

## **GREAT INTEREST IN ACADEMIC LITERACY EDUCATION SUPPORTED BY TUBITAK!**

Academic literacy education organized by IGU faculty member Dr. Esat Daşdemir titled "Academic Reading, Research, Writing and Publishing Education for Associate and Undergraduate Students" attracted great attention. Hundreds of people applied from 90 different universities that met the criteria for participation in education. During the 20-day announcement and application process, the web page of the project, Akademiloji.com, received more than 2500 unique visitors.

The coordinator of the project supported by TUBITAK Asst. Prof. Esat Daşdemir evaluated the interest in the project with the following words:

“Although it is proud to reach these numbers with a promotional process that is very narrow and we do not transfer financial resources, this is an output of the Turkish young people's passion for research and learning rather than our promotional activities. We have seen these demands of our young people and we will continue our education without interruption in this context. In this context, we successfully carried out our first training between 5-8 November 2024. ”

**IT WILL BE HELD REGULARLY EVERY YEAR!**

Candidates were selected according to their grade point averages and university quotas in education with a quota of 200 students. The GPA of the participants was determined as 80.43 out of 100. While 70% of the participants were students who applied from state universities, 30% were students who applied from foundation universities. 83.1% of those who received the education were undergraduate and 16.9% were associate degree students.

In the project, which included 18 academicians from 4 different universities, Assoc. Prof. İsmail Cem Ay, Asst. Prof. Esat Daşdemir, Asst. Prof. Mustafa Kerem Börü, Asst. Prof. Elif Cemek Anmaç, Lecturer Zeynep Özcan, Lecturer Tuğrul Güngör, Lecturer Seren Fırat, Lecturer Dr. Selim Aykaç, Lecturer Samet Balta, Lecturer Dr. Kübra Sağlam, Lecturer Gülcan Güzel, Lecturer Funda Ateş, Res. Asst. Esra Can, Lecturer Asuman Kağıt Balta, Lecturer Burcu Demir, Lecturer Dr. Eda Şensu Demir, Lecturer Hatice Sarıyar, Lecturer Ahmet Burak Turgut participated as an instructor; while Lecturer Recep Dabak contributed as a moderator. The 30-hour training ended on Friday, November 8, 2024.

At the closing meeting, it was announced that the training, which aims to raise awareness of scientific reading and writing among future academics and researchers, will be held regularly every year.

## **2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN MIXED STUDENT PROJECTS EXHIBITION WAS OPENED!**

Istanbul Gelisim University Faculty of Fine Arts Department of Interior Architecture and Environmental Design organized the "2023-2024 Education Period Interior Architecture and Environmental Design (Turkish&English) Mixed Student Portraits Exhibition" within the scope of the 2023-2024 Education Period.

Istanbul Gelişim University (IGU) Faculty of Fine Arts, Department of Interior Architecture and Environmental Design exhibited its student works with the "2023-2024 Academic Period Interior Architecture and Environmental Design (Turkish&English) Mixed Student Projects Exhibition" organized within the scope of the 2023-2024 Academic Period. At the event held on Wednesday, November 6,

2024 at 12:00 in the IGU J Block ground floor foyer area, the projects of the department students were brought together with a wide audience. At the opening of the exhibition, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of IGU Abdülkadir Gayretli, Dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts Prof. Şükran Güzin Ilıcak Aydınalp and Head of Interior Architecture and Environmental Design Department Asst. Prof. İbrahim Erol made the opening speeches.

## THE RENEWED FOYER AREA ATTRACTED GREAT ATTENTION!

In his opening speech, Chairman of the Board of Trustees Abdülkadir Gayretli mentioned the importance of opening the renewed foyer area with such an exhibition, Asst. Prof. İbrahim Erol emphasized the creative and innovative aspects of the exhibited projects in the field of interior architecture and environmental design. In the event, the lecturers who took part in the design of the foyer area Asst. Prof. Semih Göksel Yıldırım and Asst. Prof. İbrahim Erol and students Havvanur Çaçka and Melek Şahin were presented with a plaque. IGU thanked them for their contributions.

