

## **IGU IS AMONG THE TOP 10 FOUNDATION UNIVERSITIES IN MANY CATEGORIES!**

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), advancing with the vision of "World University", continues to add to its successes with its sustainability-oriented and innovative vision. In the "Foundation Higher Education Institutions 2021" report published by Council of Higher Education (YÖK), IGU left many foundation higher education institutions behind and ranked in the top 10 in many categories.

The "Foundation Higher Education Institutions 2021" report, which is prepared with the aim of raising awareness on various topics in terms of relevant institutions, revealing areas of improvement and providing data for the development of higher education policies and legislative arrangements, has been announced. Istanbul Gelisim University left many foundation higher education institutions behind and ranked 3rd in the category of "Number of Students Per Staffed Instructor" and ranked 7th in the "Number of Students Per Staffed Faculty Member".

**"AS OF THE END OF 2022, AROUND 155,000 PRINTED AND 410 THOUSAND ELECTRONIC RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO LIBRARY USERS"**

- Having achieved successful results in different categories, IGU;
- Ranked 3rd in the category of "Number of Students Per Staffed Instructor",
- Ranked 7th in the "Number of Students Per Staffed Faculty Member",
- Ranked 9th in the "Foundation Higher Education Institutions according to the Number of Printed Books in their Libraries"
- Ranked 9th in the "Library Area" category with 8,425 m2,
- Ranked 24th in the "Total of R&D and Library Expenditures".

Ahmet Şenol Armağan, Head of IGU Library and Documentation Department stated the following: "In our university, which has 5 libraries, these numbers have increased even more in 2022. By the end of 2022, around 155,000 printed and 410 thousand electronic resources are available to library users. 22 databases containing millions of electronic articles and theses are open to users 24/7 without interruption. Database subscriptions are also increasing every year. We also have an outstanding collection of thousands of CDs, DVDs and audio cassettes in our library."

## **RES. ASST. AYTEN BENGİSU CANSEVER WAS DEEMED WORTHY OF THE EMERGING SCHOLAR AWARD**

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), Faculty of Fine Arts (GSF), Communication and Design Department Research Assistant Ayten Bengisu Cansever was deemed worthy of the "Emerging Scholar Award" at the Eighth International Conference on Communication and Media Studies to be held at Complutense University of Madrid on 06-08 September 2023.

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), Faculty of Fine Arts (FFA), Department of Communication and Design Research Assistant Ayten Bengisu Cansever was deemed worthy of the “Emerging Scholar Award” at the Eighth International Conference on Communication and Media Studies, which organized by Commonground Scholar and will be hosted by Complutense University of Madrid this year.

The Emerging scholar award, which is known as an award that is given to academicians with active academic interest, who are continuing their graduate education and who are at the beginning of their academic career, by evaluating their CVs, meets with young academics every year. Cansever, who won the award this year and will be presented to the participants at the beginning and end of the conference, will also act as session chair during the conference. In addition, Cansever will present a paper titled “AI-Based Mobile Applications as a Power Technique in the Time of COVID-19: The Case of Hayat Eve Sığar” in the special theme of the conference titled “Who Do We Trust? Ethics and Responsibilities in Artificial Intelligence in Digital Communication Systems” In this presentation, she will discuss mobile artificial intelligence applications, which have become a part of daily life during the COVID-19 period and, so to speak, encompassing every aspect of daily life, as a new power technique, and will open it up for discussion on the example of "Hayat Eve Sığar" in Turkey.

#### **“I AM HAPPY TO BE DEEMED WORTHY OF THE EMERGING SCHOLAR AWARD”**

Res. Asst. Ayten Bengisu Cansever explained her feelings and thoughts about being deemed worthy of the “Emerging Scholar” award as follows:

“I am very happy to be deemed worthy of this “Emerging Scholar” award given to young academics at the beginning of their careers at the 8th International Conference on Communication and Media Studies, which will be held this year. I can say that the Emerging Scholar Award made this conference a more exciting and enriching experience for me.”

#### **“THERE IS A STRONG RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TECHNOLOGY ADDICTION AND LONELINESS”**

Within the scope of Informatics Week, which is celebrated in the first week of May every year, Public Health Specialist and IGU Coordinator of Struggling with Addictions Office, Asst. Prof. Dr. Nurten Elkin shared information about "Technology Addiction Awareness in Informatics Week" and "Technology Addiction in Adolescents". Elkin also stated that there is a strong relationship between technology addiction and the feeling of loneliness.

