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GREAT SUCCESS OF SPORTS SCIENCES APPLICATION AND RESEARCH CENTER

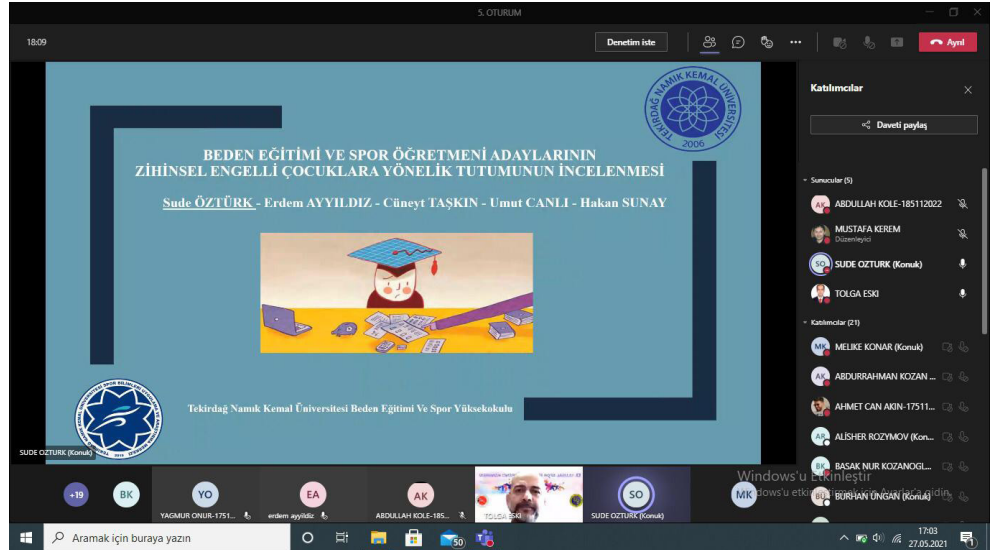
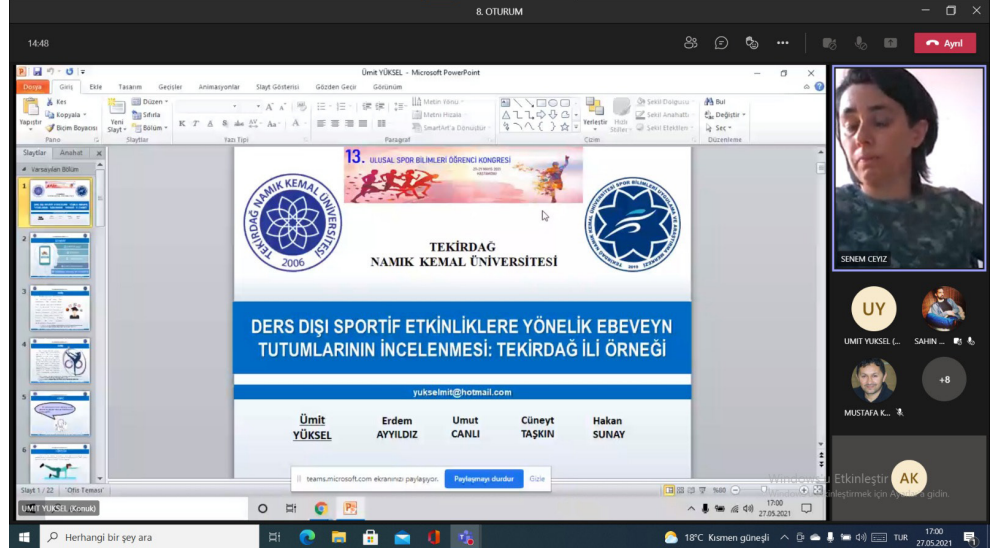
At the 13th National Sports Sciences Student Congress presentations prepared by Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University students attracted great attention and 5 of them were nominated for the best research award.

The 13th National Sports Sciences Student Congress, which is organized every year by the Sports Sciences Association, was held at Kastamonu University this year.

Within the body of Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University Sports Sciences Application and Research Center, undergraduate and graduate students were given courses such as scientific research methods, basic statistics, effective presentation techniques for 5 months, and 20 scientific studies were prepared and successfully presented at the congress. The presentations prepared by the students attracted great attention at the congress, and 5 of them were nominated for the best research award.

Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University Sports Sciences Application and Research Center Director Assoc. Dr. Umut CANLI stated that they had an intensive working period with the students and as a result, they produced very high quality scientific research.

Noting that the students gained a good experience through these successful presentations and they represented our university at the highest level CANLI also expressed “ We would like to thank our valuable academicians Dr. Erdem AYYILDIZ from Ankara University Faculty of Sports Sciences and Lecturer Cüneyt TAŞKIN from Trakya University Kırkpınar Faculty of Sports Sciences who have made great efforts in every stage of this process”.



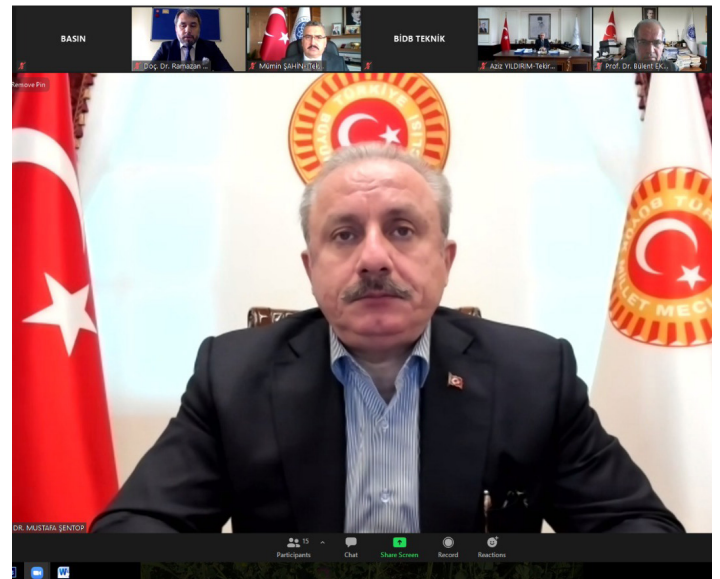
II. INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM “FROM PAST TO PRESENT RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL LIFE IN TEKİRDAĞ”

II. International Symposium “From Past to Present Religious and Cultural Life in Tekirdağ” was held online by Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University Faculty of Theology with the honors of The Speaker of the Turkish Grand National Assembly, Prof. Dr. Mustafa ŞENTOP.

At the opening session of the symposium, President of the Turkish Grand National Assembly Prof. Dr. Mustafa ŞENTOP, Governor of Tekirdağ Aziz YILDIRIM, Rector of Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University Prof. Dr. Mümin ŞAHİN, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Bülent EKER and Prof. Dr. Yılmaz ÇAKICI and the Dean of the Faculty of Theology Prof. Dr. Hasan KESKİN participated the program broadcasted live on NKU TV.

In his speech at the opening of the program, Our University Rector Prof. Dr. Mümin ŞAHİN noted that cities carry manifestations of the acceptances, understandings and beliefs of the people living in them and stated that “Tekirdağ is one of the important cities where our Islamic civilization basin and culture is formed. Tekirdağ, which has always had an important position in history due to its geographical location, has become the center of a multicultural environment and a climate of coexistence”.

Governor Aziz YILDIRIM, in his speech stated that “Our ancestors, who lived in the Balkan lands, which is still our heartland for 500 years, added richness to our culture when they returned to Anatolia. We came to these lands as Turks and



Muslims, with our culture and belief. Tekirdag is known as the 'Land of Three Kemals' “.

President of the Turkish Grand National Assembly Prof. Dr. Mustafa ŞENTOP first of all expressed his pleasure to participate The II. International Symposium “From Past to Present Religious and Cultural Life in Tekirdağ” organized by Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University Faculty of Theology to address the spiritual richness of our city that accompanies the natural beauties in it as

well. He also noted that “Our city Tekirdağ, one of the prominent cities of the Ottoman Empire, and Turkey’s gateway to Europe, continues to be a center of attraction with its ancient history, rich culture, strategic location, traces of hundreds of cultural assets and friendly people.”

A total of 35 papers were presented by 42 participants in 9 paper sessions held over two days after the opening session.

TNKU RECTOR PROF. DR. MÜMIN ŞAHİN ATTENDED THE 17TH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING OF TUSSIDE IN TUBITAK



The Turkish Industrial Dispatch and Management Institute (TUSSIDE) founded for R&D in management sciences of the Institute of the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK), which aims to promote guiding and popularizing science and technology in Turkey has held the 17th Advisory Board Meeting online with the participation of TNKU Rector Prof. Dr. Mümin Şahin who was newly elected for membership.

