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## SCHOOL OF MODERN GREEK LANGUAGE ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI

The School of Modern Greek Language in Thessaloniki (SMG) operating since 1970, supervised by the AUTh Faculty of Philosophy is currently hosting 700-800 students per year.

Pioneer in the teaching of Greek as a second/foreign language - and especially Greek for Academic Purposes the SMG is offering regular courses at all levels - as defined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment, organizing special projects, including the 1st and 2nd World Olympiads of the Modern Greek Language and versatile programs of study: variable duration, focus on special needs, flexible tailor-made programs, summer schools in Greek language and culture, archaeology and economics organized in collaboration with Universities and international organizations and Seminars for teachers of Modern Greek as a second foreign language.

Moreover the SMG was awarded the European Language Label 2016 (<https://www.iky.gr/el/album-foto-erasmus-plus/item/3077-teleti-aponomis-evropaikoy-simatos-glosson-2016-aponomi-10-5-2018>) for the On-line courses of Modern Greek language for beginner levels A1 and A2; has been an examination center for the certificate of Attainment in Greek and an official organizer of special exams for prospective students of Greek Universities; has been involved in the production of teaching materials for the learning of Modern Greek language as a second/foreign language; has participated in educational and research programmes.

The school's mission is not solely to support the teaching of Greek as a second/foreign language, but also to provide learners with rich language and cultural experiences; thus, the learning of the language is achieved not only through explicit but also through implicit methods.



### The Quality Assurance Unit of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Implementing the Bologna Declaration and its processes Greece has established the Hellenic Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agency (HQAA) and the legislation for quality assurance in higher education. Each HE institution is responsible by law for ensuring and continually improving the quality of its teaching and research work, as well as for the effective operation and performance of its services in accordance with international practices, particularly those of the European Higher Education Area and the principles and guidelines of the HQAA. Responsible for the above purpose, in each HEI, is the Quality Assurance Unit (aka MODIP).

The MODIP of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH) is constituted by decision of the Senate of the Institution and consists of the Vice Rector for Academic and Student

Affairs, Professor Ariadni Stogiannidou as president and five Professors of the University and one representative of each category of staff, a representative of the undergraduate students and a representative of the graduate students and doctoral candidates, if available, as members.

The MODIP is an advisory body for the administration of the University which, through the coordination of procedures for internal and external evaluation of the academic units of the Institution, gathers valuable information regarding the strong and weak points of the university, the shortcomings and all the necessities and recommends improvements and changes in order to ensure the provision of high quality services to its students, its staff, as well as to the society.

### The MODIP of AUTH is mainly responsible for:

a) the development of specific policies, strategies and procedures necessary for the continuous improvement of the quality of work and services of the Institution, which is its internal quality assurance system

b) the organization, operation and continuous improvement of the internal quality assurance system of the Institution,

c) the coordination and support of the evaluation procedures of the academic units and the other services of the Institution and

d) the support of the external evaluation and accreditation procedures of the curricula and the institution's internal quality evaluation system, in the framework of the principles, guidelines and instructions of HQAA.

### The aims of the MODIP of AUTH are:

a) To improve the quality of the educational & research work.

b) To improve the quality of the processes & services of AUTH - primarily towards students, but also towards the personnel, the regular faculty members, the administrative staff, etc.

c) To improve the quality of working & living conditions at AUTH.

d) To present the work conducted at AUTH, to the society and political leadership, but also to the international academic community.

To facilitate its responsibilities and aims the MODIP of AUTH has developed a Quality Management System (QMS) that is accessible online for all members (students, academic and research staff and other staff) of AUTH. The development of QMS creates suitable conditions for:

a) Reliability testing, homogenization and synchronization of the primary data related to quality (between different systems and applications).

b) Upgrading of the applications, when they do not provide the necessary data associated to quality.

c) Improving the existing administrative procedures and creating new ones, when and if considered required for the registration of the necessary data associated to quality.

The main subsystems of QMS are: Electronic Studies' Guide, Courses' Evaluation Questionnaires, Inventory Cards, Faculty Projects' Database, Quality Indicators, Statistic Reports and Evaluation Reports.

For more information visit our website at

<https://qa.auth.gr/en>



## BLACK SEA UNIVERSITIES NETWORK 2018 CONGRESS AND THE 13TH CONFERENCE OF RECTORS FROM THE BLACK SEA REGION

This year, the Black Sea Universities Network celebrated its 20th Anniversary in two main events; the BSUN 2018 Congress: "UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals In The Black Sea Region: From Science To Implementation" and the 13th Conference of Rectors from the Black Sea Region, both hosted by the Aristotle University Thessaloniki and held between June 18 and 19, 2018.

The BSUN represents the cooperation framework for Academic Institutions from the Black Sea Region. The Network intends to facilitate the inter-university cooperation and the generation of synergies pertinent to education, scientific research, innovation and cultural cooperation. At present, the Network includes 110 universities from the 12-member countries of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, including Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine.

In June 2018, Rectors and representatives from 35 universities of 11 countries attended the conference marking the 20th anniversary of the Black Sea Universities Network. The members of the Network declared their full support to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and

expressed their commitment to take all the necessary action to ensure a healthy, resilient, sustainable, productive, and better-valued environment for future generations, whilst promoting peace, social well-being and prosperity for all the member states' citizens.

During the BSUN Presidential Elections for the service of 2018-2020, which took place at the 13th Conference of Rectors from the Black Sea Region, Prof. Pericles MITKAS, Rector of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, was unanimously appointed as President. Meanwhile, it was decided that the Network would adopt further strategic directions for the period 2018-2020, such as promoting the cooperation between the BSUN members, enhancing the visibility of the Network, increasing the added value of BSUN membership for the students and faculty, and working towards the development of a systemic approach to the implementation of SDGs in the Black Sea region through the collaboration of the BSUN with both governmental and nongovernmental organizations. Finally, the decision was made that the imminent Executive Board Meeting will be held in October 2018, in Thessaloniki, Greece.



## INTERNATIONAL DISTINCTION FOR THE ICRY2TALK TEAM OF THE ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI

Team iCry2Talk of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki won the 2nd place at the World Finals of Microsoft Imagine Cup 2018 competition, which was held in Seattle, U.S. on July 25. The iCry2Talk application was developed by students Anastasia Ntracha, Andreas Loutzidis and Jason Hadzikostas, under the guidance of Professor Leontios Hadjileontiadis at the University Faculty of Electrical and Computer Engineering. The application proposes a low-cost and non-invasive intelligent interface between the infant and the parent that translates in real time the baby's cry and associates it with a specific physiological and psychological state, depicting the result in a text, image and voice message.

Imagine Cup is a global competition that empowers the next generation of computer science students to team up and use their creativity, passion and knowledge of technology to create applications that shape how we live, work and play. Every year tens of thousands of students from across the globe compete for cash, travel and prizes and for the honor of taking home the Imagine Cup.

The students met with the Rector of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Professor Pericles A. Mitkas, who congratulated them for their distinction: "We are especially proud when our students create and achieve distinctions on a global level. The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki owes it to itself to provide its students, undergraduates and postgraduates alike, with the means and opportunities to compete, improve their skill set and excel on every available path".



### 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL VISION UNIVERSITY

On the Occasion of “3rd Anniversary of the Establishment of International VISION University” and “21 December of Turkish Education Day” was organized a special program where students of the University performed traditional dance, sang traditional songs and recited poems. Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Skopje H.E Tulin ERKAL KARA, the Undersecretary of the Embassy, Mr. Murat Sumer and his delegation attended to the organized programme.

