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EPICUR: AUTH AND SEVEN OTHER EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES STRATEGIC ALLIANCE TO ESTABLISH THE EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY

The European Partnership for Innovative Campus Unifying Regions (EPICUR) alliance is the winner of the call for European University pilot projects launched by the European Commission under the Erasmus+ programme and receives funding of EUR 5 million over 3 years. The EPICUR alliance is made up of 8 partners of higher education in Europe:

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece;

Adam-Mickiewicz University of Poznań, Poland;

University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands;

University of Freiburg, Germany;

University of Haute-Alsace, France;

Karlsruher Institute for Technology, Germany;

University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria;

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1.25 MILLION EUR FUNDING FOR ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI'S COLLABORATION WITH KARLSRUHE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUn) and Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) submitted their proposal for funding to the Helmholtz Association of German Research Centers (<https://www.helmholtz.de/en/>), in the frame of the HEPTA Program (Helmholtz European Partnership for Technological Advancement), which was approved on the 28th of August 2019, reaching the amount of 1.25 million euros.

It is a five-year project dedicated to the development of advanced technologies in the fields of Air Pollution, Atmosphere Physics, Biomass and Smart Cities and is part of the overall subject "Climate, Energy and the Environment".

The development of research activity on this subject is a strategic goal for both Universities, which is why the two Institutions are joining forces, exploiting their strengths and complementing each other. Part of this cooperation will be the joint supervision of doctoral theses, scientific meetings and exchanges, as well as the organization of summer schools. In addition, the possibility of operating a joint Postgraduate Program in the last two years will be explored.



TEKIRDAG NAMIK KEMAL UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN AWARDED BY HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL IN THE AWARD CEREMONY OF BARRIER- FREE UNIVERSITY

Barrier-Free University Awards are granted by the Higher Education Council every year to support the participation of disabled students in educational, social and cultural activities by providing them with the necessary adaptations, infrastructure, equipment and to encourage the creation of a barrier-free ecosystem in universities. After the evaluations, universities are given flags in three different areas. Orange flag for "spatial accessibility", green for "accessibility in education" and blue flag for "socio-cultural accessibility". The flags will be valid for three years period. After the period expires the universities will be re-evaluated depending on the criteria of the application year.

During the ceremony, totally 126 flags were given to 28 different universities and within this frame, 26 universities were granted 92 orange flags, 14 green flags and seven universities were awarded 20 blue flags in total. Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University Vocational School of Marmaraeğlisi was granted an "orange flag"for the

arrangements on spatial accessibility which was honorary for TNKU university. TNKU Rectorate Building, Morphology Building of Faculty of Medicine, Training and Research Hospital of University, Faculty of Art and Sciences and Central Classrooms has been nominated as candidates for spatial accessibility in "2019 Barrier- Free University Awards".

The award was presented by the Chairman of the Higher Education Council, Prof. Dr. Yekta SARAÇ to Vice- Rector of Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University Prof. Dr. Bülent EKER. During the presentation, Prof. Dr. Bülent EKER stated that " It gives us great pleasure to see our schools success. Barrier-Free University means giving individuals with disabilities the right to be educated in a convenient and spacious environment without marginalisation. We congratulate particularly Vocational School of Marmaraeğlisi and other schools elating us in this ceremony.



TEKIRDAG NAMIK KEMAL UNIVERSITY'S SUCCESS AT ENTREPRENEURIAL AND INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY INDEX

Girişimci ve Yenilikçi Üniversite Endeksi



Tekirdağ Namık Kemal Üniversitesi,
Girişimci ve Yenilikçi Üniversite Endeksi'nde
2006'dan sonra kurulan
Devlet Üniversiteleri arasında 2. Sırada

Industry and Technology Minister Mustafa Varank announced the results of "2018 Entrepreneurial and Innovative University Index" which was created under the leadership of Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK).

This year, according to the total data of 164 universities whose number of faculty members are over 50, Tekirdağ

Namık Kemal University has achieved a great success by ranking the 49th in the list.

Minister Mustafa VARANK emphasized that the ranking is a prestigious ranking further than being a list of education quality and stated that " We aim to convey the universities that aggregate science, technology and industry to the center of production".

UNIVERSITIES SORTED BY 19 INDICATORS IN 4 DIMENSIONS:

The study carried out under the leadership of TUBITAK was supported by the institutions namely: Ministry of Treasury and Finance, Council of Higher Education, Directorate of Strategy and Budget, KOSGEB, TURKPATENT, TUBA, Technology Development Foundation of Turkey, Center of EU Education and Youth Programs and other 247 institutions including universities as well.