In the first meeting he has participated Rector Prof. Dr. Mümin ŞAHİN, one of the two rectors in Turkey elected as a member of TÜSSIDE Advisory Board stated that “TÜSSIDE, which works

in line with its vision of becoming a center taken as a reference in management sciences with the values it produces, has been carrying out activities to increase the institutional capacity of the institutions and organizations and it has been serving for 40 years to improve the individual competencies of its employees, with its expert staff and collaborations with universities”.

TÜSSIDE, on the one hand, carries out research, consultancy and training projects with the methods and approaches it follows in the field of management sciences for more effective work of institutions and sectors, while contributing to regional and national development.

TRAKYA UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL LED ANOTHER WAY IN THE REGION

Trakya University Hospital, the most powerful health institution in the region with its state-of-the-art infrastructure and expert staff, changed the life of a patient by signing a first in the region with the method used in microsurgery for the first time.

Trakya University Hospital, which is the reference center for the treatment of limb injuries and organ ruptures in the region, performed a successful operation. The female patient whose left arm was severed as a result of the accident; the severed limb was sewn into place in a successful 12-hour operation involving plastic surgery, anesthesia, orthopedics and thoracic surgery teams. The surgery is also a first in terms of the technique applied and the devices used.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dağhan Dağdelen, speaking on behalf of the plastic surgery team that performed the operation, stated

that they were happy to have demonstrated another example of the successful operation of such extensive surgeries within Trakya University and said, "It is the first successful large limb replacement surgery of our Hospital, which took on the role of Trakya region Replantation center with the date of January 2021. Our patient was in a car accident within the borders of Edirne province on the return of the Eid holiday and his left arm was severed in the accident. The severed limb was sewn into place after a successful operation that lasted 12 hours and was performed using microsurgery techniques. The general condition of the patient who survived the 14-day period, which can be considered critical after surgery, and the condition of the arm sewn in its place continues to be good.

KOSOVO MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND TRADE BADGEA HAJDARI WELCOMES TRAKYA UNIVERSITY DELEGATION

Trakya University Vice-Rector and Director of the Center for International Relations Application and Research Prof. Dr. Murat Turkylmaz and his delegation met with Badgea Hajdari, Minister of Industry, Entrepreneurship and Trade of the Republic of Kosovo. They discussed issues such as inter-institutional co-operate, particularly the technopark model aimed at establishing in Kosovo, in co-operate with Trakya University.

Minister of Industry, Entrepreneurship and Trade of the Republic of Kosovo Rozeta Hajdari accepted the delegation of Trakya University consisting of Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Murat Turkymaz, General Manager of Trakya Teknopark Assist Prof. Dr. Özgür Özdemir and Executive Assistant of Trakya University Kıvanç Ada. During the meeting at the ministry, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Murat Turkymaz briefed Minister Rozeta Hajdari on the work of Trakya University in Kosovo and gave a briefing on the technopark, where important steps were recently taken to implement it in Kosovo.

Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Murat Turkymaz, who also wished Minister Rozeta Hajdari, who was appointed after the change of government in March, the best of his new role, thanked him for his interest, mentioning the contributions of the technopark model, which is the center of R&D and innovation, to Kosovo's skilled workforce and employment.

At the meeting, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Murat Turkymaz stated that they are working to contribute to the economic, technological and innovative development of the Balkans, especially in Kosovo. We want to expand our proactive collaborations in education, health, culture and science with IT, technology and innovation, and bring it together with sister country Kosovo. In this direction, we aim to create new jobs and cooperation in Kosovo. We think that the Technopark project will offer very important opportunities for young people to create jobs and make decisions about their future. We expect such collaborations to also contribute positively to the further consolidation and dissemination of developing relations. In this sense, we are ready to do our part and share all the opportunities we have with Kosovo."

Minister Rozeta Hajdari expressed his satisfaction with the visit to the Trakya University delegation and thanked Trakya University for their approach, stating that they care about any cooperation that will arise for Kosovo's economic development and development. On the other hand, minister Rozeta Hajdari stated that they consider the sharing of knowledge and experience between institutions valuable and want to benefit from the savings of Trakya University accordingly. Collaborations are crucial both in terms of sharing experience and assessing existing potentials and opportunities. We thank Trakya University and Turkey for their support to Kosovo."