Besides, important figures of government of R.M where participants. Among the participants where: Minister of State Prof.Dr. Adnan KAHİL, chairman of DPT Dr. Beycan İLYAS, Chairman of TMP and deputy Mr.Enes İBRAHİM, Deputy of DPT Dr. Yusuf HASAN, Rector of Van “Yüzüncü Yıl University” Prof. Dr.Peyami BATTAL, General Director of HALKBANK in Macedonia Dr. Bilal SUCUBAŞI, Former State Minister Dr. Hadi NEZİR, General Director of MUSIAD Bilal KARA, the owner of the Tek Rumeli television Mr. Atilla BAYKAL, the director of MTV2 for the Turkish programs Erhan HAŞİP, TRT Coordinator for Macedonia Bünyamin ŞAHİN, Mrs. Aslihan SNOĞE a representative from the municipality of Gostivar, University Professors and large number of students were part of celebration. During the anniversary celebration were discussed the general educational policy, the relationship between Macedonia and Turkey and the importance of the education in the area.



## ACADEMIC PROTOCOL WAS SIGNED BETWEEN BAYBURT UNIVERSITY AND VISION

The International Vision University continues to cooperate with respected universities around the world to develop and strengthen academic cooperation and implement new plans and projects for a brightened future. A new academic cooperation protocol was signed between Bayburt University, one of the most respected universities of Turkey, and International VISION University. Protocol was signed by

the rector Prof.Dr. Selçuk Coşkun on behalf of the Bayburt University and by the rector Prof.Dr. Fadıl HOCA on behalf of the International Vision University. The protocol that signed by both Universities aims to facilitate academic staff and student exchange between two Universities and enhance academic excellence by realizing joint projects.



## MAYOR OF GOSTIVAR VISITED THE INTERNATIONAL VISION UNIVERSITY

Mayor of Gostivar Dr Arben TARAVARI and his delegation paid an official visit to the International VISION University.

Rector of the International VISION University Prof. Dr. Fadıl Hoca and his delegation informed the delegation of the municipality about the activities and new plan and

projects of the university. During the visit, it was discussed about joint projects that could be done in the future between the Municipality of Gostivar and the International VISION University.





## VEYSI "ÜSKÜB" CONFERENCE AT THE INTERNATIONAL VISION UNIVERSITY

Within the scope of "Library talks" at the ceremonial hall of International Vision University was held a joint conference between International Vision University and "Yunus Emre" Turkish cultural center in Skopje, where besides the university professors, a large number of students took part. The conference was held by the Rector of the International Vision University Prof. Dr. Fadil Hoxha. While, by the Director

of the Institute Yunus Emre Dr. Shemsettin Şeker was granted a certificate of gratitude to Prof. Dr. Fadil Hoxha.

The main topic of the conference was well known Ottoman poet "Veysi Üskübi", due to the fact that Üskübi was poet and served seven times as judge in Rumeli, within the city of Skopje, where he developed his personality in the spirit of Ottoman life, where he lived and passed away.



## JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT (AK) PARTY BURSA DEPUTY BENNUR KARABURUN VISITED INTERNATIONAL VISION UNIVERSITY.

Within the framework of visits they have made to various organizations and institutions in Macedonia, Ruling Justice and Development (AK) Party Bursa Deputy Bennur KARABURUN visited International VISION University.

During the visit with the rector of International Vision University Prof. Dr. Fadil Hoca, was discussed about the projects that has been done and what is going to be done in the near future by International Vision University.



## 4TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR ECONOMY AND BUSINESS "ICEB 18,

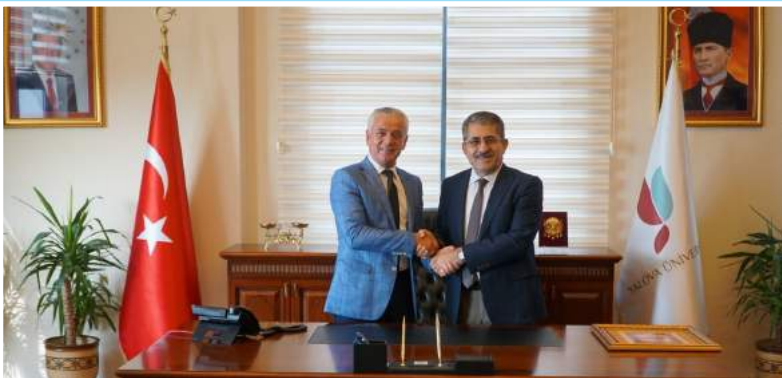
4th International Congress for Economy and Business "ICEB 18" was held in Budapest-Hungary. Participants of the congress were rectors deans and academic staff of:

International VISION University, Uludag University, Manisa Celal Bayar University, Sakarya University and Balikesir University.



## IVU RECTOR VISITED YALOVA UNIVERSITY

Rector of International Vision Vizion Prof.Dr. Fadil Hoca in his office. At the meeting was discussed the academic cooperation between the two institutions.



## ACADEMIC COOPERATION PROTOCOL BETWEEN RECEP TAYYIP ERDOGAN UNIVERSITY AND INTERNATIONAL VISION UNIVERSITY

International Vision University continues to cooperate with reputable universities around the world to develop and strengthen academic collaboration and to build bridges between cultures.

Academic cooperation protocol was signed between Recep Tayyip Erdogan University, one of the prestigious universities of Turkey, and International Vision University.

Academic Protocol was signed by the rector Prof. Dr. Huseyin Karaman on behalf of the Recep Tayyip Erdogan University and by the rector Prof. Dr. Fadil Hoca on behalf of the International Vision University.

During the signing of the cooperation protocol, the AK Party Bursa deputy Bennur KARABURUN was also present.



## TURKISH METEORIT WORKING GROUP

Turkish Meteorit Working Group, which has been established to expedite ongoing meteorite studies in Turkey and to pursue studies in this field in a more organized and efficient manner, held its first meeting at Kırklareli University.

Member of Aeronautics and Space Sciences Faculty, Dr. Mehmet Yeşiltaş stated that they started to establish sub-working groups:

“We have discussed the future studies and scientific goals of the sub-working groups. Turkish Meteorite Working Group, which embodies a coordination board, is open to everyone who conducted or planning to conduct scientific studies on meteorites. Anyone may register via <http://meteoritcalismagrubu.org/> with an e-mail address, in order to get notified about group's events, national and international scientific research opportunities as well as financial support announcements”.



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## FACULTY OF MEDICINE & FACULTY OF LAW

The Cabinet decree no.2018/11593 for the approval of the foundation of Kırklareli University Faculty of Medicine came into effect on 25th May 2018 published on Official Gazette. Our Rector Prof. Dr. Bülent Şengörür stated that the Faculty of Medicine will improve the vision of Kırklareli University and bring dynamism to the city.

Besides, Kırklareli University Faculty of Law is opening its doors to the law students as 2018/2019 academic year, with its experienced and qualified staff. As a result of the decision taken by Turkish Higher Education Institution on 17th May 2018, 100 students expected to enroll this year in recently established law programme.



### III. "PROJECT MARKET" OF KIRKLARELI UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OFFICE

Technology Transfer Office of KLU organized its 3rd "Project Market" on 18 April 2017 in order to encourage students, scholars and scientists, to create a project culture and to introduce new ideas. The market, which hosted 42 projects was opened by our Rector Prof. Dr. Bülent Şengörür. The primary objectives of the "Project Market" were to reveal creative project ideas and inventions with high industrial applicability, also sustain research & development and innovation efforts.

In his opening speech, Şengörür expressed his wishes for academicians from other Universities and social science departments would also participate "Project Market" in following years. He added: "We are planning to introduce a project room for our students in the near future. This kind of free working space would be beneficial for our students whom are willing to implement their projects and build prototypes."



