

# BUANEWS

Balkan Universities Association E-Bulletin

March 2019 / 15





# **Balkan Universities Association**

**SUDY VISIT WITHIN THE BUGI PROJECT**

Representatives of the "Haxhi Zeka" University, respectively of the Faculty of Agribusiness, visited the University of Bologna (Italy), within the project.

The project "Western Balkan Urban Agricultural Initiative - Bugi" is funded by the European Union under the Erasmus + program, and these universities have been included for implementation:

University of Sarajevo - Coordinator, University "Xhemal Bijedić" Mostar, (Bosnia and Herzegovina),

University of Donja Gorica (Montenegro),

University of Prishtina,

"Haxhi Zeka" University in Peja (Kosovo),

University of Bologna (Italy)

South West West University (Germany)

University of Ljubljana, (Slovenia)

The BUGI project aims to develop a new Master and LLL program based on national strategies, economic and social analysis of enterprises, development of farm strategies

tailored to the city, provision of modern teaching tools and transfer of knowledge, skills and technologies at 5 BPs. The new competency-based curriculum aims to be interdisciplinary, to foster the internationalization process of HEIs and to provide flexibility and mobility learning. The project will contribute to hiring students / trainees, to develop new networks and supply chains for alternative foods for farmers. The project's results aim to increase urban sustainability and the development of green economy in the Western Balkans with the involvement of the entrepreneurship sector.

During the next three years, as part of the project will be the interdisciplinary of the second cycle of studies, as well as a lifelong learning program in the field of agricultural urbanization in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Kosovo.

Projects will provide infrastructure for teaching practice and theoretical in the field of agricultural urbanism to EU standards.



<http://unhz.eu/vizite-studimore-ne-kuader-te-projektit-bugi/>



## LETTERS AND HELLENIC CULTURE



A public holiday dedicated to Letters and Hellenic Culture is celebrated on January 30th in Greece, honoring the Three Great Fathers and Ecumenical Teachers, who were highly influential bishops of the early church and played pivotal roles in shaping the Christian Theology.

Every year, the University of Ioannina officially celebrates this day with a special ceremony in the main Ceremony Hall. This year the celebratory speech was delivered by the Head of the Department of Medicine, Professor Mrs. Anna Batistatou, titled: "Health, illness and medical care in the era of the Three Great Fathers and today".

An honorary ceremony followed for the members of the Academic Community who retired in the previous year for their whole contribution to the University.

The evening was concluded with the musical performance by the Choir of the Department of Primary Education and the Camerata, Orchestra of the University of Ioannina.



## CONSUL GENERAL OF TURKMENISTAN MET WITH OUR RECTOR AND TURKMEN STUDENTS

Consul General of Turkmenistan in İstanbul, Myratgeldi SEYİTMAMMEDOV and accompanying delegation visited our Rector on 5th March 2019.

Myratgeldi Seyitmammedov expressed his pleasure for the attention paid to Turkmen students in Kırklareli University.

Our Rector Prof. Dr. Bülent Şengörür underlined the importance of international students for our University: "Currently 777 Turkmen students are studying in Kırklareli University. We are glad to see international students coming to Kırklareli from Turkish World, Balkans and Middle East. Those students are our guests."

After the visit, Consul General met with Turkmen students in a conference room and answered their questions.



**WORLD UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEETING**

WUACD Kickoff Meeting which organized by a partner University, Universitas Airlangga, was held in Surabaya / Indonesia between 29th November - 1st December 2019. In the meeting, there were delegates from 5 continents (Asia, Africa, Europe, America and Australia) and 11 different countries. Kirklareli University represented by the Head of International Relations Office, Dr. Neriman HOCAOGLU BAHADIR.

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. There are four main pillars of the Association. WUACD for Improving Children's Health; WUACD for Poor Social and Economic Development; WUACD for the Development of Marginal Education; and WUACD for Environmental Problems.

During the program, Dr. Neriman HOCAOGLU BAHADIR attended several meetings with foreign University representatives in order to enlarge the academic collaboration network of our University.



**TURKISH SCIENTIST FOUND 3 METEROITS IN ANTARTICA**

Dr. Mehmet Yeşiltaş, who teaches space science and aeronautics at Kırklareli University, found 3 meteroits in Antartica during his research. Yeşiltaş commented about his recent discovery to Anadolu Agency: "Along with the work I did in eastern Antartica during this expedition, I feel happiness and pride at taking three meteorites that I found during my research on the plateau here back home to our country,"

Eight scientist from Turkey participated to mentioned research in Antartica, as a part of Turkey's Third National Antartic Science Expedition. The expedition was conducted at the Antartic bases of countries such as Colombia, South Korea, Belgium and Chile. Yeşiltaş said that the meteroits found will be analysed with the collaboration of NASA.



## THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF BALKAN UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION GATHERED AT TRAKYA UNIVERSITY

Trakya University, one of the largest educational institutions in the Balkans, hosted an important meeting of Balkan Universities Association to which it serves as the Secretary-General and a permanent member of the Executive Committee. The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Balkan Universities Association (BUA) which is the largest higher education Association of the Balkans with its 70 members was held at Trakya University Rectorate Building. The Term President of the BUA and Rector of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Prof. Dr. Pericles A. Mitkas and his delegate, Former BUA President and the Rector of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti and his delegate, next term BUA President and the Rector of University of Bucharest, Prof. Dr. Mircea Dumitru and his delegate, Vice-Rector of Trakya University responsible for International Relations Office, Prof. Dr. Cem Uzun, Director of International Relations Research and Application Center, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Türkyılmaz, Lect. Nurgül Sarsılmaz responsible for International Relations joined the meeting hosted by the Rector of Trakya University, Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu.

we are working hard to become the first Turkish university that comes to mind in the Balkans. The studies of Trakya University will contribute to the whole geography, especially to the development of the Balkan Universities Association. Today, we have come together in Edirne to complete our preparations, plan the activities of the Association for the coming period and to make progress in our regulation works before the annual meeting to be held in Thessaloniki We are delighted to welcome our guest Rectors and their valued delegates at Trakya University."

After the opening speeches, the program and academic content of the program of 5th BUA Meeting, the proposals to be done for the development of the Association and the main agenda items within the framework of BUA Statute were discussed in the Executive Committee Meeting of BUA. The Executive Committee of BUA agreed over to focus on the "Quality Assurance in Higher Education" on the first day of the meeting. They also agreed to invite the other university associations in the Balkans and universities that have Balkan Research Centers for joint studies and to create sub-working



The Rector of Trakya University Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu who stated that they have come together to talk about the works to be carried out for the further growth and development of the Balkan Universities Association and added that "Trakya University is the first university that comes to mind when the subject is the Balkans. Likewise,

groups in the fields of Medicine, Engineering, Social Sciences, and Economics. The second day of the meeting was assigned for the scientific sessions.

The steps to be taken in order to increase the cooperation among the member universities, the establishment of a joint Balkan Research Institute which can provide education in





many different major disciplines and the obligation to learn at least one Balkan language, and the publication of a joint academic journal was also on the agenda of the meeting. The Committee also thoroughly discussed the draft BUA Statute and the proposals and suggestions of the BUA member universities.

After the meeting, Rector of Trakya University Prof.Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu and guest Rectors visited Selimiye Mosque and The Complex of Sultan Bayezid II Health Museum.

Note: The restoration works of the building where the Balkan Universities Association meetings will be held started in October 2017 and are expected to end by May 2019. Upon completion of the decoration and design of the building by the Board of Monuments, one room of the building will be allocated to BUA.



## THE AUSTRIAN CORNER IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TETOVA IS OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED AS PART OF THE AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY

A delegation from the Embassy of the Republic of Austria to our country, headed by the consul of this embassy, Gabriele Janezic, today stayed at the University of Tetova. They were initially welcomed by the Rector of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti, with whom they discussed on various topics related to the latest developments at the University of Tetova and the possibilities for future cooperation. Particular importance was also given to the Austrian Corner, which has been open for three years at the University of Tetova and is the result of successful cooperation between the University of Tetova and the Austrian Embassy in the Republic of Macedonia. After this meeting, the Rector of UT Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti, along with the consul, Ms. Gabriele Janezic, visited the Austrian Corner, located in the premises of the University of Tetova and jointly promoted a considerable amount of books, which were donated to the Austrian Corner by the Austrian government.

Consul, Mrs. Gabriele Janezic said that cooperation with the University of Tetova so far is excellent and that the Austrian Corner will formally be part of the Austrian Foreign Ministry. "I am very happy to be here today at the University of Tetova. I'm here for two reasons: the first reason is the donation of books for students and professors of the German department, while the second reason is that I want to share with you the news about the formalization of the Austrian Corner at the University of Tetova which is now part of the Foreign Ministry of Austria"- said Gabriele Janezic.

Rector of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti, thanked the Embassy of the Republic of Austria for its support in various forms to the University of Tetova. "In my name and in the name of the University of Tetova I would like to thank the Embassy of the Republic of Austria. It is a pleasure to have among us, the consul, Mrs. Gabriele Janezic, with whom we jointly promote books, which are donated to the Austrian Corner at the University of Tetova. Our university will continue this excellent cooperation with the Austrian embassy even in the future. I would also like to thank all Austrian diplomats who give their contribution to our country by helping the different political processes" - stressed the Rector of UT, Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti.

In sign of recognition of the continued contribution and support that the Austrian Embassy gives to the University of Tetova, the Rector Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti, to the consul Mrs. Gabriele Janezic, gave the portrait of the founder, the First and Historical Rector of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Fadil Sulejmani.





# **Balkan Universities Association**

# BUANEWS



**Address :**

Secretariat of Balkan Universities Association  
Trakya University International Relations Office  
22030 Balkan Campus  
EDİRNE/ TURKEY

Phone : +90 284 213 96 34

Fax : +90 284 223 42 03

e-mail : [bua@baunas.org](mailto:bua@baunas.org)

**[www.baunas.org](http://www.baunas.org)**



Editor: Exp. Nurgül SARSILMAZ

Design: Yıldıray ERCAN