A VISIT FROM TRAKYA UNIVERSITY TO MINISTER OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO FIKRİM DAMKA

Trakya Teknopark, whose main goal is to strengthen Edirne and Turkey's technological infrastructure based on R&D and innovation, and provides investment, consultancy and mentoring services to industrialists, entrepreneurs and innovative young people from Edirne, continues to grow and develop with new participations. Trakya Teknopark, which continued its path with 30 companies in 2016, has achieved a steady rise with new companies and employees it has added in the last four years. Today, Trakya Teknopark plays an important role for the city and regional economy with 60 companies and 227 employees.

a series of contacts and visits with General Manager of Teknopark, Assist. Prof. Dr. Özgür Özdemir and Executive Assistant Inst. Kivanç Ada, they paid a courtesy visit to Fikrim Damka, the leader of the Democratic Turkish Party of Kosovo (KDTP), who was recently appointed minister of regional development of the Republic of Kosovo. During the meeting at the Ministry's Office, they discussed the projects that Trakya University, especially technopark, wants to implement in Kosovo, the steps taken for Kosovo's development and development, and possible co-workings.

Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Murat Turkyılmaz gave information



Under the umbrella of Trakya University, the most powerful and well-established educational institution in the region, the Trakya Teknopark family, which has been operating in Ayşekadin Campus since 2008, continues its economic growth with its new participants. In 2016, Trakya Teknopark, which has about 30 companies and 80 employees, succeeded in increasing the number of companies to 60 and the number of employment to 227 today.

Prof. Dr. Murat Türkyılmaz, Vice Rector of Trakya University and Director of the Center for International Relations Application and Research, was in Kosovo for

about the point of the efforts to establish a Trakya Technopark-like model in Kosovo at the meeting, which noted activities that would contribute to Kosovo's social and economic development, and what has been done so far. Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Murat Turkyılmaz stated that the project is important for increasing skilled workforce and employment potential, expressed his thanks to the Regional Development Minister of the Republic of Kosovo Fikrim Damka for their sensitivity and support.

Kosovo Regional Development Minister Fikrim Damka said they will continue to be followers and supporters of



the projects implemented by Trakya University in Kosovo by stating that synergy arising from mutual acceptance and cooperation is important in implementing new projects and ideas, Minister Fikrim Damka, who stated that they have always felt the existence of Trakya University with them, thanked Trakya University for the investments made in his country so far.

Trakya University delegation also visited Democratic Turkish Party of Kosovo Deputies Fidan Brina Jilta and Enis Kervan after a meeting with Kosovo Regional Development



Minister Fikrim Damka. The delegation was accompanied by Levent Buş, head of the Prizren Branch of the Democratic Turkish Party of Kosovo. During the meeting of the Kosovo parliament, information was given about the opportunities offered by Trakya University to Kosovo students and patients and the projects planned to be implemented. KDTP Lawmakers expressed satisfaction with the visit and stressed that they will continue to take strong steps towards continued cooperation.



OUR STORY

Situated in the heart of Tirana, the capital city of Albania, 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 Ph.D. 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 an American Bachelor degree awarded by the State University of New York, Empire State College, and a European Bachelor's Degree with a duration of 3 years' study program that leads to the award of a European Bachelor's Degree (180 ECTS) awarded by UNYT and licensed by the Albanian Ministry of Education, Sport, and Youth. During their studies, students may also register with SUNY/ESC to receive an American Bachelor Degree.

UNYT is proud to have sixteen generations of graduates (2006 – 2021), 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.

Since 2018, UNYT is recognized as the "Harvard of the Balkans" after the 2018 acquisition by the Turkish Maarif Foundation.

Research projects are fundamental to the character of UNYT, its reputation, and its 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.

NEW STUDY PROGRAMS

University of New York Tirana launches new study programs!

During this challenging time for higher education, and for students everywhere, the University of New York Tirana has continued to develop a wide range of new programmes with

the expertise of our member institutions and commercial partners.

"Design" with profiles in "Graphic Design" and "Interior Design"; "e-Business and e-Commerce" and "Software Engineering".