Universities are ranked according to 19 indicators under 4 dimensions as Scientific and Technological Research Competency, Intellectual Property Pool, Cooperation and Interaction, Economic Contribution and Commercialization in the index this year. Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University being one of the two universities in the list established after 2006 has achieved to take place in the ranking with pride.

“NKU TRAKYA TOHUM A.Ş” IS ESTABLISHED WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ESTEEMED SPEAKER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PROF. DR. MUSTAFA ŞENTOP

“Tekirdağ NKU Trakya Tohum A.Ş “(Tekirdağ NKU Thrace Seed Inc.) is established with the cooperation of NKU Technopark, Thrace Development Agency, all the Commodity Exchanges and Seed Companies of Thrace Region with the participation of the Speaker of the Turkish Grand National Assembly Prof. Dr. Mustafa ŞENTOP.

The company will be a local and national company which consists of the participation of 11 Commodity Exchange and 30 seed companies' partnership. Besides its local and national goals, the establishment of the company will

also provide benefits for the Balkan Region in agricultural aspects with the objective of being a centre of seed in the region.

After the signing ceremony of the protocol, participants including the Speaker of the Turkish Grand National Assembly Prof. Mustafa Şentop and the Rector of Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University Prof. Dr. Mümin Şahin expressed their pleasure about this gratifying event in their speeches and pointed out the importance of this big step for the country and the region.



TRAKYA UNIVERSITY GUIDED MEDICAL EDUCATION IN BALKANS

“The 1st International Balkan Medical Education Symposium” was held in Edirne with the support of Trakya University Association (TUB) and hosted by term chairman Trakya University. It is the first scientific event in the Balkans where accreditation is discussed in medical education. In the 531st year of the medical education in Edirne, in the Complex of Sultan Bayezid II Health Museum where the symposium was held, Trakya University Rector. Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu, Rector of Tuzla University. Prof. Dr. Nermina Hadzigraphic, Edirne Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Volkan Türk Vural, Deputy

Edirne Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Volkan Türk Vural, said, “Trakya University Faculty of Medicine not only educates good physicians but also successfully fulfills its mission of educating people who are sensitive to their environment. The Balkans vision that Trakya University successfully pursues has similarities with the The Balkan foreign policy of our country. While Turkey follows an embracing and sharing strategy throughout the Balkans in its foreign policy, Trakya University also shares its knowledge and experience in higher education with the Balkans through these meetings. Health conditions may



Mayor of Edirne Municipality Dr. Ertuğrul Tannıkulu, Higher Education Quality Board (YÖKAK) Vice President Prof. Dr. Sibel Aksu Yıldırım, Dean of Trakya University Faculty of Medicine Prof. Dr. Ahmet Muzaffer Demir, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Association for Evaluation and Accreditation of Medical Education Programs (TEPDAD). Prof. Dr. İskender Sayek and many other academics attended.

Dean of Trakya University Faculty of Medicine Prof. Dr. Ahmet Muzaffer Demir gave a speech at the opening of the symposium that started with a music concert by Trakya University State Conservatory Chrysanthemum Quartet ensemble and expressed his pleasure to organize an activity that took place in the Balkans at the beginning of the medical education in Edirne and at the beginning of the anniversary, and said: “Thanks to this event, which will contribute to the Balkans mission of our university, We will share our experiences in accreditation processes with YÖKAK Vice President, Trakya and Balkan universities. I believe that the symposium will be held in different Balkan countries with different themes in the coming years.”

vary between countries, but differences in knowledge and experience can lead to major problems in human health. Trakya University continues to be a gateway of hope for the Balkans by transferring its experience in medical education and practice through its activities in the region. I am proud of Trakya University as a Turkish diplomat and Balkan son-in-law. This symposium once again reveals the importance and added value that Trakya University gives to Balkans.”

Rector of Trakya University Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu started his speech by introducing Edirne and said “How is our medical education? Can it be measured and evaluated? The answer to these questions is can be found by accreditation. Our Faculty of Medicine is the first unit accredited as a faculty at Trakya University. International accreditation is very important to us. Trakya University, the most important institution of the Balkans whose quality is approved with international standards, wants to share its experience and knowledge with the Balkans. With its mission and vision in the Balkans, Trakya University is also responsible for the education of physicians in this region. As we felt this responsibility intensely, we organized this



meeting” Rector Prof. Dr. Tabakoğlu then said “Education is a work of experience. First of all, it is necessary to determine the education of physicians to be trained. You must implement this as a whole in a spiral nested way. We want to educate doctors who are equipped with all the knowledge in medical education as well as individuals who are sensitive to their environment and the world they live in. We will integrate this approach into our entire education system.”