## NKU CORLU ENGINEERING FACULTY SECTOR INTEGRATED EDUCATION (STE) PROGRAM COOPERATION PROTOCOL SIGNING CEREMONY

NKU Faculty of Engineering went to Sector Integrated Education Model by signing the Sectoral Integrated Education (STE) Program Cooperation Protocol under the presidency of our Rector Prof. Dr. Osman Şimşek in the Senate Hall of the Rectorate with the Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Organized Industrial Zones, Businessmen and Industrialists' Associations, Trakya Development Agency, Tekirdağ Science Industry and Technology Directorate Faculty of Engineering went to Sector Integrated Education Model.

As a first among the state universities, starting from the 2011-2012 academic year, the Department of Textile Engineering started to apply in the Department of Textile Engineering 2018-2019 Education -The STE Modal is to be implemented in all engineering departments from the year onwards.

and Çorlu Independent Industrialists' and Businessmen, Association presidents, and academicians came together.

In his speech Professor Dr. Osman Şimşek, drawing attention to the importance of integrated education with the industry stated that " Our engineering students will be provided with opportunities such as practical engineering education, theoretical knowledge, responsibility for the workplace, relationships, organization and production processes and new technologies, while the business world is also provided with the chance of getting more qualified engineers for the business world. In addition, the staff will shorten the adaptation period and produce high quality and efficient products. "



In the signing ceremony Dr. Osman Şimşek, Ergene 2nd Organized Industry Regional Directorate Chairman Tayyar Şaşmaz, Corlu Dean of Engineering Faculty Professor. Dr. Lokman Hakan Tecer, Tekirdağ Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Cengiz Günay and Çorlu Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry İzzet Volkan, Edirne Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chairman Recep Zıpkıncı, Cerkezkoç (Deputy) Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mustafa Seçkin, Trakya Development Agency General Secretary Mahmut Şahin, Tekirdağ Science Industry and Technology Manager Fahrettin Akçal, Velimeşe, Muratlı, Ergene 2, Hayrabolu, Çorlu Leather Karma, Çorlu 1, Kapaklı and Evrensekiz Organize Sanayi Region Directorates Chairman of the Board of Directors, Çorlu Businessmen and Industrialists

Professor Dr. Osman Şimşek continued as follows: "We are very fortunate that we are in the region where 2000 industrial plants are located. This is especially important in terms of bringing together the theoretical knowledge and practice of our students. Since the day I was in charge, we have been working with the industrial sector to make the necessary arrangements for students to make agreements active and provide students with working opportunities on certain days of the week. The point we came up with is gratifying. In many of our units, we have expanded integrated education with the industry. I hope this number reaches to a hundred percent. As a university, we are aware of the importance of integrated education through intensive engineering education and we are trying to develop it intensively. "

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Then the Dean of Çorlu Engineering Faculty Professor. Dr. Hakan Tecer stated that” Thanks to the supports of our Professor. Dr. Osman Şimşek, we changed our education model in our faculty in line with the goals YÖK has drawn to us. We have changed it to a sector integrated education. You are

the roofing enterprises of the industrialists who manufacture for this country in this region. We are also trying to produce science and knowledge while raising qualified engineers who will work in those productions. With this science and knowledge combined with industry and production, we derive the importance of the university industry business association from stereotyping. We are about to make this important application formal and permanent by signing a business association protocol with representatives of the business world, sector and professional organizations now here. I wish this protocol will be a start, a priority for our students, our industrialists and the region. “

After the opening and presentations the protocol was signed by Rector Prof. Dr. Osman Şimşek, Chairmen of Chamber of Commerce and Industry, businessmen, industrialists associations, Trakya Development Agency and Tekirdağ Science Industry and Technology Directorate Executives.



## THE FIRST KIDNEY TRANSPLANT OPERATION IN NKU RESEARCH HOSPITAL

For the first time at NKU Research Hospital, a kidney transplant was performed in a patient who was diagnosed with renal failure and who had been on medication for 3 years but had not recovered from his illness.

The first kidney transplant in Tekirdağ was carried out by the team under the chairmanship of General Surgery Head of Department and NKU Application and Research Hospital Organ and Tissue Transfer Responsible Prof. Dr. Mesut Izzet Titiz.

A large team worked together during the transplantation and transfer process. Head of Urology department of the team Assoc. Prof. Dr. Cenk Murat Yazıcı, from urology department, Assist. Prof. Hacı Murat Akgul, Head of the Department of Anesthesiology and Reanimation, Prof. Dr. Makbule Cavidan Arar, Assitant Professors Dr. Ayhan Şahin, Ph.D. Hatice Gül Sarıkaya, Assoc. Prof. Gülsüm Özkan in the Department of Nephrology and also research assistants and nurses.

After the decision of transfer, Sefer Aydın whose tissues were found to be utile with his father Mustafa Aydın, has recovered his health with a successful operation following general surgery procedures.

NKÜ Faculty of Medicine Nephrology Department Instructor Assoc. Dr. Gülsüm Özkan stated that they had been following the stituation of the patient for about 3 years and that he was pleased that his surgery was successful.

Assoc. Prof. Gülsüm Ozkan also stated that "There are patients around 80 thousand experiencing kidney failure in Turkey and so far an average of 20 thousand patients were done the kidney transplant, about 20 thousand patients are still waiting on the transplant list".

Assoc. Prof. Ozkan stressed that many kidney patients can continue their lives with dialysis support and continued as follows: "For these patients, kidney transplantation is a complete treatment method and they can continue their life with dialysis but all the functions of the kidney can be replaced only by taking a donor kidney, We performed the first of this transfer case with our team and this surgery was a very good hope for the patients with dialysis in Tekirdağ. They used to go to Istanbul for transplantation so far but now they can be transferred in their own cities and in their local hospitals. In this sense we are all waiting for patients with kidney diseases in our region to our hospital. "

Rector Prof. Dr. Osman Simsek stated that "Our hospital has been serving since 2016. It is not only for the people of Tekirdag but also for patients from Silivri and Keşan. We serve about 2 thousand 500 patients every day. For the first time in Tekirdağ, kidney transplantation was done. Our patient was 43 years old and his father, Mustafa Aydın, gave him a kidney. I hope that we will continue to do other special operations with our equipments and sub-structure. It is our goal to fulfill the needs of our people in the best way. I'd like to thank our head doctor and all our staff ".

Sefer Aydın said that the surgery was very successful and that he feels like he was re-born and said "I have been in hospital for nine days and have been looked after very well." Sefer Aydın said in connection with organ donation people should be sensitive "I want you to donate your kidneys or any organ in death. There are a lot of people waiting for organ transplants, not just the kidneys, but the heart, the liver lungs, so the families have to be a bit more conscios, "he said, emphasizing that everyone needed a second chance.





**NKU STUDENTS ARE SATISFIED WITH TEKİRDAĞ**

In the research of Student Friendly University Cities (ÖDÜŞ) "conducted by the University Research Laboratory (ÜNİAR) the first of which was carried out last year, to create a different sensitivity for university life, Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University students carried Tekirdağ to the 6th rank with their satisfaction level. In the order of Student Friendly University Cities where 81 provinces are evaluated according to various criteria, Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University students determined their satisfaction levels with their cities (A+) this year. Tekirdağ, ranked 10th in 2017, raising four levels this year ranked 6th, according to the data obtained from 26,513 students who are studying at 172 universities, including 109 state and 63 foundation universities.

One of the prior conditions for the success of universities'

policies is the satisfaction with the city and the people in which they have studied. In the Student Friendly University Cities Survey, the main objective was to determine the satisfaction levels of the university students from the cities they were studying and to rank the cities in various aspects such as transportation facilities, feeling of safety in the city, entertainment, sports, relations with tradesmen, attitudes of the people towards the students, sightseeing, social, artistic and cultural activities and resolution of health problems.