MOU& COLLABORATIONS

- MoU for Academic Cooperation in the Field of Higher Education and Scientific Research between University of New York Tirana and University of Korça, Fan S. Noli

On March 2, 2021, a memorandum of understanding was signed in UNIKO for academic cooperation in the field of higher education and scientific research between the rector of the University of New York Tirana with Prof. Dr. Ismail KOCAYUSUFOGLU and the Rector of "Fan S. Noli", Prof. Dr. Dhimitri BELLO

Under the agreement, the parties agreed to draft an action plan for cooperation between UNIKO and UNYT through specific activities of common interest to improve academic, scientific, and cultural cooperation, as well as the exchange of academic staff, researchers and students, for research and academic work and joint projects between the two institutions

- On the 06th of July, the Rector of the University of

New York Tirana, Prof. Dr. Ismail Kocayusufoglu, welcomed the Rector of the University of Elbasan 'Aleksandër Xhuvani', Prof. Dr. Skënder Topi. Both Rectors signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the two universities on future collaborations in the research and academic endeavors.

- Rector of UNYT, Prof. Dr. Ismail Kocayusufoglu meet with the Rector of the University "Ukshin Hoti" in Prizren, Prof. Assoc. Dr. Ismet Temaj. Both sides expressed the readiness of increasing bilateral cooperation in the fields of exchange programs, academic staff, research, between each other in the framework of the "European and Balkan Research Institute", part of UNYT.

- Representatives of Sakarya University visited the University of New York Tirana (UNYT). The discussion was focused on potential academic partnerships in the future.

- UNYT students and staff meet Dr. Mimi KODHELI, the first Female Albanian Minister of Defense, Chairperson



of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliament, Vice-President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, and Head of the Albanian delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly at the question and answer session, hosted at the University of New York Tirana.

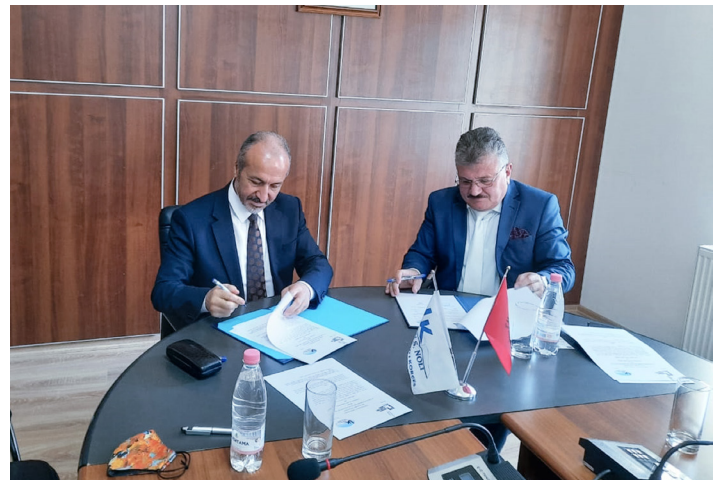
- University of New York Tirana, part of International Maarif Schools of Albania welcomed H.E Prof. Dr. Ziya SELÇUK, Minister of Education of the Republic of Turkey and Prof. Dr. Mahmut ÖZER Deputy Minister of Education and also Turkish Maarif Foundation Board of Trustees Deputy Chairman.

Minister of Education of the Republic of Turkey, Prof. Dr. Ziya SELÇUK met with UNYT students where they shared information about different activities, including the presentation of the students' newspapers "The UNYT Insider"

- Rector of the University of New York Tirana, Prof. Dr. Ismail KOCAYUSUFOĞLU, on 11.03.2021 had a meeting with the Rector of the University of Tirana Prof. Dr. Artan HOXHA. Both sides expressed the readiness of increasing bilateral cooperation in the fields of exchange programs, academic staff, research, between UT and UNYT.



H.E Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey in Albania, Mr. Murat Ahmet YÖRÜK, Prof. Dr. Ismail KOCAYUSUFOĞLU, Rector of the University of New York Tirana, Albania Country Director of Turkish Maarif Foundation Mr. Mesut ÖZBAYSAR, Turkish Institutions in Albania, and students of UNYT were honored to receive Mr. Ziya SELÇUK Minister of Education of the Republic of Turkey on March 26, 2021, in Tirana.



Prof. Dr. Artan HOXHA expressed his appreciation for the contribution of both institutions in Higher Education in Albania.

Prof. Dr. Ismail KOCAYUSUFOĞLU, thanked Prof. Dr. Artan HOXHA for his warm welcome and his exceptional work in leading the University of Tirana.