After their opening speech, Vice Chairman of YÖKAK Dr. Prof. Dr. Sibel Aksu Yıldırım’s “Accreditation Processes in Higher Education” the speech started all-day sessions, President of the Association for the Development of Medical Education Assoc. Dr. Nilüfer Yılmaz made a presentation on “Medical Education before graduation in the 21st Century”, President of the Association for Evaluation and Accreditation

of Medical Education Programs Prof. Dr. İskender Sayek made a presentation on “Medical Education Programs Accreditation Processes”, President of Turkish Medical Education Association Prof. Dr. Melih Elçin made a presentation on “The Place of Simulation in Medical Education Before Graduation” Rector of Tuzla University Prof. Dr. Nermina Hadzigrabic made a presentation on “Review of the Standards for Accreditation of Medical Programs in Bosnia and Herzegovina”, Dean of Tiran Medical University Faculty of Medicine Prof. Dr. Xledadin Dracini made a presentation on the “Actual Accreditation Process of the University of Medicine”. The symposium ended with a panel and closing speeches on “Evaluation of Experience in Accreditation Processes” chaired by Prof. Dr. Ahmet Muzaffer Demir.



TRAKYA UNIVERSITY'S GUESTS, TETOVA UNIVERSITY CANDIDATE PHYSICIANS RECEIVED THEIR CERTIFICATES

A certificate ceremony was held at Trakya University Balkan Congress Center for the students of Tetova State University Medical Faculty who completed their education at Trakya University Medical Faculty. Within the framework of the cooperation between Trakya University and Tetova State University, the students of Tetova who have been studying Basic Medical Sciences at Trakya University Faculty of Medicine for two weeks received their certificates from Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu's hand. The ceremony was held in the Senate Hall of Trakya University Balkan Congress Center. Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine Prof. Dr. Mustafa İnan, Director of Foreign Relations Application and Research Center Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Türkyılmaz, Foreign Relations Office Lecturer in charge Nurgül Yılmaz, Department of Balkan Languages



and Literatures- Albanian Language and Literature Lecturer Rijete Simitchiu and 17 students coming from Tetova State University attended the ceremony. Throughout the ceremony, the students of the medical faculties who arrived in Edirne from Tetova State University Faculty of Medicine shared their knowledge and experiences gained during the training with Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu. Within the scope of the cooperation program between Trakya University and Tetova State University, Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu had a conversation with the students who completed their training successfully at Trakya University Faculty of Medicine and received their certificates about their training. The ceremony also hosted a meeting of different cultures, languages and identities. The cognate teachers coming from the Northern Macedonia

to Edirne within the scope of STEM Training organized by Trakya University Faculty of Education, hosted by Trakya University, cooperated with TIKA (Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency Presidency) and supported by the International Balkan University, Dean of Trakya University Faculty of Education Prof. Dr. Sevinç Sakarya Maden, Lecturers of Faculty of Education Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eylem Bayır and Lecturer Dr. Hüsniye Yılmaz who worked in the project as expert educators were among those attending the ceremony.

Speaking at the certificate ceremony, Deputy Dean of Trakya University Faculty of Medicine Prof. Dr. Mustafa İnan stated that they believed meeting with the medical approaches applied in different countries and social conditions increased knowledge, skills, and experiences



of the students regarding the profession of physician, and indicated that they attached importance to internship exchange program as Trakya University Faculty of Medicine. Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Medicine Prof. Dr. Mustafa İnan stated that the education and internship opportunities given to individuals from different countries gave them the chance to develop their empathy skills by widening their horizons, and the training as mentioned offer students a unique educational and cultural experience. Deputy Dean of Trakya University Faculty of Medicine Prof. Dr. Mustafa İnan added that they did not distinguish the students coming from Tetova from their own students and stated that; 'In fact, when we look at the situation we are in from a distance, this table shows us a small mirror to Trakya

University's Balkans mission and shows us only a small picture of the whole. It emphasizes once again how great the care taken by Trakya University to the Balkans is. In addition to their internship at the hospital, students come together with many other students in the country with the social programs and content prepared beforehand, enabling them to become more familiar with the host country and their cultures. We find this kind of training very important in every aspect. We had an effective, productive work and communication with the 3rd and 6th-grade students from Tetova for two weeks. There is no doubt that they will bring their experiences and competencies to the places they will go". Trakya University Foreign Relations Application and Research Center Director Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Türkyılmaz stated that the students coming from Tetova reached the targeted gains and results regarding their education and they were excited for the following students in the new term.