In the survey that Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University students ranked the 6th place, the cities where the university students are most satisfied are Eskisehir, Antalya, Aydın, Çanakkale, Muğla, Tekirdağ, İzmir, Edirne, Isparta and Bursa.

**Tablo 2. Öğrenci Dostu Üniversite Şehirleri Sıralaması**

2018 Sıra	Şehir	2018		2017		
		Ortalama	Seviye	Sıra	Ortalama	Seviye
1	Eskişehir	90	A+	1	91	A+
2	Antalya	90	A+	2	90	A+
3	Aydın	89	A+	7	88	A+
4	Çanakkale	88	A+	4	89	A+
5	Muğla	87	A+	9	86	A+
6	Tekirdağ	87	A+	10	86	A+
7	İzmir	86	A+	3	89	A+
8	Edirne	86	A+	11	85	A+
9	Isparta	85	A+	5	89	A+
10	Bursa	85	A+	6	88	A+

**Tablo 1. Şehirlerin Memnuniyet Düzeyleri Dağılımı**

Seviye	2018		2017	
	N	%	N	%
A+ Çok Yüksek Memnuniyet Hissedilen Şehirler	10	12,2	13	15,9
A Yüksek Memnuniyet Hissedilen Şehirler	8	9,8	10	12,2
B Memnuniyet Hissedilen Şehirler	9	11,0	11	13,4
C Potansiyeli Olmasına Rağmen Memnuniyeti Sağlayamayan Şehirler	7	8,5	12	14,6
D Memnuniyetsizliği Gideremeyen Şehirler	17	20,7	14	17,1
FF Memnuniyetsizliğin Çok Yüksek Olduğu Şehirler	31	37,8	22	26,8

## SOFIA UNIVERSITY ST. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI HOSTED THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE “THE BALKANS IN EUROPEAN INTEGRATION – PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE”

Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski hosted the International Conference “The Balkans in European Integration - Past, Present and Future” in the period 16-17 May 2018. In the two-days-forum scholars from various European countries participated and traced the historical links between the Western Balkans and Europe, the integration processes in the European South-East as a phenomenon of the past and their perspective in view of the future accession of the region to the European Union.

In the first half of 2018 Bulgaria was chairing the Council of the European Union. One of the key focuses of the Bulgarian presidency was fostering the integration of the Western Balkans by achieving an individual action plan for each of the countries, with precise outlined steps, but without creating unrealistic expectations. Bulgaria aimed at increasing the connectivity between the countries of the region and the member states as well as at creating a better business milieu for the integration of South-Eastern European countries.

Thus, the conference aimed at bringing together esteemed scholars, political experts and journalists from the Balkan region and the European Union to discuss the experience amassed in the integration of the Balkans in Europe, the obstacles for the enlargement and the perspectives to this process. Papers and presentations covered various aspects of the political, economic, cultural and social issues of the integration of the Balkan countries in Europe. The conference encouraged a debate related to the failures and the positive examples in the past and the possible developments of the integration process in the future.

Amongst the participants were former politicians who were also prominent scholars from the Balkans. The group included Professor Zarko Korać, former Prime Minister of Serbia, Professor Vlado Bučkovski, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Macedonia, Associate Professor Bayram Kosumi, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo and Rector of the “Kadri Zeka” University in Gjilan, Professor Paskal Milo, former Foreign Minister and a Minister for European Integration of Albania.

The opening of the conference took place at Aula magna of Sofia University and was attended by Professor Anastas Gerdjikov, Rector of Sofia University; Professor Ivan Ilchev, chairperson of the Organizing Committee of the conference; Ms. Maria Gabriel, European Commissioner for Digital

Economy and Digital Society; Mr. Ognyan Zlatev, Head of the EC Representation in Bulgaria; Mr. Roumen Dimitrov, Deputy Minister of Culture of the Republic of Bulgaria; Ms. Monika Panayotova, Deputy Minister for the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU 2018; Associate Professor Todor Popnedeleev, Dean of the Faculty of History at Sofia University; Professor Alexander Kostov, Director of the Institute of Balkan Studies with a Center in Thracian Studies at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

For more information please see here:



[https://www.uni-sofia.bg/index.php/eng/news/news\\_and\\_events/international\\_scientific\\_conference\\_the\\_balkans\\_in\\_european\\_integration\\_its\\_past\\_present\\_and\\_future](https://www.uni-sofia.bg/index.php/eng/news/news_and_events/international_scientific_conference_the_balkans_in_european_integration_its_past_present_and_future).





The founding of the Higher Medical Institute [HMI] dates back on September 22 of the year 1952 and the duty of this institution was to prepare only General Practitioners.

In 1957 a decision was made for establishing the University of Tirana, on the basis of several higher institutes, including the Higher Medical Institute [HMI], which was transformed into the Faculty of Medicine of the State University of Tirana.

In the year 1994 the Nursing Higher School was founded. After a decade of its activity, in the year 2004, this school was transformed into a Nursing Faculty, under the authority of the State University of Tirana.

The recent decades have seen radical changes and transformations of the social and economic system, which were reflected directly also to the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Nursing, which were ultimately headed towards western experience and practices, establishing the University of Medicine, Tirana.

University of Medicine, Tirana was established in 2013. The Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Medical Technical Sciences were separated from the University of Tirana, becoming main units of the UMT. In 2013, UMT was made up of five faculties: the Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Medical

Technical Sciences, The Faculty of Dentistry, the Faculty of Pharmacy and the Faculty of Public Health.

After the institutional reorganization in 2016, the University of Medicine, Tirana, is presently composed of three faculties: Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Medical Technical Sciences and the Faculty of Dentistry.

Study at the UMT has been organized in conformity with the law on higher education and other bylaws. UMT presently offers all the three cycles of study, where the main focus are the study programs with full orientation to the medical field, ensuring that the UMT graduates, by way of academic, research, implementation, analytical and professional skills that they acquire, get involved in covering services offered to the populace in the field of health promotion, prevention, diagnosing and treatment.

The Faculty of Medicine offers programs in the first cycle (Bachelor of Sciences in Public Healthcare), in the second cycle (Master), in integrated programs of the second cycle (General Medicine and Pharmacy), and the third cycle, Long-Term Specializations in the medical field, alongside Doctorate studies in these fields.



The University of Medicine, Tirana the crucial institution in Medical context in Albania established in 1952, is committed to be indentified in European levels. Therefore various steps have been taken in order to establish different collaborations with European Universities and institutions as well.

A database with all the data concerning the European Medical Universities has been created in order to provide the necessary information concerning different topics.

Actually the University of Medicine, Tirana collaborates with different Universities in Germany, Italy, Turkey, and Poland and is devoted in expanding the geographical collaboration.

The collaboration with the above mentioned Universities includes common projects in the Erasmus Programme providing the student exchange and the academic staff exchange as well in order to acquire the proper experience useful for the market conditions.

The exchange programme gives the opportunity to the students in the University of Medicine, to be presented with a different culture during the period of exchange as well as to have a clear vision of the European way of living and working.

The academic staff is highly devoted to promote European projects in the University of Medicine, Tirana. Therefore, various members of the academic staff are involved in different European Projects and they share their experience with their students systematically.

In addition, the University of Medicine, Tirana is member of various network universities in Europe.

Recently, the University of Medicine, Tirana has become a member of the Francophone University Agency that represents a global network of more than 845 universities and research centers from 111 countries on five continents that use the French language.