• The Rector of the University of New York Tirana Prof. Dr. Ismail KOCAYUSUFOĞLU had a meeting with the Director of the National Library of Albania Mr. Piro MISHA. In the meeting, the Rector of the UNYT and the Director jointly emphasized the importance of education on increasing the young generation's capacities for Albanian society.

• Rector of UNYT, Prof. Dr. Ismail KOCAYUSUFOĞLU meet with Prof. Dr. Sokol ABAZI, Rector of the Canadian Institute of Technology (CIT). Representatives of (CIT) Canadian Institute of Technology paid an academic visit to the University of New York Tirana (UNYT). The discussion was focused on potential academic partnerships in the future.



GRADUATION CEREMONY

The University of New Tirana, part of the Turkish Maarif Foundation, organized on July the 9th its 16th annual graduation ceremony at Plaza Hotel, celebrating the accomplishments of 150 graduating students from five different countries. Representatives of Albanian and Turkish institutions, representatives of diplomatic missions accredited in Tirana, ambassadors, academicians, students, and their relatives attended the ceremony. Invited in the graduation ceremony were the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey in Tirana, H.E Mr. Murat Ahmet Yörük, Prof. Dr. Evis Kushi, Minister of Education, Sport and Youth of Albania, General Manager of Higher and Overseas Education in the Ministry of National Education & Member of the Board of Trustees of TMF - Prof. Dr. Ahmet Emre BİLGİLİ.

Senior representatives of partner universities, who with their cooperation guarantee the quality and already consolidated reputation of the University of New York Tirana, attended the ceremony. Among them were the Rector of the University of Tirana, Prof. Dr. Artan Hoxha, the Rector of Elbasan University Prof. Dr. Skender Topi, the Rector of Durres University Prof. Dr. Kseanela Sotirofski, the Rector of Shkoder University Prof. Dr. Suzana Golemi, the Rector

of Marin Barleti University Prof. Dr. Suzana Guxholli, Mr. Seyhan Pencabligil - CEO of BKT.

The management and staff of UNYT wish all our graduates success in their future careers or studies, and we proudly congratulate them on their academic achievements and successful graduation from UNYT.





TIRANA ART FEST

Tirana is lit up to the rhythms of music and youth energy in the final night of “Tirana Art Fest”, the festival of young talents which is organized for the sixth year in a row, aiming to promote talented young people.

High school students from 21 different schools in Tirana, with talent in song, dance, or musical instrument, became part of this competition that was finalized last night with several awards for each discipline.

At the end of the show, the talents who were awarded prizes in the song were Arsi Bako, Erma Mici, and Martin Pano.

The winners have received scholarships from the University of New York Tirana, where the Full Scholarship was announced by the honorable Minister of Education, Sport and Youth of Albania Prof.Dr. Evis Kushi.

Prof.Dr. Ismail Kocayusufoglu, Rector of UNYT was invited to the stage too, congratulating the youth for their amazing talents.

Tirana Art Fest is a way to help boost the self-esteem, confidence, and assurance of youth.

ARCHITECTURE EXHIBITION

The “Future Architects” exhibition held on Friday, 28 May, at Reja, with the unconditional support of the Municipality of Tirana gathered Matura Students from all over Albania and Diaspora, with its only focus in loving Art and Architecture.

The dedication of our dear Head of the DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN Daniela KAVAJA Ph.D., who during the last eight weeks, held Free Architecture courses, with the aim of connecting and sharing the artistic world with Matura Students from all over Albania and Diaspora.

Students from Albania, Kosovo, and North Macedonia participated with their original works in this exhibition. It connected multi-disciplinary emerging talents and it provided talented conceptual thinkers and practitioners in architecture with opportunities to speak up - and be seen and heard.



2ND INTERNATIONAL E-CONFERENCE EMBRACING CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION, BREAKTHROUGH INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY

The Second International e-Conference on Social and Applied Sciences, organized by the European and Balkan Research Institute of the University of New York Tirana was held on May 20th, 2021. At this conference participated many scholars from countries all over the world such as United Kingdom, Belgium, Turkey, Romania, Croatia, Italy, Albania, North Macedonia, Kosovo, and Ethiopia. The conference was divided into 5 plenary sessions: Computer Science, Economics and Business, Law, Education, and Politics. In total, 49 participants presented their research work to this conference.

We were honored with the presence of Prof. Dr. Ahmet Emre Bilgili, General Director of Higher and Overseas Education and Ms. Orkide Deniz Akyamaç, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Turkey in Tirana, Charge D'Affairs a.i.