communities together in common values for centuries. Despite all the immigration and historical developments, we have societies, brothers and relatives who continue to exist in almost every country in the Balkans and see our country as their homeland. The presence of our Ottoman ancestors is the most important force that connects us to the Balkans. In this context, as it can be seen in Turkey and the Balkans, we want to touch all relevant institutions, establishments and communities in all geographies where our kinsmen are, and we work really hard to keep our relationship alive and strong. We are trying and struggling to have it said that Trakya University is the first one to come into mind when Turkey and one of its universities are mentioned. The Pre-Medical Education Program of the Faculty of Medicine was accredited as a result of the evaluations made by the National Medical Education Accreditation Board and we showed the quality and scientific standards of our Faculty of Medicine



Rector of Trakya University, Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu stated that the contact with the Tetovo State University has increased each passing day and they were pleased to host the guests from Tetova both at Trakya University and in Edirne, Turkey. Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu stated that they saw the incoming students from the Balkan countries as their own sons and indicated that " The Balkans is geography that Turkey is faithful at heart, mainly the sole part of a whole, historical and cultural heritage. It is a place where our hearts and feelings are one, having strong ties between generations and our hearts unite. We closely follow developments in the Balkan geography. We are very close to each other as parallel with our cultural and historical unity, we are almost brothers and relatives. We are talking about a Balkan identity and geography that brings different nations and ethnic

to all geography, especially the Balkans. You were educated in such a faculty. The content and quality of the trainings you receive are of great importance. I think you will leave here with ideas and projects that shed light on the future. I would like to thank the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Foreign Relations Application and Research Center for their great dedication and contribution in the preparation of the processes you have spent here. "

The guest students stated that they liked their training processes from the beginning to the end, and followed with a great interest and curiosity, and lastly they thanked Trakya University and Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu due to the opportunities provided for themselves. The ceremony ended with the students receiving their certificates and taking a souvenir photo.

RECTOR PROF. ERHAN TABAKOĞLU MET TURKISH STUDENTS AT SZEGED UNIVERSITY, HUNGARY

A committee from Trakya University which was consisted of Vice-Rector, Prof. Osman Nuri Hatipoğlu and president of International Relations Application and Research Center, Assoc. Prof. Murat Türkyılmaz met Turkish students in Szeged University under the presidency of the rector of Trakya University, Prof. Erhan Tabakoğlu.

Prof. Erhan Tabakoğlu had a talk with the students who study in the Department of History and are Turkish students of Prof. Sandor Papp, head of History Department at Szeged University. The rector stated that it is a privilege to learn

Hungarian language and to follow Turkish history from Hungarian sources and he added that it has great importance to develop themselves in that field which is needed in Turkey as well.

The students expressed their pleasure from the visit of the Trakya University committee. They mentioned that they were very happy and feel comfortable at Szeged University, Hungary. Turkish students also added that they did their best in order to represent Turkey in Hungary.



PROF. ERHAN TABAKOĞLU, THE RECTOR OF TRAKYA UNIVERSITY PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT IN HUNGARY

On to the invitation of Prof. Laszlo Rovo, the rector of Szeged University, the committee from Trakya University which was consisted of the rector, Prof. Erhan Tabakoğlu, Vice-Rector, Prof. Osman Nuri Hatipoğlu and president of International Relations Application and Research Center, Assoc. Prof. Murat Türkyılmaz visited Hungary to pay official visits on October 9-10, 2019. By this visit during which the joint projects are discussed, the two universities arrived

at a consensus to strengthen the relations in many fields, especially 2+2 Dual Degree. There was also Altay Gökbilgin, who is the son of Prof. M. Tayyip Gökbilgin, the doyen of Hungarian-Turkish History in the visit.

The committee of Szeged University, which is accepted as the best university of Hungary, included Prof. Laszlo Rovo, the rector of Szeged University, prof. Peter Zakar, Vice-Rector responsible for International Relations, Prof. Klara Sandor,

deputy dean of Faculty of Society and Social Sciences, Prof. Janos Tajti, deputy dean of Faculty of Medicine and Prof. Sandor Papp, head of the Department of History and specialists in the area of Ottoman-Turkish History. Committees of two universities exchanged their views on the protocol which enables students of Department of Hungarian Language and Literature at Trakya University to study their first two years in Szeged University, Hungary and their last 2 years in Trakya University, Turkey with 2+2 Dual Degree Programme. Moreover, it is decided to update and expand the scope of the current bilateral cooperation agreement between two universities.

Prof. Laszlo Rovo, the rector of Szeged University told that they were glad to welcome Trakya University, which



is the door of Turkey to Western Countries and one of the best universities in Turkey. He said: "We are ready to give every kind of support to activate the department of Hungarian Language and Literature at Trakya University and to strengthen our cooperation. Our instructors have started to work to put into practice the 2+2 Dual Degree Program in Hungarian Language and Literature. Besides, it will be useful to enhance the dialogue for both universities by gathering the instructors of especially Faculties of Social Sciences, Literature and Medicine together."

