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Istanbul Medeniyet University Selected as a University Specializing in the History of Science by the CoHE

The Introductory Meeting of the Universities Specializing in Priority Areas Project, where the decisions taken within the scope of the “Priority Area Mission” Program carried out by the Council of Higher Education (CoHE) were announced, was hosted by the CoHE President Prof. Dr. Erol ÖZVAR on May 2, 2023 in Ankara. Rector of Istanbul Medeniyet University Prof. Dr. Gülfettin ÇELİK and Director of the History of Science Institute Prof. Dr. İhsan FAZLIOĞLU attended the program held at the Conference Hall of the Council of Higher Education.

After 43 state universities and 78 foundation universities were evaluated and their departments or programs showing expertise and competence in these fields were examined within the framework of their publication and citation performances in the 2018-2022 period and the Field-Based Competence Analysis Report of Universities prepared by TÜBİTAK, it was decided by the Council of Higher Education to grant priority field missions to the relevant departments or programs of 25 state and foundation universities in 15 fields of science. As a result of these evaluations, Istanbul Medeniyet University was selected as a “University Specializing in the History of Science”

by the Council of Higher Education. The CoHE President Prof. Dr. Erol ÖZVAR presented the “University Specializing in the History of Science” certificate of appreciation to Rector Prof. Dr. Gülfettin ÇELİK and Director of the History of Science Institute Prof. Dr. İhsan FAZLIOĞLU.

The History of Science Institute, established within the University Specializing in the History of Science, will be involved in a four-layered activity in the field of history of science: First, it will provide both national and international master’s and doctoral education in Turkish and English; second, it will conduct theoretical research and publications based on primary sources in accordance with contemporary social sciences methods, on the one hand, and on the other hand, it will transform the results obtained into visual materials and exhibit them, publish academic journals and establish a museum for this purpose; third, it will organize national and international seminars, symposia and conferences related to its fields of study and share the research results it has obtained with international colleagues; fourth, it will ensure the dissemination of scientific culture through public lectures, seminars, conferences, etc.



Team of Istanbul Medeniyet University Students Ranked Third in TEKNOFEST 2023 Agricultural Unmanned Ground Vehicle Competition

BAT-X3 Robotic Technologies Development Team, established within the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering of Istanbul Medeniyet University Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences, received the third prize in the Agricultural Unmanned Ground Vehicle Competition held between 27 April 2023 - 1 May 2023 within the scope of TEKNOFEST (Teknofest Aerospace and Technology Festival) 2023. Ibrahim Halil IŞIK and Elanur KURT, students of the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering of IMU, took part in the team, which was advised by the department faculty member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erdoğan AYDIN, and sponsored by Atölye Üsküdar and

Çağrı Marketleri.

BAT-X3 Robotic Technologies Development Team developed a special management system for the unmanned ground vehicle they designed, using a battery pack consisting of high-capacity cells in the battery design. In the mechanical design, they created a unique solution by using different components for the vehicle to perform better in difficult terrain conditions. In addition to these, they also developed a unique software to enable the vehicle to move in a smarter and autonomous way, using various sensors and algorithms to detect the environment, detect obstacles and self-correct.



Functionalization of the Legal Clinic at UKZ within the ENEMLOS Project

The Public University "Kadri Zeka" in Gjilan has formalized and operationalized the Legal Clinic within the premises of UKZ as part of the Erasmus+ ENEMLOS Project.

The Vice-Rector for International Cooperation and Projects, Associate Professor Dr. Dukagjin Leka, welcomed professors from the University of Regent in London, Neven Andjelic, and Tom Villis, to UKZ.

This visit served as a formal and friendly confirmation of the established relationships between our institutions and an opportunity to observe the work

and contributions to the development of legal clinics. It also allowed us to witness the experiences students gain in this clinic through real-life cases from everyday life.

During the meeting between representatives of the Public University "Kadri Zeka" in Gjilan and the University of Regent in London, discussions were held on the possibility of establishing an inter-institutional agreement between the two universities. This agreement could be realized in the next mobility phase within the framework of the ENEMLOS Project



The University of Tetova Hosts the Congress of Natural Sciences, Medicine, and Technologies

From May 17th to May 19th, 2023, the University of Tetova hosted the Congress of Natural Sciences, Medicine, and Technologies. A large number of researchers from our country, the region, and Europe, participated in the proceedings of this congress, with a particular focus on international scientific conferences organized by the six academic units and faculties of UT, addressing various topics.