In his greeting speech, Prof. Dr. Bilgili expressed unconditional support to UNYT for this initiative by stating that the main goal of the Turkish Maarif Foundation is to further develop the academic standards through such initiatives and improve the quality of education based on human values.

Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Turkey, Ms. Akyamaç was pleased and expressed her appreciation for the organization of this conference and the initiatives by UNYT under the European and Balkan Research Institute during this difficult time.

We were pleased to hear the thoughtful insights of two distinguished keynote speakers H.E. Dr. Carlos García de Alba, Ambassador, Embassy of Mexico to Italy, concurrent in Albania, Malta, and San Marino and Ms. Bilgen Aldan CEO, Albtelecom.

Ambassador de Alba in his speech emphasized the importance of strengthening the collaboration to further promote the bilateral relationship between Albania and Mexico. We must direct our attention to find solutions for the challenges and opportunities that innovation and creativity bring, as they are key factors to the transformation of the world. Meanwhile, Ms. Bilkent in her speech highlighted the effect of the pandemic situation in the country which according to her, served as a catalyst to the digitalization process. There are always opportunities and great challenges in times of chaos. The ideas, skills, and new talents are the best input to innovation and development.

ACTIVATE THE SPACE

The students of architecture of Varna Free University participated in the project “Activate the space”. They presented their works to the public in Varna. Their projects presented visions for the transformation of 5 different public spaces in the city centre. The students Yoana Georgieva, Trayana Yordanova, Vanesa Rosenova, Esin Yakub and Debora

Todorova joined the project at the invitation of the authors and organizers of the event, Arch. Ventsislava Nedyalkova, Arch. Maxim Nedkov and Arch. Hristian Petrov.

For further information visit <https://bit.ly/3lMqR4k>



OPEN LECTURE ON CIRCULAR ECONOMY

At the invitation of the Student Council of Varna Free University “Chernorizets Hrabar”, Prof. Anna Nedyalkova, D.Sc. - Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the University, delivered a lecture on Circular Economy. Prof. Nedyalkova's lecture is in support of the online competition organised by the Student Council entitled “Circular Economy - Create Your Own Alternative and Pass It On”, dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the university and 25 years since the establishment of the Student Council. The competition aims to draw young people's attention to the idea of the circular economy and environmental protection, as well as to promote the understanding of extending the life cycle of products through reuse, repair or recycling.

Varna Free University has created the first in Bulgaria master's degree programme in Circular Economy supported by the General Directorate “Environment” of the European Commission. The first class of students has already graduated, offering practical solutions to real problems related to environmental protection.

For further information visit <https://bit.ly/2VCeTPW>



VFU “CHERNORIZETS HRABAR” SIGNED THE MAGNA CHARTA UNIVERSITATUM 2020 (THE GREAT CHARTER OF UNIVERSITIES)

The President of VFU “Chernorizets Hrabar” Assoc. Prof. Krasimir Nedyalkov, PhD re-signed the Magna Charta Universitatum 2020 (the Great Charter of Universities) in the year in which Varna Free University celebrates its 30th anniversary.

The university leadership participated in the ceremonial session dedicated to the 32nd anniversary of the Magna Charta, which discussed university values and responsibilities in response to the challenges of the future. The online event is attended by more than 190 presidents and rectors of leading universities from around the world.

Varna Free University is one of the first three Bulgarian universities to sign the Great Charter of Universities in 1988. 14 years ago - on 21 September 2007 in Bologna, the declaration was signed by Prof. Anna Nedyalkova, D.Sc. who is now chair of the University Board.

“I signed the Magna Charter 2020 because the VFU community “Chernorizets Hrabar” upholds and applies the principles of academic freedom and independence. They are set in the Strategy for Development of our university,

in our values, in the educational programmes, in the work and in the attitude towards the students, in our partnership with other educational and scientific institutions”, said the President of Varna Free University. The university is a place for innovation, development and growth. It is a community that brings together the energy and ideas of students, faculty and scientists, leading to the advancement of different communities, local cultures and ecosystems in the global world. “I believe that academic freedom is our life force!”, added Assoc. Prof. Krasimir Nedyalkov.

The Magna Charta Universitatum was created in 1988 to mark the 900th anniversary of the University of Bologna. The Charter affirms the basic principles of independence enshrined in the mission of universities. The Magna Charta has been signed by 904 universities in 88 countries around the world.

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