## TRAKYA UNIVERSITY LEFT ITS MARK ON THE CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF SCIENCE EDITORS

Under the presidency of our Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Cem Uzun, our academicians consisting of editors and the owners of journals who are named as Prof. Dr. Okan Çalıyurt, Prof. Dr. Ayhan Gençler, Prof. Dr. Murat Yurtcan, Prof. Dr. Zafer Koçak, Prof. Dr. Burcu Tokuç, Prof. Dr. Hakan Erbaş, Prof. Dr. Sevtap Hekimoğlu Şahin, Prof. Dr. Necdet Süt, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kadri Kiran, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özgür Gündüz, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yeşim Uz, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hacı Ali Güleç, Ins. Dr. Ebru Boyacıoğlu, Ins. Dr. Hande Güçlü, R.A Erdem Demiröz, Ins. Elvin Dinler ve PhD student Müge Atakan, participated in the Congress of the European Association of Science Editors on June 8th-10th, 2018 at the University of Bucharest.

The meeting started with introducing and awarding the Board Members of the European Association of Science Editors. Our Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Cem Uzun, who is newly elected to the Board of Directors, was also awarded a certificate.

Prof. Dr. Cem Uzun made two invited conference presentations in the meeting. During his first conference, Prof. Dr. Cem Uzun mentioned the advantages and disadvantages of scientific publications in local, regional

and in English language. The second conference of Prof. Dr. Cem Uzun which was over the developmental stages of the journal of the Faculty of Medicine of Trakya University attracted great attention.

In the congress, our scholars also contributed scientifically to the meeting with 6 poster presentations they made in the field of scientific publications. In the assessment made among the posters in the field of medicine,

The study of Assoc. Dr. Kadri Kiran, academician at Faculty of Science, "Research on the Compatibility of Our Scientific Bulletin with Transparency Principles" won the best poster award and he was awarded a prize and certificate in the closing session.

In the closing statement, our Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Cem Uzun thanked to the committee of Trakya University for their great scientific contributions to the meeting. Furthermore, the editors of Trakya University exchanged information with the scientific journal

editors from Europe and various countries of the world during the meeting.





## THE ACADEMIC BRIDGE FROM SHKODRA, TETOVA AND ELBASAN TO EDIRNE

21 students studying in Shkodra Luigj Gurakuqi University in Albania and taking Turkish as an elective course and other students from Medicine of Faculty of Tetova University visited the Rector of Trakya University, Prof Dr. Erhan TABAKOĞLU on June 2, 2018 and on June 18, 2018 respectively. Trakya University Institute of Health Sciences Nursing Department Members Prof Dr. Ümmü Yıldız Fındık, Ins. Dr. Seher Ünver, Ins. Dr. Sacide Yıldızeli Topçu and R.A Dr. Zeynep Kızılıçık Özkan visited Shkodra Luigj Gurakuqi University in Albania along with 11 students from the nursing department between May 27 and June 1, 2018.

II Health Museum and the Selimiye Mosque, which is defined as the masterpiece of Mimar Sinan.

The group set off a tour to Istanbul on the third day of their visit and the following day, they visited the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences and the College of Applied Sciences at our university and they got the opportunity to learn about departments, curriculum and international students' exchanges and to meet the academic staff.

The group of 18 people studying and teaching at Tetova University Faculty of Medicine, did internship at Trakya



The group of students and academicians from Shkodra Luigj Gurakuqi University Tourism, Business and Finance departments first visited International Relations Office at Trakya University and were informed about international student programs, the number of international students at Trakya University, and Trakya University's approach towards the Balkans. Afterwards, the faculties in Trakya University Balkan Campus were visited and the students were given information about them. The second day was devoted to cultural tourism, and the group of academicians and students visited a number of historical structures such as historical Arasta Bazaar and Bedesten, the Complex of Sultan Bayezid

University Hospital between 8-20 July 2018. Prof.Dr. Erhan TABAKOĞLU stated that we have strong ties with Tetova University and that this year's meeting of the Balkan Universities Association, of which we assumed the permanent secretariat, was held in Tetova University. Rector TABAKOĞLU said "We are brothers and sisters in every sense. We fought and stood together in Çanakkale and in many more battles and became blood brothers. Thus, our doors are always open to all our brothers and sisters from the Balkans. We were the children of the same nation 100 years ago, we were under the same flag. History may have divided





us to some extent but again we stand together. You will be welcomed when you say 'I am from the Balkans', not only in our university but all over Edirne as most of the locals in Edirne are immigrants from Balkan. They will acknowledge you, love you, protect and help you. All of the Balkan nations rowed in the same boat and for this reason, we are all one and the same." He also conveyed the Faculty of Medicine's vision and missions to the students by mentioning Faculty's technological infrastructure, manpower and development as well as its accreditation. Expressing the goal of Trakya University to become the education and health center, Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu stated that they have the highest number of students from the Balkans compared to other universities in Turkey and that they are making a stride to reach the target of 10.000 students by 2023.

During the visit to Elbasan Alexander Xhuvani University, our group came together with Rector Prof. Dr. Skender Topi and Vice Rector Prof. Assoc. Dr. Peçi Naqellari, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Technical Sciences Prof. Assoc. Dr. Shelqim Hidri, Vice-Deans of the Faculty of Medicine and Technical Sciences Prof. Assoc. Dr. Petrir Biberj and Dr. Zamira Çabiri, Head of Nursing Department PhD. Elona Gaxhja and faculty members, international relations coordinator PhD. Cand. Eda Çela and International Relations Office experts Ma. Algerta Plakaxhiu and MSC. Eris Ibershimi. The group also met the students of the Nursing Department at Elbasan Alexander Xhuvani University and visited the faculty classrooms, library, tele-medicine unit and the campus. Department officers showed our faculty members their emergency unit, operating room, surgical services and explained the operations of these

units during the hospital visit. Nursing students from Elbasan Alexander Xhuvani University gave our students a tour in the hospital departments. Together with the officers of the foreign relations department, important historical places such as Elbasan Castle and King Mosque were visited in the city and the mosque imam gave information on historical and cultural values. On the fourth day of the event, the conference titled "Nursing Students Meeting Conference" was held. Presentations were given on the working conditions of the nurses and undergraduate and post-graduate nursing education in Turkey and Albania at the conference. During the presentations, translation support was provided by our students Iva Boksi and Blerim Budakova and the conference was held in three languages: Turkish, English, Albanian. After the certificate ceremony, the conference ended. Decisions were taken so as to strengthen the cooperation and to maintain the continuity of student exchanges and the joint scientific activities between the two universities.

After returning to Turkey, nursing department students and academicians visited the Rector of Trakya University, Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu and informed him of their visit and bilateral discussions in Albania.

During the visit, a second-year student at the Nursing Department, Özge Karaca presented the diary, which she kept during the journey and enriched with pictures of Macedonia and Albania, to the Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu. Our rector expressed his content with the visit to Albania and shared his readiness to provide any support for the further development of the cooperation between the two universities.

## DELEGATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION TO TURKEY VISITED TRAKYA UNIVERSITY

EU Member States Ambassadors coming to Edirne in order to discuss the cultural dialogue and cross border cooperation between EU and Turkey also visited Trakya University on May 28th, 2018 within the scope of the meeting organized by Balkan Research Institute. Ambassador Christian Berger - Head of EU Delegation to Turkey- and EU member states' Ambassadors, Rector of Trakya University Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu, Ambassador Volkan Türk Varol -Edirne Representative of Ministry of Foreign Affairs-, Balkan Research Institute Director Assistant Professor Bülent Akyay, academicians and students attended the meeting that was hosted by our University in the Senate Room of Balkan Congress Centre. Ambassadors of Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Ireland, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Slovenia, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, Netherlands and Croatia were present in the meeting.

valuable universities and health institutions in the region and he continued his speech saying "Dear Ambassadors we are pleased to welcome you at our university which is a house of science and getting more and more recognition in the Balkans and Europe day by day. Edirne is a gateway of Turkey opening to European world. It is a unique city where different cultures coexist in harmony, tolerance prevails and a large part of the population is from Balkan-origin.