At the opening of this congress, the Rector of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Kushtrim Ahmeti, emphasized the significance of this scientific event for our university. He noted that it is crucial not only for the academic community but also for students as it facilitates the exchange of experiences, ideas, the acquisition of knowledge from relevant sciences, and the creation of bridges of friendship between researchers and students. "As part of this congress, several international scientific conferences will be held at some of our university faculties, including: the 8th International Balkan Sports Sciences Conference, organized by the Faculty of Physical Culture; the 7th International Scientific Conference of Applied Sciences, organized by the Faculty of Applied Sciences; the 6th International Scientific Conference of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, organized by the Faculty of Medicine; the 5th International Conference on Natural

Sciences and Mathematics, organized by the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics; the 3rd International Conference on Food Technology and Nutrition, organized by the Faculty of Food Technology and Nutrition; and the 1st International Conference on Sustainable Agricultural Systems, organized by the Faculty of Agriculture and Biotechnology. All these conferences are organized in collaboration with numerous academic units from different universities, both national and international," said Rector Prof. Dr. Kushtrim Ahmeti.

The Vice-Rector for Science of the University of Tetova, Prof. Dr. Agon Memeti, provided a brief overview of the challenging marathon of internationalizing scientific journals to the present scientific researchers. "During this congress, we are also promoting five scientific journals, including: Acta Medica Balkanica - International Journal of Medical Sciences, issue 13-14; International Journal of Food Technology and Nutrition, issue 9-10; JAS-SUT - Journal of Applied Sciences-SUT, issue 15-16; Journal of Natural Sciences and Mathematics of UT, issue 13-14; SPORT AND HEALTH - International Journal of Sport Sciences and Health, issue 19-20. All these mentioned journals are indexed in Google Scholar, IndexCopernicus International, and Academic Search Complete (EBSCO).



UKZ Becomes Part of the Seventh Forum of Rectors from Southeastern Europe and Western Balkans

It is worth noting that since last year, all University journals have been given an ISI impact factor – the only valid impact factor after SCOPUS. Regarding the organizational aspect, I would like to report on the progress of the Congress, which includes six conferences, each enriched with partner universities in the respective fields. As a result, this congress includes a total of 23 partner universities, with a total of 957 authors and co-authors, 431 abstracts, which will be presented in 5 plenary sessions and 25 parallel sessions," stated Vice-Rector for Science Prof. Dr. Agon Memeti.

During the proceedings of this congress, in addition to presenting the results in the abovementioned sessions, partially practical parts were reflected through 7 workshops, namely: a workshop on publishing in high-impact factor journals; a workshop on Quality Control of Input Materials and Finished Products, jointly organized by Knauf Radika Company in collaboration with the Faculty of Applied Sciences; a workshop on Sport for Individuals with Physical Disabilities, organized by the Faculty of Physical Culture; three workshops on Milk Processing Technology, Bakery Technology, and Production of Beverage Drinks in Laboratory Conditions, organized

by the Faculty of Food Technology and Nutrition; a workshop on Determination of Water Hardness in the Tetovo Region, organized by the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics; and workshops at the Tetovo Clinical Hospital, specifically in the Gynecology department, with topics: Fetal Echocardiography Foundation Course and Principles, and the workshop on Diagnostics and Planning of Implant and Implant-Prosthetic Treatment, organized by the Faculty of Medical Sciences. The Institute of Ecology and Technology of the University of Tetova also organized an exhibition featuring the treasure of nature and a plenary session on relevant topics. Meanwhile, the Faculty of Arts, at the conclusion of the congress, organized a Folk Music Concert with the theme "Combination and Interpretation of Traditional Romanian Village Sounds," in collaboration with the Faculty of Arts at the University of Timișoara, Romania. Several businesses have contributed to the organization of this congress, including: Renova, Vardar Dolomit, Rifam, Dauti Komerc, Vezë Sharri, Euro Caffè, Knauf Radika, and the General Hospital "Ferid Murad" – Gostivar



Prof. Dr. Jusuf Zejneli was elected Rector of the University of Tetova

With a majority vote of the academic staff of 13 faculties, Prof. Dr. Jusuf Zejneli was elected Rector of the University of Tetova, for the next three-year term, 2023 – 2026. After receiving the results of today's voting for the election of the Rector, submitted by the commissions of the academic units, the Central University Election Commission has checked and summarized the voting results for all units of the UT.

A total of 334 members of the teaching-scientific councils of the faculties had the right to vote. During the voting process, 302 voters used the right to vote, where the candidate Prof. Dr. Jusuf Zejneli received 260 votes, the candidate Prof. Dr. Bashkim Ziberi 14 votes, candidate Prof. Dr. Myqereme Rusi 1 vote, candidate Prof. Dr. Dervish Alimi 0 votes and 27 votes were invalid.

