI PHD BEGINS COMMITMENT AT UNIVERSITY OF GJAKOVA "FEHMI AGANI"



The University of Gjakova "Fehmi Agani" has a new Rector, Prof. Ass. Dr. Artan Nimani. He began his first day of work by meeting administrative staff, deans, student representatives, where he outlined the goals of where UGJFA is headed after a while, and called for everyone's commitment to achieve the best for the institution he has taken on. He also did have

visit by representatives of civil society, many colleagues from other universities in Kosovo, as well as representatives of the security authorities in the Municipality of Gjakova.

Introductory speech of the Rector Nimani

<https://uni-gjk.org/en/faqe/2/rektori>



UGFA STUDENTS BEGAN A STUDY VISIT TO MANISA-TURKEY



A group of 15 UGJFA students on the evening of December 22, left for a study visit to Manisa bayar Celar University in Turkey. This expedition is expected to deppen the strategic cooperation relationship with our partner University under

the ERASMIS+ project called SMAHPC, joint lectures with be held by international experts, Manisa Bayar Celal University laboratories will be visited, procedures with be taught to students during partice development in these laboratories.

THE PROJECT "SUSTAINABLE USE OF GROUNDWATER RESOURCES AND SAFE DRINKING WATER IN GJAKOVA" STARTED AS A GRANT AWARDED BY THE US EMBASSY IN KOSOVO

On December 17 in the premises of the Rectorate of the University of Gjakova "Fehmi Agani" in Gjakova, was held the opening of the project "Sustainable Use of Groundwater Resources and Safe Drinking Water in Gjakova municipality". As a partner in this project was Prof. Roza Allabash PhD from

Bock University of Vienna (Austria). Prof Allabash on her part and the institution she represents in this project expressed her readiness for inter-institutional cooperation and further development in similar field of research between the two countries and institutions.



A COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF MACEDONIA, TWO FRENCH UNIVERSITIES AND THE FRENCH INSTITUTE OF THESSALONIKI.



A mutual cooperation agreement with the French Universities "Université Lumière Lyon 2" and "Aix en Marseille Université", as well as with the French Institute of Thessaloniki, was signed by the University of Macedonia, on the occasion of the second organization

of the CREABALK (CreativeBalk) network aiming at the emergence of a common ground between the arts, culture and social sciences in the Balkans.

The agreement was signed by the Rector of the University of Macedonia, Professor Stylianos D. Katranidis, the Consul General of France in Thessaloniki and Director of the French Institute of Thessaloniki, Mr. Philippe Ray, Mr. Olivier Givier, Vice President of the Lumier, Mr. Jim Walker, as well as the Director of the TELEMMe Research Unit at Aix en Marseille University, Professor Xaviev Daumalin.

The ceremony was also attended by the Vice-Rector of the University of Macedonia, Professor Dimitrios Kyrkilis, the Head of the Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies and Director of the Laboratory of Studies of Culture, Frontier and Social Studies, Mrs. Fotini Tsimpiridou, as well as representatives of the French Institute of Thessaloniki and of both French universities.

The core principles of a close and constructive cooperation

were discussed during the signing of the pact by the Dean of the University of Macedonia, Professor Stylianos D. Katranidis, who acknowledged that the two French universities have found a devoted ally at the Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies. He stressed out that the research objects constitute an ideal partner for interested parties who wish to study Southeast Europe and the Balkans.

The long and successful collaboration of the French Institute of Thessaloniki with the University of Macedonia as seen in number of scientific and artistic activities was underlined during the signing of the pact by the Consul General of Thessaloniki and Director of the French Institute of Thessaloniki an a new venture was introduced with the current partnership between the Greek and the two French universities .

The areas of scientific interest of the two French universities were also described during the event by Mr. Xavie Daumalin and Olivier Givre, highlighting the increased interest in the Balkan area. Both the Director of the TELEMMe Research Unit at Aix en Marseille University and Olivier Givre, a spokesman for Lumiere Lyon 2 University, highlighted the important role that science and technology could play in the scientific research of this area with the active collaboration with the Dpt. of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies of the University of Macedonia.

Finally, emphasis was given to specialized areas of interest that can be explored in collaboration with the Laboratory for the Study of Culture, Borders and Gender.



MAJOR SUCCESS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MACEDONIA ACTION TITLED "GIVE BOOKS TO SECOND CHANCE SCHOOLS"



More than 1,000 books have already been collected from the University of Macedonia Publishing House, with students, academics, University staff and general crowd responding warmly to the open call and donating books for the Secondary School inmates at the correctional facilities of Diavata and Nigrita Serron area.

Following this emotional response and the successful collection of the required books for the first two detention facilities, the University of Macedonia Publishing House prolonged the action, aiming to gather books and fill the libraries of the other two correctional centers, namely those of the Malandrinos and Domokinos area.

"We are very happy that our initial idea to offer as many books as we could to the schools of the detentions reached far beyond any initial expectations we might have. It is also worth noting that we accept books via postal service and

people from every corner of the country are inviting us to learn how they can offer their books and boost our efforts. So, in addition with our own publication titles we have managed to collect in less than a month more than a thousand!

We therefore feel the need to warmly thank the directors of the four Second Ohance Schools for their positive response as well as the public, the institutions, the associations, the businesses and all the collective organizations that supported our action. The University of Macedonia's Publishing House remains open to any school call in and out of a correctional facility to create or fill libraries, hoping that this will be the hallmark of the University's continued effort for knowledge and intellectual freedom," pointed out Mrs. Ioanna Dandelias, Director of the UoM Publishing House.

UNIVERSITY OF MACEDONIA PREPARES FOR LIFE: EXPERIENTIAL TRAINING IN NATURE

In order to develop necessary career skills such as communication, self-presentation, flexibility, adaptability, empathy, and active listening, approximately 20 students from the Department of Educational and Social Policy of the University of Macedonia were trained by the School of Education by taking part at an innovative two-day Career Skills Development Training Day.

For the implementation of the seminar, which was organized by Associate Professor Ioanna Papavassiliou, outdoor (nature) and indoor participatory and experiential techniques were explicitly used, far from the conventional classroom. The training was hosted at the "School of Nature" in Trilofos, Thessaloniki.

With regards to the seminar, Ms Papavassiliou noted that "in recent market surveys, such as that of Cedefop in 2015, it was found that around 40% of employers say they find it difficult to find the right people for the positions they offer, mainly as a result of lack of social or "soft" skills. The Greek higher education institutions urgently need to cultivate students for personal and social life and career skills that are developed solely through experiential teaching methods and out of the box techniques. "For the last 12 years this has been taking place at the University of Macedonia within the framework of the course "Career Management Skills"





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