Prof. Erhan Tabakoğlu mentioned that Turkish people had always sympathized with Hungary because of the similarities between the two nations and their common historical roots. He said, "We are pleased with the cooperation of these two nations who departed from the same land, settled into different geographies and later came across in the same geography again and lived together for long years. We will be happy to open the Department of Hungarian Language and Literature in our university with the cooperation of the best university in Hungary. We know it by heart that in order to know our history well; we should know the Hungarian History well as well. Starting from this need, we will be in cooperation with the Department of History of Szeged University too. I believe that in time, we will develop many cooperation with other departments as well. I am glad to lead the way by this cooperation to turn our common history into our common future with Hungary, who thinks in the same way as Turkey in its current process and expresses their support to Turkey clearly."





Considered the most appreciated university among employers in Romania, according to the QS University Rankings, the University of Bucharest offers to its students and teachers - members of the academic community the opportunity to study in a prestigious international community, built around the CIVIS Consortium - the European Civic Alliance, which was launched officially on Tuesday 1st October 2019. CIVIS will pioneer the European University initiative launched by the European Commission and envision a European University as a space for innovative and responsible teaching, research, cultural exchanges and citizen action within Europe and its institutions.

Besides that, between 26-27 September 2019, the University of Bucharest hosted the "Universitaria" Consortium doctoral students National Conference, the main national event for doctoral students in social sciences and humanities. This year the conference gathered participants from four of the most prestigious Romanian upper studies institutions: the University of Bucharest, the Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca, the West University of Timișoara and the „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași.

Moreover, The Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science team obtained three gold medals in the IMC 2019 competition - International Mathematical Competition for University Students 2019 (IMC 2019). The competition took place between July 28 and August 3, 2019 in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, and the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science of the University of Bucharest team, coordinated by the lecturer Gabriel Mincu, was constituted by students Robert-Andrei Băra (1st year), Dragoș Manea (2nd year) and Călin-Daniel Spiridon (2nd year).

In addition to that, in this summer, The University of Bucharest organized the second edition of the Science and Technology Summer School from Măgurele, that started on Monday, the 26th of August 2019. Between the 24th of August - 6th of September 2019, the Măgurele Platform research institutes and the faculties of the University of Bucharest hosted workshops that were mainly about the environment study, the human activities impact on climate change and on the biosphere, but also about some other related topics.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST HOSTED THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL EVENT FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

Between 26-27 September 2019, the University of Bucharest hosted the "Universitaria" Consortium doctoral students National Conference, the main national event for doctoral students in social sciences and humanities.

Organized by the University of Bucharest, through the Council for Doctoral Studies, in collaboration with partner universities and with the UB's Doctoral School in Communication Sciences, this year the conference gathered participants from four of the most prestigious Romanian upper studies institutions: the University of Bucharest, the Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca, the West University of Timișoara and the „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași.

This event was addressed to doctoral students with areas of interest in philology, sociology, communication sciences,

their research, to see what their colleagues from other highly prestigious universities have researched and to form long-lasting scientific partnerships. I recall the importance of the annual meetings with the colleagues in Cluj and Iași, how much they stimulated me to be better and helped me find "lifetime" friends. Therefore, together with my colleagues from UBB, UAIC, UVT and ASE, with whom I initiated this conferences, I believe that we contributed not only to the improvement of each PhD student which participates to the event but also to the strengthening of long-lasting professional networks and scientific fields in Romania", stated Prof. Bogdan Murgescu, PhD., the Director of the Council for Doctoral Studies of the University of Bucharest.

The Universitaria Consortium reunited five universities from Romania: the University of Bucharest, the Babeş