The event continued with a tour of the exhibition and a detailed examination of the projects after the opening speeches. This event, where the projects prepared by the students in Turkish and English programs during the semester were exhibited, reflected the academic and creative potential of the department and offered the opportunity to recognize the sectoral expectations of the students and to expand their professional networks.

## **IGU FACULTY OF DENTISTRY 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR WHITE COAT CEREMONY WAS HELD!**

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"I SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL PERFORM SERVICES FOR THE BENEFIT OF SOCIETY WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS SUBLIME PROFESSION"

IGU Rector started his speech by congratulating the students who have just started the faculty. Prof. Bahri Şahin said, "In addition to our 140 students who placed in the Turkish program of our faculty, 70 Turkish and 70 international, this year, 21 students started the newly opened English program of the Faculty of Dentistry. With this innovation, our Faculty of Dentistry is developing day by day and reaching the level we want. We want our Faculty of Dentistry to become a more prestigious faculty day by day. In this regard, our faculty continues its development without interruption. As a result of our academic excellence, innovative education approach and value-added projects, our university has made great strides in recent years. We were among the few universities in THE Times Higher Education World University Rankings, which was recently published, and took place in the 1001-1200 ranking. The fact that we



rank 13th among Turkish universities and 8th among foundation universities is a result of our efforts and dedication together. Our Faculty of Dentistry continues to develop in parallel with the development in our university. Prof. Bahri Şahin concluded his words by saying; I sincerely believe that you will always progress in the light of science with your white coats that you will wear today as the beginning of the journey; that you will carry out services for the benefit of the society with the responsibility of this sublime profession with modern and universal knowledge."

"YOUR CHILDREN ARE ENTRUSTED TO US!"

After Istanbul Gelisim University Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin's speech, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry Prof. Mahir Günday stated, "Istanbul Gelisim University Faculty of Dentistry accepted 5th semester students this year. I congratulate our new students. At the end of your 5-year education, you will be a dentist. Dentistry is a difficult education. You need to work hard and succeed. When you graduate as a dentist, you will be in a great competition. You should strive to educate yourself as a better dentist and graduate from here as a successful dentist. We have a total of 36 faculty members in our academic staff, 11 of whom are professors. With our strong training staff, we have the knowledge, equipment and infrastructure to ensure that you are brought up in the best way possible. Your job is to be successful. You have a sacred profession where people consult you painfully and you relieve their pain and find solutions. You should strive to learn this profession in the best way here. When you wear this white coat, remember the responsibilities it entails. I would like to say to our parents; your children are entrusted to us. At the end of 5 years, we will send all of them to home as a dentist. I wish you all success."

## THE "ATATURK COMMEMORATION" PROGRAM WAS HELD AT IGU!

Ghazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk was commemorated at IGU on the 86th anniversary. Commemoration program was carried out with the contributions of IGU Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences Asst. Prof. Abdullah Yüksel Barut, Research Author Dr. Onur Uzer. The program started with the opening speech of IGU Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin, then continued with Yüksel Barut's and Dr. Onur Uzer's speeches. In the program, the folk songs, poems and zeibek dance that Ghazi Atatürk loved were also included.

IGU Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin said, "Atatürk should be commemorated not just for one day, but throughout the year. Istanbul Gelisim University has progressed to the goal it has set on the path led by Atatürk and continued a quality-oriented development. Mustafa Kemal Atatürk is a leader who is remembered not only by Türkiye but also by the whole world. I invite Istanbul Gelisim University academicians and all scientists to make more breakthroughs in the field of science. Only then will we follow the footsteps of the Founder of our Republic, our Head Teacher Mustafa Kemal Atatürk." Prof. Bahri Şahin concluded his speech as follows: "The common denominator of the Republic of Türkiye is Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and our flag."