During the voting, the candidates for rector were

evaluated according to the points obtained, including: Prof. Dr. Jusuf Zejneli, full professor at the Faculty of Law, has earned a total of 2307,215 points; Prof. Dr. Bashkim Ziberi, full professor at the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, has earned a total of 89,337 points; Prof. Dr. Myqereme Rusi, full professor at the Faculty of Philosophy, has earned a total of 3,448 points and Prof. Dr. Dervish Alimi, full professor at the Faculty of Philology, has earned a total of 0 points.

In accordance with article 106, paragraph 9, of the Statute of the University of Tetova, for the next three-year term 2023-2026, the Rector of the University of Tetova has been elected the candidate Prof. Dr. Jusuf Zejneli, full professor at the Faculty of Law, who won the most points in this election process.



Trakya University Hosts A Touching Course with the Balkan Medical Journal

The editors of the Balkan Medical Journal, a prominent journal with an impressive impact factor prepared by Trakya University Faculty of Medicine, have contributed to students affected by the earthquake through a newly organized course.

The Scientific Publishing Course, conducted in collaboration with the Balkan Medical Journal and the Women Physicians Educational Support Foundation (KAHEV), not only provided up-to-date information in the field but also generated funds to support students in the earthquake-affected region. Held on March 6, 2023, the course featured presentations by faculty members of Trakya University Faculty of Medicine, who are also editors of the Balkan Medical Journal, the first Q2 General Medicine Journal in our country. The sessions included: Prof. Dr. Servet Altay on "Introduction and Correspondence with the Editor" and "Authorship Criteria and Multiple Publications

with a Single Data Set," Prof. Dr. Dinçer Avlan on "Title Selection and Abstract Writing," Assoc. Prof. Dr. Selçuk Korkmaz on "Basic Statistical Evaluation," Prof. Dr. Suat Erdoğan on "Journal Selection," Prof. Dr. Ufuk Usta on "Plagiarism," and Prof. Dr. Zafer Koçak on "Predatory Journals."

In a statement about the training and the support provided, Prof. Dr. Servet Altay, Chair of the Department of Cardiology and Editor-in-Chief of the

Balkan Medical Journal, remarked on the challenging period our country is undergoing. He said, "Everyone is making every effort to alleviate the suffering caused by this disaster. As the Balkan Medical Journal, which has pioneered many firsts in our country, we planned this course to support the education of students in the earthquake region. The course saw intensive participation from academics across various regions of our country, and the funds raised were used to provide scholarships to students."

Two Capitals Shine A Light On Edirne At The 3rd Edirne Research Symposium

The 3rd Edirne Research Symposium, organized under the title "Communication, Interaction, and Comparisons between Istanbul and Edirne," was held through the collaboration of Trakya University and Istanbul University, shedding light on the historical and cultural heritage of Edirne.

Hosted by Istanbul University, this third edition of the Edirne Research Symposium followed the previous events held at Trakya University in 2021 and 2022. The symposium featured experts from both universities as well as academics and researchers from various parts of the country. A total of 32 papers were presented in

nine sessions, two of which were held simultaneously. "Edirne is a Great Treasure

In his opening speech, Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu, Rector of Trakya University, described Edirne as "a great treasure that deepens the more you explore it." He noted, "As a physician, I see Edirne's pains. It is still suffering, it still has sword wounds, and its wounds are still bleeding." He expressed his desire for continued development and diversification of research on Edirne.

Rector Prof. Dr. Erhan Tabakoğlu also spoke about significant figures and institutions in Edirne's history,

including Fatih Sultan Mehmet and Sarı Saltuk. He remarked, “The history of Edirne has always paralleled that of Istanbul. The army that conquered Istanbul set out from Edirne. Edirne, which handed over the capital status to Istanbul after the great conquest, has never lost its importance and has maintained its role almost like a co-capital. Trakya University is another example of this historical partnership. We have just celebrated the 40th anniversary of our university, which started as the Edirne Faculty of Medicine within Istanbul University and later became Trakya University. In fact, we are also a child of Istanbul University. Today, this symposium continues to strengthen this historical connection.”

Rector Tabakoğlu highlighted the collaborative spirit between the two universities and concluded by stating that the papers presented at the symposium would be published, serving as an inspiration for new researchers.

Communication Between Istanbul and Edirne Has Continued for Centuries

Prof. Dr. Mahmut Ak, Rector of Istanbul University, also spoke at the opening of the symposium, emphasizing the historical ties between the two cities. He stated, “For centuries, military, commercial, and

ies from various disciplines. He said, “This symposium focuses on the relationships between Istanbul and Edirne. It aims to compare the two cities from various perspectives to understand their historical communication and interaction. In this context, political, administrative, economic, and cultural relations between Istanbul and Edirne will be examined through different disciplines, including history, geography, art history, and literature. Additionally, architectural interactions, migrations between the two cities, cultural relationships in Edirne and Istanbul, and observations by travelers evaluating both cities will be addressed.”



cultural relations between Istanbul and Edirne have persisted. Edirne’s status as a former capital, its geographical proximity, and its location on the European highway have all contributed to its relationship with Istanbul. Edirne is one of the cities that has partially preserved its unique identity both during the Ottoman period and in the 20th century and beyond, and new studies will support the approaches to urbanism in the Rumelia and Istanbul regions.”