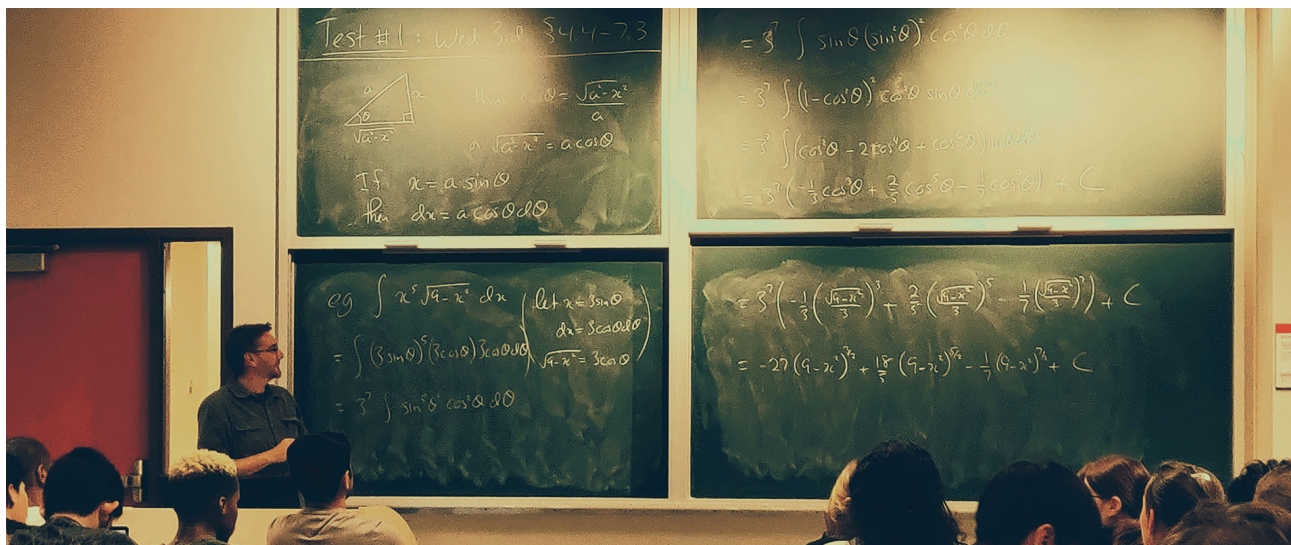


psychology, education sciences and theology, being a significant event for the Romanian doctoral schools. The program included over 50 presentations, selected through a contest organized by each University of the Consortium.

"The doctoral students' conferences from the "Universitaria" Consortium member universities were initiated to facilitate to the best doctoral students the opportunity to meet each other, to present the results of

Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca, the "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iași, the West University of Timișoara and the Bucharest University of Economic Studies. The purpose of creating the Consortium is represented by the member universities cooperation for the scientific research and academic activity increase, in order to achieve national and international recognition of their prestige and classification in the category of reference universities in Europe.

GOLD FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST TEAM AT IMC 2019



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More details here: <https://unibuc.ro/aur-pentru-echipa-universitatii-din-bucuresti-la-imc-2019/?lang=en>

The opening ceremony of the contest, attended by the whole team, took place on Monday, July 29, 2019 and was succeeded by three jury meetings. Within them were selected the problems for the contest. At the contest tests, which took place on Tuesday, July 30, and on Wednesday, July 31, the students had to solve five problems during five hours.

On Friday, August 2, 2019, the University of Bucharest students ascended on the contest stage, as part of the award ceremony and the closing of the competition, which took place immediately after the final meeting of the jury, attended by the UB lecturer Gabriel Mincu.

SECOND EDITION OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FROM MĂGURELE

The second edition of the Science and Technology Summer School from Măgurele started on Monday, the 26th of August 2019. Over 50 high-school students were expected to cross the platform research institutes threshold, where, for two weeks, the high-school students deployed complex research activities, under the coordination of big mentor teams - researchers, academics from higher university STEM fields, experienced specialists and practitioners in the proposed research areas. Other 50 teachers and school counsellors joined them in the week 2nd-6th of September when they will attend workshops, seminars and dialogues facilitated by specialists in education sciences and school counselling.

“Breath - Learn - Measure - Share” was the summer school interdisciplinary workshop’s motto. These interdisciplinary workshops were attended for two weeks by high-school students all over the country. Between the 24th of August - 6th of September 2019, the Măgurele Platform research institutes and the faculties of the University of Bucharest hosted workshops that were mainly about the environment study, the human activities impact on climate change and on the biosphere, but also about some other related topics.

This year’s topics under debate tackled subjects from physics, biology, geography, mathematics, informatics, engineering, science communication and plastic arts and they aimed to develop four types of skills: increasing

theoretical knowledge and scientific fields understanding, developing practical and applying science notions skills, using informatics technologies in science and transferring the results from science to society. This year's research topics tackled subjects such as air quality monitoring, solar energy conversion into electric energy, methods to represent scientific data using virtual reality, computational chemistry, scientific experiments automation etc.

Besides, this year's main topic is the development of an automated capsule that monitors air quality and meteorological parameters. The mentors team together with the coordinated high-school students will monitor in real-time the most important pollutants resulted from human

research institutes on the Magurele platform were expected to attend the event.

The teachers and school counsellors were expected to attend the Summer School on 2nd of September 2019. The official opening of the section dedicated to STEM discipline teachers and school counselors took place in the IFIN-HH event hall, starting at 3 pm.

Acad. Nicolae Victor Zamfir, PhD (IFIN-HH General Director), Prof. Mircea Dumitru, PhD (UB's Rector), Prof. Marian Preda, PhD (UB's Senate President), Marian Petrache (Ilfov County Council President), Constantin Ionescu (INFAP General Director), Narcis Constantin (Magurele City Mayor), school teachers and counsellors, representatives of the



activity together with the environment factors influencing their dynamics.