Every year, the first week of May is celebrated as "Informatics Week" in order to focus on the conscious and beneficial use of technology that changes, develops and influences people's lives. The whole society, especially children and young people, should be encouraged to use information technologies safely and consciously. Asst. Prof. Dr. Nurten Elkin, coordinator of Struggling with Addiction Office at Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), Faculty of Health Sciences, stated that the misuse of technology causes great difficulties in life and the society should be informed about technology addiction. Dr. Elkin also added the whole society, especially children and young people, should be encouraged to use information technologies safely and consciously.

#### INDICATIONS OF TECHNOLOGY ADDICTION!

The concept of addiction, which is defined as excessive fondness for an object or behavior, is often associated with the use of substances such as cigarettes, alcohol and drugs. In recent years, it has been argued that some behaviors such as gambling, exercise, eating and sleeping are also addictive. Public Health Specialist Nurten Elkin: "The same is true for technological devices and applications such as computers, internet, online games, tablets and mobile phones. Excessive use of these technologies can lead to technology addiction in people. In addition to physical problems such as burning in the eyes, pain and stiffness in the neck muscles, impaired body posture, numbness and weakness in the hands in technology addiction, decrease in academic achievement, personal problems, family and school problems, failure to manage time, sleep disorders, decrease in activities."

#### ADOLESCENTS WHO HAVE INSUFFICIENT RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR FAMILIES TEND TO USE TECHNOLOGY MORE

Risks such as exposure of children to undesirable and inappropriate content, risk factors of children leading to physical, emotional, sexual and economic abuse by adults, and children producing, publishing or distributing hateful material about other children should be considered. It is significant that children are equipped with the knowledge and skills to be safe online. Asst. Prof. Dr. Elkin: "There is a strong relationship between technology addiction and loneliness. When the studies on technology addiction in adolescents are examined, the risk that the adolescents have insufficient relationship with their families, cannot spend effective time with their families, lack of communication, interest and love within the family, not providing a healthy and safe environment and inconsistent behaviors within the family cause the adolescent to tend to use technology more."

## **GOOD NEWS FROM THE STUDENTS OF THE RADIO, TELEVISION AND CINEMA DEPARTMENT!**

Students of Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), Faculty of Fine Arts (FAF), Radio, Television and Cinema Department continue to achieve significant success in festivals with the short films they have shot. Written and directed by Ferit Doğan, a fourth-year student at the Department of Radio, Television and Cinema, and the cinematographer Berk Köse, the short film "Past, Future, Now" continues its festival journey successfully..

"Past, Future, Now", which was previously screened at the Black Cat Award International Film Festival held in Bolivia and the Kalakari Film Festival held in Indonesia, was screened at the Bifocal Film Festival organized by the University of Pennsylvania in the USA, Student Narrative It was awarded the best short film award (in the category of short films made by students). The film, which won a selection at the Student Cuts Film Festival in Slovenia right after this great success, will meet with the audience between 10-12 May.x

## **THEY ACHIEVE SUCCESS AS A TEAM!**

The duo, who had a successful festival journey in the short film Process, which is another project of Ferit Doğan and Berk Köse, continues to work as a team. Stating that they are happy with the success of the films in the festival journey, Doğan said that after these successes, his dreams are growing day by day.

In the "Past, Future, Now" project, Doğan stated that he wanted to highlight the damage caused by traumas to the human mind, and in the dystopian future he created in the film, he creates a universe where it is now possible to embark on a mental journey. Desire, the protagonist of the film, who goes on a mental journey, wanders through meaningless or strange places while wandering in the dark corners of her mind. Adding that they prefer to confront the characters with their desires, passions and fears in "Process", "Past, Future, Now" and their next project "Stendhal", Doğan underlines that storytelling becomes much more enjoyable as they explore human nature.

## **THE FESTIVAL JOURNEY OF THE NEW PROJECT IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!**

In addition to Köse and Doğan, who continue their collaboration in their new movie "Stendhal" as well as in the films "Past, Future, Now" and "Process", other friends from the same class, Buğra Cihan Çakır, Beyza Sude Yüksel and İsmail Akbal, who are in the crew of each film stands out as other partners of

success in. Having completed their new project, Stendhal, the team will work to bring the film to the audience at festivals.

## **THE FACULTY OF FINE ARTS, WHICH STANDS OUT WITH ITS ARTISTIC AND SCIENTIFIC STUDIES, SHARED ITS INTERNATIONAL PLANS WITH THE RECTORATE**

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), Faculty of Fine Arts Dean's Office and Department Heads met with the Rectorate on May 2 and talked about their plans and projects.

A meeting was held on the Rectorate in Block A with the participation of Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Faculty of Fine Arts Dean Prof. Dr. Şükran Güzin Ilıcak Aydınalp, Deputy Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Doğan, Head of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department Prof. Dr. Aslı Albayrak, Head of Graphic Design Department Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Kuş, Asst. Prof. Dr. Parvın Heidari, Head of Interior Architecture, Interior Architecture and Environmental Design, Interior Architecture and Environmental Design Departments (English), Asst. Prof. Dr. Aslı Kasar, Head of Communication and Design Department, and Asst. Prof. Dr. Emre Dogan, Head of Radio, Television and Cinema Department.