Edirne is a truly European and Balkan city that was a capital of an empire that spread over three continents with its mosques, two churches and one of the largest synagogues in the Balkans. A city where people from all nations live in peace... Established in Edirne, the closest Turkish land to Europe, our university with its history, achievements and with its almost 3,500 staff members and fifty thousand students, is a rooted educational institution ... Our university, with 34



Following the introductory film about the deep-rooted history of Trakya University and its activities in the international arena, especially in the Balkans, Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu, Head of EU Delegation to Turkey Christian Berger, Bulgaria's Ambassador to Ankara Neyns Nadezhda made their speeches.

In his speech, Rector of Trakya University Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu said that "Trakya University is one of the most

academic units and 30 research centers serves students from our country as well as students from different countries in Europe, especially from the Balkans with devotedness to provide high quality. The number of international students in Trakya University has reached to 2.665 from 56 different countries. Our university is also the founder and permanent secretariat of the Balkan Universities Association. Our goal is to increase our international student count to 10,000 in 2023

while still contributing to the quality of higher education in the Balkans and thus to prove that Trakya University is a real European and world university ... "

to observe the increasing xenophobia and islamophobia in Europe, and we regard these radical discourses and approaches as the most important threat to world peace. We



Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu, mentioning Trakya University's role as a healing center for all the patients living in this region, said that "Today Trakya University Hospital continues to treat thousands of patients living in the region. The specialists and the superior technology of our hospital attracts more and more patients from the Balkans to Edirne to find remedy for their ailments."

Rector Prof. Dr. Tabakoğlu also mentioned the importance of our country for the EU by saying "This lands are where the civilization emerged, grew, developed and spread to the world. The lands where people live together, with tolerance, respect, love and peace. Not separating, but welcoming, integrating and unifying lands. Unfortunately, as of late we see that in Europe and in the world, at large, there is a wave of discrimination and polarization. We are particularly upset

believe that the presence of an integrative country such as Turkey will remedy such problems of EU."

Professor Dr. Tabakoğlu also stated that their goal as a university is "to educate 'world citizens' who know at least one foreign language, supporting that language with the 2nd

and 3rd ones and who have experienced foreign student exchange programs".

Head of EU Delegation to Turkey Christian Berger, stated their reason to visit as to discuss collaboration and student exchange programs between the EU countries and

Turkey and added that "Edirne is located in a region where Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey meet. It is extremely important for us. You have also made a very impressive description of what kind of cooperation you have with the Balkans." In his speech, Berger referred to the student exchange between EU





member states and continued: "You have mentioned the rise of Islamophobia in your speech. We believe that we can solve this by making students from different cultures meet and get to know each other. Surely this is a two way project that includes a process that helps students from EU countries and Turkey to recognize each other and their culture." Berger also said they plan to increase the Erasmus programs budget next year in order to contribute to student exchange program.

Nadejda Neyns, the Ambassador of Bulgaria to Ankara, referred to the bilateral relations between Bulgaria and

Turkey and their cooperation and studies on education. "Youth is at the center of all the studies we carry out and thus academicians and universities are also in our focus. I have always believed that young people have power to amend and shape the society we live in. For this reason, we would like to increase the opportunities of mutual exchange of students between our countries by supporting student exchange programs in order to establish inter-human relations between the two countries. For this purpose, we plan to allocate more funds to exchange programs for students to get to know each



other. Thanks to our geographic proximity and our cultural ties, we expect this exchange to be even more frequent” she said.

After the speeches, students and academicians attended to the question-answer session. Issues such as cross-border security, immigration and visa exemption were discussed in this session.

Our Rector Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu also attended the “Cross-Border Cooperation Conference” organized in the framework of the Edirne program of the EU Ambassadors on May 29th and through this organization our Interior Minister Süleyman Soylu and his Bulgarian counterpart Valentin Radev came together. Then they attended the iftar program on the same night.





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## 13 STUDENTS OF UNIVERSITY "KADRI ZEKA" ARE GRANT BENEFICIARIES WITHIN THE ERASMUS + REBUS PROJECT

13 students of the "Kadri Zeka" University, beneficiaries of the grant under the ERASMUS + REBUS Project "Integrating and Validating Practical Entrepreneurship Skills in Engineering and ICT Studies"

Together with the Project Coordinator, at the same time Dean of the Faculty of Computer Science at UKZ Xhevdet Thaqi, in the beginning of September they will continue the 15-day training at the University of Applied Sciences FH JOANNEUM in Graz, Austria.

Rector Bajram Kosumi congratulated students for this opportunity offered by the University "Kadri Zeka", pointing out that UKZ is successfully integrating with European universities in realizing the objectives of the Higher Education Area. He stressed that studies and training on entrepreneurship competencies will enhance the labor market by developing a variety of innovative forms of entrepreneurship training modules, integrating modules into existing curricula, and creating a system for validating competency development in Entrepreneurship.



<https://www.uni-gjilan.net/lajmet/rektori-i-universitetit-kadri-zeka-priti-ne-takim-studentet-perfitues-te-grantit-ne-kuader-te-projektit-erasmus-rebus/>



## STUDENTS ORGANISATION "KADRI ZEKA STUDENTS YOUTH ORGANIZATION" IS THE MOST DISTINGUISHED AND MOST ACTIVE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GJILAN

In honor of the 19 th anniversary of the liberation of Gjilan, Mayor Lutfi Haziri has given gratitude to the student organization " Kadri Zeka Students Youth Organization " as the most active "On increasing the youth activities within the Gjilan University and the Municipality in general".

Chairman of this organization, also chairman of the UKZ Student Parliament, Adrian Bajrami expressed his gratitude to Mayor Lutfi Haziri for this award. According to him, this assessment is the result of joint work, cultural, humanitarian and academic activities for positive changes in society and student life.

This award is an appreciation and a push for us that together with you we achieve to fulfill our vision.



<https://www.uni-gjilan.net/lajmet/os-rinia-studentore-kadri-zeka-me-e-dalluara-dhe-me-aktivja-ne-komunen-e-gjilanit/>



## BEGINNING OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROJECT ON: CLASSES I-V, ACCESS TO SUBJECT TEACHERS

In the organization of the "Kadri Zeka" University in Gjilan and GIZ-CDBE (Capacity Building in Basic Education), has been held a round table discussion was held on the topic "Beginning of Implementation of the Pilot Project on: Classes I-V, access to subject teachers".

In this organization were attended by professors from the Faculty of Education of the University "Kadri Zeka", heads of municipal education directorates, representatives of German GIZ as well as teachers of this level from different municipalities of Anamorava and beyond.



<https://www.uni-gjilan.net/lajmet/ne-ukz-eshte-mbajtur-tryeza-debatuese-me-teme-fillimi-i-implementimit-te-pilot-projektit-klasa-e-i-v-qasja-me-mesimdhenes-lendor/>

## STUDENTS OF THE PUBLIC UNIVERSITY "KADRI ZEKA" CELEBRATES 1ST OF JUNE - CHILDREN'S DAY

On the occasion of International Children's Day, students of the Faculty of Education of "Kadri Zeka" University in Gjilan have organized various activities.

The University have organized an exhibition where, under the leadership of Professor Ahmet Ibrahim, they presented their work and creativity of handmade from the field of art programs.