Last but not least, this year's Summer School of Science and Technology edition integrates the humanistic component, through science communication workshops, stimulating entrepreneurial thinking and visual arts.

The whole list with the 22 research topics, as well as the mentors' list could be found on the website: <http://events.theory.nipne.ro/msciteh/proiecte-de-cercetare/>.

The official opening of the Summer School, the high-school students' section took place on Monday, the 26th of August 2019, in the IFIN-HH event hall, at 09:00. Acad. Nicolae Victor Zamfir PhD (IFIN-HH Director), Prof. Lucian Ion, PhD (UB's Faculty of Physics Dean), Marian Petrache (Ilfov County Council President), Narcis Constantin (Magurele City Mayor), high-school students, representatives of the scientific communities of the University of Bucharest and of the

University of Bucharest and of the research institutes on Magurele platform attended the event.

For a week, STEM disciplines teachers and school counsellors enjoyed applicative workshops, debates and scientific and psycho-pedagogic laboratories, activities named "The abilities and careers of the future". Fifty teachers and school counsellors attended the debates on different topics, such as automation and digitalization, assessment of learning outcomes in STEM fields, authentic learning experiences, innovative pedagogies and other current topics in STEM fields.

The detailed program of the Summer School of Science and Technology from Măgurele could be accessed here: <http://events.theory.nipne.ro/msciteh/program/>.

The Summer School of Science and Technology from Magurele is an educational project organized by in a partnership between the University of Bucharest, Horia Hulubei National Institute for R&D in Physics and Nuclear

Engineering (IFIN-HH) and the National Institute for Earth Physics (INFP), under the aegis of the Education Community for Science.

This year's Summer School of Science and Technology edition benefitted from the involvement and support of numerous institutions - partners, sponsors and media partners - which accepted the invitation to support the STEM education and the high-school students research activities, teachers and school counsellors, which attended between 24th of August-6th of September 2019 on the Magurele



More details here: <https://unibuc.ro/scoala-de-vara-de-stiinta-si-tehnologie-de-la-magurele-isi-deschide-luni-portile-pentru-participantii-din-acest-an/?lang=en>

platform research and at the University of Bucharest faculties.

The Summer School was organized with the help of the following partners: ELI-NP, INFLPR, INFM, INOE, ISS, ICUB, CINETic, Magurele Science Park and STEM Association for Education and is sponsored by SCIENTIX, BRIO, pemeserie.ro, LEGO, SNK Association, Romanian Commercial Bank, Bucharest Community Foundation and IKEA Romania.

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On Tuesday 1st October 2019, we celebrated the launch of the CIVIS Alliance, the European Civic University with the partnership of eight leading universities across the Mediterranean and Baltic seas: Aix-Marseille Université (Aix-en-Provence and Marseille, France), National Kapodistrian University of Athens (Athens, Greece), Université libre de Bruxelles (Brussels, Belgium), Universitatea din București (Bucharest, Romania), Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Madrid, Spain), Sapienza Università di Roma (Rome, Italy), Stockholms universitet (Stockholm, Sweden) and Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (Germany)

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launched by the European Commission and envision a European University as a space for innovative and responsible teaching, research, cultural exchanges and citizen action within Europe and its institutions.

With a focus on European connections with Mediterranean and African regions in research, education and innovation, CIVIS will become a transnational collaborative universities and bring together almost 400,000 students and 55,000 staff members to foster cooperation between one another and shape the university of tomorrow.

"One European University, eight campuses, countless opportunities. Welcome to CIVIS".



The University of Ioannina participated in the 84th Thessaloniki International Fair, on 7-15th of September 2019, which is considered as one of the biggest events in Greece and the Balkans. According to statistics, more than 250,000 visitors entered the Fair, where the honoring country for this year was India.

The University, featuring at the Booth 14 "ACADEMIA" presented projects on academic and research work, while the International Relations Office Staff informed students and the public on studies and the options within the Erasmus+ program, and the Career Office Staff provided information on career opportunities.