In the meeting, which lasted about two hours, the Faculty of Fine Arts management talked about the works and plans that the faculty will carry out in the coming year with Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Şahin, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Nuri Kuruoğlu and Prof. Dr. Necmettin Maraşlı and Secretary General Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serdar Egeli. It was stated by the Dean that the faculty is a very productive faculty with an intense work pace, takes artistic and scientific studies together and desires to show itself more in the international arena.

The meeting ended after all department heads shared information about their departments.

## **IT WAS ANNOUNCED AT THE FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCES AND RECTORATE MEETING THAT 11 NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROJECT SUPPORT HAS BEEN RECEIVED**

"FoAS 2022-2023 Academic Year Evaluation Meeting" was held with the participation of Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Nuri Kuruoglu and Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Necmettin Marasli and Dean of the Faculty of Applied Sciences (FoAS) Prof. Dr. Kamil Kaya, Vice Dean Asst. Prof. Nevruz Berna Tatlisu, Vice Dean Asst. Prof. Sevinc Kocak and Heads of 16 Departments within FoAS under the chairmanship of IGU Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Sahin.



FoAS Dean Prof. Dr. Kamil Kaya delivered a presentation and outlined the meeting's agenda topics between 11:00 and 13:30 on Thursday, May 4, 2023. Dean Kaya stated that there were a total of 2018 students at the FoAS during the educational period, explained the number and qualifications of academic staff by department, and highlighted that there were 23 national articles, 43 international articles, 13 international book-chapters, 30 international symposiums, and 9 national congresses.

## 11 NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROJECT SUPPORT

Dean Prof. Dr. Kamil Kaya remarked that the FoAS places significant emphasis on research initiatives and announced the funding of 11 international and national projects. He stated that, in addition to the university laboratories used by FoAS in the 2022-2023 academic year, three new laboratories were acquired in the form of an Applied Communication Workshop, an Aircraft Avionics B2 Laboratory, and a Simultaneous Translation Laboratory, and that students were encouraged to participate in practical training. He complimented Mr. Abdulkadir Gayretli, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Rector Prof. Bahri Sahin for their financial and moral support in the establishment of these laboratories. FoAS concluded its presentation by outlining its aims for the 2024 academic year in terms of research, education, institutionalization, globalization, sustainability, student satisfaction, and communication.

Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Sahin talked about the future goals of our university and the new practices and activities that have taken place, especially about the benefits of the AVESIS and BAPSIS programs on Research-Development and Projects, and provided information on topics such as focusing on industrial cooperation in the concept of management of external stakeholders, improving communication with graduates and increasing belonging to our university, and writing international and national research articles.

Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Necmettin Marasli discussed the value of sending students to application and research centers while providing information on the IGU TTO and IGUTEKMER centers.

Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Nuri Kuruoglu delivered speeches and provided information regarding the education and training initiatives for 2022–2023.

The meeting's department heads then provided information and explanations regarding their departments in order to convey their projections and goals for improving their educational activities.

## **FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING ANNOUNCED ITS ACADEMIC PLANS AT THE EDUCATION, R&D ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PLANNING MEETING**

Under the chairmanship of Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Sahin, Vice Rector in charge of Education Prof. Dr. Nuri Kuruoglu, Vice Rector in charge of R&D and also Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture Prof. Dr. Necmettin Marasli, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture and FoEA Heads of Department, an informative meeting titled "Education-Teaching, R&D Activities and Planning the Future at IGU FoEA" was held on Wednesday, 03.05.2023.

Prof. Dr. Necmettin Marasli, the deputy dean of FoEA, provided a brief overview of the scientific activities (internal and external projects, participation in international publications and conferences), as well as education and training—carried out in FoEA since 2020. The Faculty of Engineering and Architecture will receive the required support to enhance the number of publications, according to Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Sahin, who also emphasized the significance of external applications for national and international projects. Finally, in order to improve connection with FoEA graduates, Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Sahin stressed the importance of setting up an Alumni Coordination Office and designating a representative in each faculty while collaborating with the IGU Alumni Coordination Office.

The FoEA Heads of Departments provided information regarding academic studies, problems with faculty members, and upcoming R&D initiatives during the meeting's last half. Additionally, a consensus was reached that it would be very beneficial for students to hold a student symposium where students from each department or major science branch will participate through the exchange of ideas on academic activities like symposiums and congresses planned to be held within the framework of the 2023–2024 academic year.