The students of the Faculty of Education in the yard of



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## "Haxhi Zeka" University

"Haxhi Zeka" University in Peja, was established in 2011, and is a successor to the Faculty of Applied Business Sciences (FSHAB) in Peja, founded in 1960. "Haxhi Zeka" University in Peja, has a total of five academic units (faculties): Faculty of Business; Faculty of Tourism, Hospitality and Environment Management; Law Faculty; Faculty of Agribusiness and Faculty of Arts.

Strategic Vision and Mission of UHZ is to be a significant regional factor, which guarantees sustainable development, advanced teaching, innovation, research and practical knowledge.

UHZ is the center of scientific, artistic and professional education that prepares competitive students for the labor market, leaders in the relevant fields that will contribute to the overall development of society.



## UHZ COMMON VALUES

Our strategic goal commitments will promote the core values of the university, which include:

- Academic quality, with student centered;
- Excellence with initiative, action and achievements that push forward social development;
- Intellectual opening and freedom of thought;
- Integrity, mobility and staffing for regional and global markets;
- Mutual respect and collegiality;
- Diversity of cultures, ideas and peoples;
- Increasing quality and social responsibility as an institution;
- Partnership with the community and joint development;
- Equality and social justice.

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## GRADUATION CEREMONY

University "Haxhi Zeka" in Peja, on 30th of November 2017, organized for the first time the Graduation Ceremony of more than 150 students of all academic units.

Students who had the opportunity to talk about their experience in Bachelor and Master Studies emphasized the importance of student life, education and education of generations, thanking the management, administrative staff and professors for their cooperation for 3 years or 5 years of study respectively.



Graduation Ceremony is the first organized in a solemn form and will be traditional that will be held twice a year.

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## ACADEMY FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION

The Academy for Entrepreneurship and Innovation was held on 17th and 18th of May 2018, divided into several working sessions. In a session were presented 11 business plans by our students, at the UHZ students parallel session, met with business representatives discussing ideas, challenges, and various international practices.

Commission evaluations were as follows:

1. First prize - Aulon Cenaj
2. Second Prize - Rrezarta Hajdaj
3. Third Prize - Kreshnik Curaj

On second day, lectures on entrepreneurship and innovation were held.

This academy is organized for the first time at "Haxhi Zeka" University and is intended to be an annual part of the academic life of our students.



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## ALUMNI

"Haxhi Zeka" University in Peja, for the first time held the Alumni ceremony, "Reunion of Graduate Students". The ceremony was held on 12th of May 2017.

On 05th of March 2018, was held the meeting of graduate students of the University "Haxhi Zeka", where was elected the Board of Alumni Association. Whereas, on March 9, 2018, was elected leadership.

Alumni Association of the University "HAXHI ZEKA" is an organization that collects around all graduates at the bachelor or master level. The Alumni Association was created by the need to strengthen the relationship between "Haxhi Zeka" University and its graduates.

The UHZ Alumni Association is an association dedicated to serve to the University, alumni, students and its friends. Its mission is to strengthen and expand the "Haxhi Zeka" University, by assisting in the recruitment of students, engaging in activities to enhance the university's reputation locally and around the world and to promote a positive image of the University and its alumni.

### Activities:

- All Members enable online registration, quick and efficient access to our information and mutual contacts;
- Organization of round tables, seminars and conferences in which economic and social issues will be addressed;
- Organization of training and training programs for members of the Alumni Association in the context of better information on development trends and market demands;
- Organization of meetings for members of the association with current students, to convey their experiences;
- Cooperation with the Career Development Center, so that members of the Alumni Association through mutual cooperation have access to information and opportunities for further training and applications in positions that are more responsive to their qualifications and skills.

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## INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION'S "PETER GACI"

Students of wind instruments direction (EAIF), Faculty of Arts, of "Haxhi Zeka" University" participated for the second time in the international competition "Pjeter Gaci". Presentation of students was at a high level of artistic interpretation, where their work was praised by international professional jury.

Three students candidate for the competition and assessments of the jury:

1. Kosovar Arifaj - Klarinete, kat. F - Absolute Price
2. Rexhep Karaqi - Klarinete, kat. F - Second prize
3. Entela Demi - Flaute, kat. G - Second prize

On May 10 to 13, was held the 17th edition international competition "Pjeter Gaci" by the Municipality of Shkodra.



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## CENTER FOR PEACE AND TRANSCULTURAL COMMUNICATION HELD ITS 2ND SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

University of Tetova, in cooperation with its international strategic partner, Northern Illinois University, organized the 2nd Scientific Conference called: "Global problems and community practices at the local, national and international level in promotion of peace and transcultural communication".

The conference held its proceedings in the premises of the Northern Illinois University and on behalf of the University of Tetova and Rector, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti, science workers were welcomed by the Vice-Rector for Science, Prof. Dr. Hazir Pollozhani, who shared his ideas with the audience about the organization, emphasizing: " This 2nd Scientific Conference organized by the Center for Peace and Transcultural Communication, is definitely an excellent opportunity for us to exchange ideas, information and views on how to become a democratic society based on the American model. It provides also opportunities to identify and solve existing societal problems. American role in Macedonia is very important in every segment, because through specific projects it helps the complex processes not only political but economical and educational also" - said the Vice-Rector for Science of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Hazir Pollozhani.

Republic of Macedonia. "Our University highly appreciates the seriousness of the University of Tetova, now in the role of strategic partner. From all of the cooperation that we have with prestigious international universities, we distinguish the University of Tetova, because it's the only institution that shows sincerity and correctness in any cooperation that we have and for this we are very grateful to the leaders of UT and in particular to the Rector, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti" - said Prof. Dr. Bradley Brond.

This conference brought together researchers from various fields that through their elaborations explained how local decisions have a global impact and through debates concluded that peace and stability aren't luxuries of the time, but are its need and an uncontested priority. In this case, it was assumed that the University of Tetova proactively and faster than others realized that the Center for Peace and Transcultural Communication is only one segment from which the democratization of national values will be imported, later to open the main gate of sharing of ideas, capacities and cultures. This scientific gathering gave a message that all democratic societies will be such only if they think globally and work locally.



The host of this conference, Vice-Rector of the Northern Illinois University, Prof. Dr. Bradley Bond, said that their university appreciates the institutional partnership with the University of Tetova, as a representative of university education, scientific research, free debate and positive influence on the development of general processes in the



Within this conference, researchers from various prestigious American universities, professors and students, along with representatives of the University of Tetova and the Northern Illinois University visited the Blackwell Museum, in which is opened the exhibition of the University of Tetova. During their stay in this museum, participants

were surprised with the history of the University of Tetova through various facts and evidences, arguments that describe the history of the University of Tetova since its foundation until today. Students and professors from the United States were very surprised with the progress of the University of Tetova over the years and how after all these challenges they

have managed to build its pro-Western and pro-American orientated vision. Exhibition of the University of Tetova at the Blackwell Museum was opened in December last year and will remain open until the end of the academic year, to move later in other locations within the university campus, and to be available again to students and visitors.



<http://unite.edu.mk/en/center-for-peace-and-transcultural-communication-held-its-2nd-scientific-conference-in-chicago-united-states-of-america/>



## UT AND NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS ORGANIZED JOINT WORKSHOPS

At the Faculty of Physical Education of the University of Tetova, on May 21, 2018, was held a free workshop between professors of the Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education at Northern Illinois University and the academic staff of the Faculty of Physical Education of our University.

The workshop was organized according to the American model not with presentation, but with free talk. Initially, Chair of the Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education at Northern Illinois University, Prof. Dr. Chad D. McEvoy, briefly gave some information about the college he leads and after



him about the conditions and opportunities offered by this college also spoke Prof. Prof. Dr. Clayton L Camic, Prof. Dr. Steven M. Howell and Prof. Dr. James D. Ressler.