Vice Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences Asst. Prof. Abdullah Yüksel Barut's speech started immediately after the song "Yanık Ömer", which Atatürk loved very much. "We want to understand Atatürk first and then commemorate him." Barut read the writings of Yakup Kadri Karaosmanoğlu and Halide Edip depicting Atatürk. He emphasized how accurate Atatürk's predictions were. Asst. Prof. Barut continued his speech after "Benzemez Kimse Sana" and "Yemen Folk Song", pointed out that Mustafa Kemal strongly opposed the supernaturalism and extraordinariness attributed to him, and that he had all the respectable qualities because he was a

member of the Turkish nation. Asst. Prof. Abdullah Yüksel Barut ended his speech with the Atatürk's words; "My spiritual heritage is science and reason."

Dr. Onur Uzer started his speech by explaining the unknown aspects of Atatürk, his illnesses and injuries. "Today, we will try to understand Atatürk from different aspects." Dr. Uzer said. Uzer conveyed anecdotes about Atatürk's sensitivity to children and nature. Dr. Uzer also emphasized that Atatürk sometimes devoted his whole day to reading books, personally participated in some archaeological excavations, pioneered science in every field, and encouraged scientific studies at every opportunity. Dr. Uzer continued his speech by mentioning that Atatürk sent many students abroad for education. He drew attention to Atatürk's interest and love for zeibek folk dance. He ended his speech with the words, "Great leaders do not need mourning."

IGU Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin presented a plaque to Dr. Onur Uzer. Prof. Bahri Şahin then thanked the academicians and students, participants and guests. The program ended with the performance of the IGU Youth Choir.

## **AHPGS EVALUATION COMMITTEE VISITED IGU WITHIN THE SCOPE OF RENEWAL OF ACCREDITATIONS**

The German Accreditation Agency in Health and Social Sciences (AHPGS), which aims to increase the quality of education by carrying out the accreditation studies of various education programs in the field of Health and Social Sciences, visited Istanbul Gelisim University between 10-12 November 2024 within the scope of discussing and renewing the international accreditation processes of the Faculty of Health Sciences academic programs.

Accreditation Agency in Health and Social Sciences (AHPGS), which is an authorized and independent accreditation institution in its field, evaluates the content and quality of the curriculum offered in the departments according to different criteria in terms of management, education, research, community service, physical environment, faculty members, institutional environment and quality assurance. A total of 13 departments of the Faculty of Health Sciences at Istanbul Gelisim University, which has the most internationally accredited department in Türkiye, were accredited by AHPGS in 2018. AHPGS Evaluation Committee visited IGU as part of the negotiation and renewal of the accreditations of the Nutrition and Dietetics (Turkish-English), Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation (Turkish-English) and Nursing (Turkish-English) departments as of 2024. Chairman of the Board of Trustees Abdülkadir Gayretli, Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin, Vice-Chancellor Responsible for Education Prof. Nuri Kuruoğlu, Vice Rector for Quality, Accreditation and Internationalization Prof. Arda Öztürkcan and Quality Coordinator Prof. Hasan Hakan Bozkurt participated to the meetings.

AHPGS delegation consists of Prof. Ulta Gaidys, Prof. Johannes Graske, Prof. Christian Grüneberg, Prof. Kathrin Kohlenberg, Prof. Kerstin Lüdtkke and Jasmin Szewczyk, included General Manager Georg Reschauer and Quality Assurance Consultant Corina Sutter.

During the visit, while the curriculum of the program, the education and training opportunities of the university and the faculty were examined by the expert team members, the Dean of the Faculty of Healthy Sciences Prof. Rifat Mutuş, Vice Deans Asst. Prof. A. Yüksel Barut, Asst. Prof. Neşe Kısaç, Head of Nutrition and Dietetics Department Asst. Prof. Merve Bayram, Head of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Department Asst. Prof. Gülşah Konakoğlu, Head of Nursing Department Asst. Prof. Mahruk Rashidi and the faculty members of the department took part in the interviews. While the library, laboratory facilities and facilities of the Faculty of Health





Sciences were evaluated, the accreditation evaluation committee also met with Faculty of Health Sciences students. The delegation stated that it is proud that Turkish students attach great importance and interest to accreditation processes.