In particular, the UoI presented

- the innovative HOLOBALANCE project which targets in the creation of HOLOgrams for personalised virtual coaching and motivation in an ageing population with BALANCE disorders. Head of the Project is Prof. Dimitris Fotiadis from the Dept. of Material Sciences and Engineering
- the BioPoc, portable diagnostic medical devices and "diagnostic cards" with smartphone-aided operation utilizing novel responsive polymer film-based biosensors. Head of the Project is Prof. Mamantos Prodromidis, from the Dept. of Chemistry
- the Results of a statistic study on the social-economic history of Greece since 1907. The study was conducted by the Assoc. Prof. Nikolaos Benos and the Assist. Prof. Athanasios Stavrakoudis from the Dept. of Economics

- the Yess project-Young Entrepreneurs Startup School (Interreg Greece-Italy), which aims at developing hybrid incubation models (virtual and physical). Head of the Project is the Assist. Prof. Georgios Goletsis from the Dept. of Economics

- The "automatic piano" with its digital mechanism. The piano, "without a performer", was playing a variety of musical genres impressing the audience. This work is part of a research on the mechanisms of musical instruments conducted by the Professors Georgios Kokonis and Maria Zoumbouli from the Dept. of Music Studies

The University of Ioannina also participated in the academic events. The Rector of the University, Prof. Triantafyllos A.D. Almpanis opened the event for the UoI, under the title: "University of Ioannina: 55 years of Continuous Development of Research and Innovation". Following, the Vice-Rector, Prof. Stavros Nikolopoulos, presented the views on "Electronic Governance at the University of Ioannina-Administrative and Digital Transformation".

The Assoc. Prof. Konstantinos Papaloukas, from the Dept. of Biological Applications & Technologies, delivered a speech on "Big Data Analysis in Healthcare" and Prof. Ioannis Konstantinou, from the Dept. of Chemistry, concluded the event, presenting the "Innovative photocatalytic process for water processing".



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UNYT aspires to establish itself as a dynamic, multicultural and leading center for higher education in the Balkans and beyond. The mission of UNYT is to provide students with the opportunity to obtain university degrees at the Bachelor, Master or PhD level, in a variety of academic and professional specializations, in collaboration with prestigious American and European universities. The diversity of diplomas offered at UNYT includes dual Bachelor degrees conferred in Tirana by the State University of New York-Empire State College (SUNY/ESC), USA and Master Degrees in collaboration with the University of Greenwich, UK.

UNYT is proud to have 14th generations of graduates (2006 - 2019), whose employment or graduate studies' record is currently more than 93%. Many of these graduates now work for prestigious companies in Albania and abroad, while others continue their graduate level studies in top western universities including Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, London School of Economics, etc.

Research projects are fundamental to the character of UNYT, its reputation, and contribution to society. The overall goal is to increase research capacity and intensity by raising the proportion of academic staff conducting research and producing publications and other outputs of the highest quality. UNYT supports interdisciplinary research across all of its departments.

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VISIT OF PROF. İBRAHİM KALIN AT UNIVERISTY OF NEW YORK TIRANA

In November 2018, the Chief Counselor to the President of the Turkish Republic Prof. İbrahim Kalın, H.I. E Ambassador of Turkey in Albania Mr. Murat Ahmet Yörük, the President of Türk İşbirliği ve Koordinasyon Ajansı Başkanlığı - TİKA Dr. Serdar Çam, Vice President of Religious Affairs Asst. Prof. Selim Argun and Authorities of Turkish Airlines honored the Maarif International Schools | University of New York Tirana with their presence.

“It is a pleasure to be here and I am happy that Tirana has a University like yours. Education is very important because you carry it for the rest of your life” were some of the words that Presidential Spokesperson Ambassador Prof. İbrahim Kalın mentioned.

UNYT CAREER FAIR '19

On May 28th, 2019, the University of New York Tirana hosted its yearly successful Career Fair.

UNYT Career Fair has become an indispensable networking platform for students and alumni of the University of New York Tirana.

Students and alumni went from booth to booth to meet representatives of over 30 national and international companies. The best and the brightest were able to secure internships and jobs with the top brands of the industry.



UNYT GRADUATION CEREMONY 2019



On the 5th of July, the University of New York Tirana part of the Turkish Maarif Foundation held its 14th annual graduation ceremony, at Art-Turbina, celebrating the accomplishments of 110 graduating students. Albanian and Turkish institutions, representatives, ambassadors, academics, students and their families attended the ceremony.

The Ceremony started with the address speech of Prof. Dr. İsmail KOCAYUSUFOĞLU, Rector of the University of New York Tirana.

The event was attended by Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports of Turkey, Prof. Halis Yunus Ersöz, who in his greeting

speech said that this university will play a very important role in strengthening the friendship between Turkey and Albania.

While the Turkish Ambassador in Tirana, H.I.E Murat Ahmet Yörük, said that the Maarif Foundation is looking forward to making this university not only the most prestigious in Albania, but also the most prestigious of the whole region.

UNYT was particularly honored to have as a keynote speaker of this year's graduation ceremony Mr. Seyhan Pencablğil, "CEO of the Year in Europe" and CEO of BKT, considered as the "Best Local Bank in Albania".





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