In this workshop between American professors and professors of the Faculty of Physical Education of UT, were discussed a lot of topics about sports sciences in general, study programs, subjects that are lectured every year, relations between professors and students, their joint activities, exchange of students and academic staff, and exchange of experience between the two universities.

In this workshop special importance was given to the joint organization of scientific events, such as conferences, seminars, debates, workshops, collaboration with scientific journals, realization of joint scientific research, Master's and PhD studies, research methodology and statistics, processing

of results, people with special needs as well as physical education and its importance in primary and high schools.

After the end of the workshop, the academic staff of the Faculty of Physical Education, headed by the Dean Prof. Dr. Haki Ismaili and US professors visited the labs of this faculty like the performance lab, the biomedical laboratory, game analysis lab, fitness center and sports grounds.

<http://unite.edu.mk/en/ut-and-northern-illinois-university-professors-organized-joint-workshops/>



## NOBEL PRIZE WINNER, FERID MURAD ATTENDED THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES OF THE FAS AND THE FNSM

At the University of Tetova, started the 4th International Scientific Conference of the Faculty of Applied Sciences and the 2nd International Scientific Conference of the Faculty of and Natural Sciences and Mathematics. At the solemn opening of these conferences was present the Nobel Prize and the Doctor Honoris Causa of the University of Tetova (2012) Ferid Murad. Proceedings of the conferences were declared opened by the Rector of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti. He said that the organization of the aforementioned conferences, today has other dimensions, has more scientific importance, is even more dignifying, more magnificent, because with His presence has honored us one of the brightest personalities of today in the field of medicine and pharmacology, whose origin is precisely from our country, the erudite and Nobel Prize winner Prof. Dr. Ferid Murad, Doctor Honoris Causa of the University of Tetova, announced in 2012, on the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Albanian state. "Today, we are honored with your

and the results of countless successes make the academic community, the world proud, but above all, we that are proud of his Albanian origin" - said Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti.

To the participants with occasion speech addressed the Albanian Nobel Prize winner Prof. Dr. Ferid Murad. He said that there should never be interrupted research and scientific research, because at the end of the work will result in something successful. He said that there should never be stopped the scientific research, because in the end the work will result in something successful. "When I finished college, I started on a project at Cleveland University, in a combined study program. I started a research project with my mentor in the Department of Pharmacology, a metabolic formula to promote liver glucose digestion. The project lasted 7 years in the department of pharmacology and biology, influencing the formation of this intercellular messenger. In my time this type of research was not very popular, but I realized it was very important. It was a high-risk and very interesting research.



presence in our University and we are immensely proud that your name represents one of the greatest and most respected scholars in the world and at the same time enrich the circle of great personalities of the family University of Tetova. Achievements and successes of the Nobel Laureate, Prof. Dr. Ferid Murad, his comprehensive contribution, scientific research, professional, applicative and publicistic activity, ethical values, research work and scientific discoveries in the field of medical science, humanity, the innovative role

From this research I found a nitric oxide messenger, with the application of which many drugs were produced for all kinds of diseases. These research projects resulted in over 150,000 authentic researches in medicine and biology. This chemical element can also be used in cardiovascular diseases. When I started with my research many people thought that it was not important what I was doing, but it turned out to be something very important and I wish the same happens to you" - said the Nobel Prize winner Prof. Dr. Ferid Murad.

Rector of the University of Tetova Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti, to the Nobel Prize winner Prof. Dr. Ferid Murad as a token of gratitude of his honor for the University of Tetova and his contribution in the field of medicine as well as the exaltation of the Albanian name in the world arena bestowed the portrait of the First Historical Rector of UT, Prof. Dr. Fadil Sulejmani. In sign of gratitude for the contribution given to the University of



Tetova, the Rector, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti a gift with the same portrait bestowed to Bruno Ceka, Chairman of the Albanian Community in Texas.

Rector of the University of Tetova Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti, on the occasion of organizing of these parallel conferences congratulated the heads of faculties for the realization and implementation of such scientific projects, which according to him intensify the communication between researchers, academic communities and that only in this way will be built the common values of our society. "As a Rector of the

University of Tetova and as a lecturer I appreciate your efforts for the development of scientific values and together with you I share the same conviction that culture, education and scientific research increasingly approach us with civilization and the civilized world. Education plays a key role in the preservation and development of these qualities, therefore we the leaders of this University, together with the academic



units, centers and respective offices, are committed to be at the height of our duty, the sacred mission of education, upbringing, and emancipation of generations and the development of our country. Today, the countries of the region and the Western countries, through consolidated institutions, universities, make a special contribution to the strengthening of cooperation and integration between them. By appreciating the universities as precious treasures, loving and honoring them, we will jointly fulfill our objectives. Our approach to scientific research is very serious, thus giving





priority to comprehensive studies as the most powerful tool, we consider that we have taken considerable steps in advancing of knowledge, economic development and social integration. Today's conferences, prior conferences and those to be organized in the future represent scientific values, and the participants, researchers from the region and the world who support the research quality represent a

great opportunity to create a forum of scientists in the field of certain sciences" - said the Rector, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti.

The ceremony of the solemn opening of conferences was concluded with the professional lecture of Vice-Dean for Science of the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Assistant Professor Arianit Reka titled: "Use of hydrothermal technologies for production of porous ceramics".



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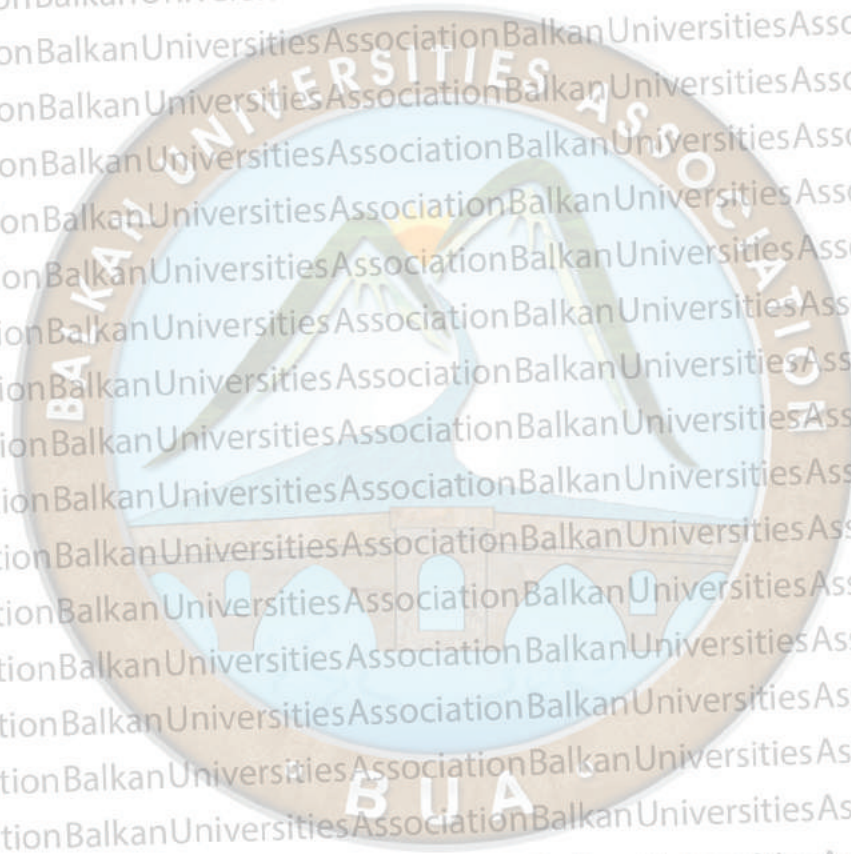
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