## **A VISIT FROM THE CULTURAL ATTACHÉ OF THE EMBASSY OF SAUDI ARABIA IN ANKARA TO IGU!**

In order to strengthen international cooperation in the field of education, Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) hosted Assoc. Prof. Faysal Osra, the Cultural Attaché of the Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Ankara. The visit focused on improving educational relations between the two countries and providing more opportunities for students from Saudi Arabia.

Istanbul Gelisim University Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin Vice Rectors Prof. Nuri Kuruoğlu, Prof. Arda Öztürkcan and International Students Office Director Umedjon Haitmurodov participated to the meeting. During the meeting, the issues of increasing the existing educational opportunities offered to students from Saudi Arabia, developing new projects and deepening the cultural and academic ties of both countries were discussed.

Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin said, "Such collaborations give students not only an academic but also a cultural perspective. We are determined to provide all kinds of support for our international students to improve themselves here. Istanbul Gelisim University aims to contribute to the academic and personal development of these students with the wide educational opportunities and supports it offers for students from Saudi Arabia."



At the end of the visit, it was emphasized that IGU will continue to contribute to the strengthening of the ties between the two countries by deepening its educational relations with Saudi Arabia and concrete steps will be taken to strengthen the existing cooperation. Furthermore, it is planned that more efficient projects will be developed in the future. It was also mentioned that such initiatives play a significant role not only in the field of education, but also in terms of cultural interaction and international understanding.

## **IGU AND PROFICIENCY INSTITUTE, ONE OF THE 15 WINNING CONSORTIA OF THE EIT DEEP TECH TALENT INITIATIVE'S CALL FOR TRAINING PROPOSALS 2024.**

We are pleased to announce our project CyberShield Innovators has been selected as one of the winners of the Call for Training Proposals 2024, under the EIT Deep Tech Talent Initiative. The EIT Deep Tech Talent Initiative is a project of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) and is funded by the European Commission. This recognition highlights our commitment to promoting deep tech education and skills development in Europe.

The Call for Training Proposals invited organisations to create innovative courses, training, and skills development programmes aimed at equipping individuals with expertise in deep tech. Proposals had to focus on one of the following key areas: Advanced Computing and Quantum Computing, Advanced Materials, Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Robotics, Semiconductors, Clean Technologies, or Immersive Technologies. The aim of the Call was to engage a diverse array of organisations committed to advancing deep tech education, fostering collaboration within the deep tech ecosystem, and developing a skilled, inclusive workforce.



This year, 97 consortia, representing multiple organisations from across Europe, participated in the Call. As a result, 15 projects were selected and received a total funding of EUR 2,203,391.50 to create and deliver their training and skills development programmes.

CyberShield Innovators was presented in consortia with Istanbul Gelisim University and Proficiency Institute and is focused on deep tech training in Cybersecurity. Through this collaborative approach, we aim to drive forward innovation and create a long-term impact on Europe's deep tech ecosystem.

The project started on 14 October and aims to train 600 individuals by November 2025. Under the Call, the project has received funding of € 146,497.50 to create and deliver this training.

## ABOUT THE EIT DEEP TECH TALENT INITIATIVE

The EIT Deep Tech Talent Initiative, led by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), is a pioneering programme with an ambitious goal to equip one million individuals with deep tech skills by 2025. Deep tech innovations—advanced technological solutions blending science and engineering across physical, biological, and digital spheres—are crucial to tackling the world's most pressing challenges. Through its network of Pledgers, the initiative fosters innovation in training and offers funding opportunities, connecting stakeholders such as training providers, companies, higher education institutions, public authorities, and financial partners.

Learn more about the EIT Deep Tech Talent Pledger Community [here](#).



## ABOUT THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

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