Prof. Dr. Mahmut Ak explained that the symposium would explore the relationships between the two cit-

UNYT Graduation Ceremony 23'

On July 6th, the University of New York Tirana (UNYT) held its esteemed Graduation Ceremony of 2023 at The National Theatre of Opera and Ballet. The event marked the celebration of the 18th generation of graduating students, and it was graced by the presence of esteemed representatives from Albanian and Turkish institutions, academics, students, and their families.

The ceremony commenced with an opening address by the Rector of UNYT, Prof. Dr. Erkan Erdemir, and was expertly hosted by the esteemed Dean of the Faculty of Economy and Business, Assoc. Prof. Juna Rector Erdemir, in his welcoming speech, acknowledged the remarkable achievements of UNYT and reaffirmed the institution's commitment to becoming the leading university in the Balkans. Additionally, the Graduation Ceremony was honored by the presence of distinguished individuals from Albanian and Turkish institutions, including Prof. Dr. Birol Akgün, the President of the Turkish Maarif Foundation, Assoc. Prof. Celile Eren Ökten, Vice Minister of National Education of the Republic of Türkiye, His Excellency Mr. Tayyar Kağan Atay, Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye, Mr. Mahmut Özdil, Chair of the Board of Administrations of UNYT, Dr. Albana Tole, Deputy Minister of Education and Sports, Mrs. Anuela Ristani, Deputy Mayor of Tirana for Foreign Relations, and Mr. Mesut Özbaysar, Country Repre-

sentative of the Turkish Maarif Foundation.

UNYT proudly conferred degrees upon its 18th generation of students, encompassing Ph.D., Master, and Bachelor's levels of study. Thanks to a fruitful collaboration spanning over a decade with the State University of New York, Empire State College, UNYT was able to provide dual degree diplomas. These diplomas were presented to the students by Mrs. Francesca Cichello, the SUNY ESU Executive Director of International Education.

The evening served as a joyous celebration of the commitment exhibited by students, academics, and administrative staff. In recognition of their dedication, UNYT bestowed awards in various categories, including Best Master Student, Valedictorian, Best Student in the 4-Year Program, SUNY Distinguished Academic Achievement, Best of Majors, Excellence in Research, Excellence in Teaching, University Service, and Community.

Throughout the years, UNYT has firmly established itself as a dynamic and multicultural center of excellence in higher education. The University of New York Tirana remains resolute in its commitment to educating the leaders of tomorrow.

Heartfelt congratulations are extended to the esteemed Graduating Class of 2023 for their outstanding achievements!



Student Conferences

As part of the International Environment Day, June 5, a Student Conference was held with the students of the study programs, Bachelor in Biology and Chemistry and Master of Science in Environmental Biology, of the Faculty of Natural Sciences of our University. The fruitful discussion at this Conference was a very good opportunity to ensure a partnership that makes us capable of serving the education and preparation of generations that will advance environmental protection and sustainable economic development in our region. With their presentations, the students brought interesting facts and sensitizing messages about environmental protection, biodiversity conservation, sustainable waste management, climate change, etc.

On June 12, 2023, the Conference "Geography Today" was held, organized by the Department of Geography at the University of Shkodra "Luigj Gurakuqi", which focused on raising students' awareness to understand the world around us, the appreciation of cultural diversity, as well as establishing cooperation bridges. Students emphasized the idea that geography is not just memorizing places on a map, it is much more than that. The students of the Master of Science, first year, Geography, with their presentations, gave the attendees excitement and pleasure.

On June 12, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., at the "Migjeni" Theater, the students of Faculty of Educational Sciences presented a puppet theater where many children from kindergartens, schools and citizens of the city of



Shkodra were present. The theatrical play of the students was applauded by those present. This is a collaboration that will continue in the future.

Faculty of Law - UNISHK represented Albania in the 46th Telders International Moot Court Competition in the 2 semi-final sessions of the competition. The three-student team was highly praised by the judging panel for its high level of interpretation, argumentation, debate, and replication skills. It thus demonstrated the values of an outstanding quality education, in line with international standards in the field of justice and international law. The team of our University was awarded with a certificate for dignified participation.

On the World Environment Day, there was organized the exhibition titled: "No plastic waste". Students from the Art Department of Shkodra University gave their messages on environment protection through Art.

