

IGU RECTOR PROF. BAHİRİ ŞAHİN HOSTED THE STUDENTS IN THE 61ST LIBRARY WEEK

Various activities were organized at Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) within the scope of Library Week, which is celebrated in the world and in our country every year. The 10 students who borrowed the most from the IGU Library during 2024 were awarded by Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin.

In the ceremony where students from different departments and grades took part, Prof. Şahin met and chatted with the students one by one and shared his professional experiences. Vice Rector Prof. Nuri Kuruoğlu and Vice Rector Prof. Necmettin Maraşlı also participated and supported the students.

During the activity, the managers who took care of the students one-on-one made suggestions about their own academic and professional journeys. Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin said, "Whatever success you achieve in life, do not forget where you came from. Try to contribute to your country and the society in which you were born and raised. Even if you are going to work in other countries, do not forget to transfer your knowledge and experience to our country. You are our future. Read constantly. Keep your mind fresh. Although electronic books are more popular these days, I still prefer the smell of books."

After the ceremony, a group photo shoot was held. After the event, on behalf of IGU Head of Library and Documentation Department A. Şenol Armağan invited the students to the library and chatted with them. He also invited the conference to be held online on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 10.00.

To the conference titled "Artificial Intelligence Librarianship in 61st Library Week ", IGU Former Faculty Member and Turkish-German University Faculty Member Prof. Aykut Arıkan will attend as a speaker. Armağan said, "Prof. Arıkan is one of the most competent people in artificial intelligence in Turkey.

Artificial intelligence affects libraries and librarianship as in every field. It radically changes

the way we do business. When we use artificial intelligence, especially in repetitive work, significant time savings will be achieved.”

At the end of the event, Armağan suggested that students benefit from artificial intelligence in studies such as literature review, translation and text editing.

THE 2ND HARVEST TIME SHORT FILM FESTIVAL AWAITS HIGH SCHOOL FILMMAKERS!

The Harvest Time Short Film Festival, which will be organized for the second time this year by Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Faculty of Fine Arts, Department of Radio, Television and Cinema, is preparing to bring together young cinema enthusiasts. Applications have started for the "First Harvest" competition section of the festival, which is open to high school students.

The festival, which is organized with the support of the internal and external stakeholders of the university, aims to support the productions of young filmmakers and to create a creative competition environment among students. Among the competitive sections of the festival are the "First Harvest" for high school students and the "End of Harvest" open to IGU Radio, Television and Cinema Department students. In addition, the screening section titled "Nadas (Fallow)" will include the graduation projects of the previous year and special screenings.

While there are no genre and subject limitations at the festival, the duration of the films should be between 2 and 25 minutes. In the competition sections, awards will be given in the categories of "Best Film" and "Special Jury Award". The festival has no commercial purpose and no fee is charged to the participants.

The films, along with short director biographies and posters, can be submitted through the FilmFreeway platform until May 20, 2025. Festival screenings and awards ceremony will be held on June 2, 2025.

For application, please see:

<https://filmfreeway.com/HasatZamaniKisaFilmFestivali>

IGU QUALITY COMMISSION GATHERED: THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS WAS EVALUATED, CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE WERE PRESENTED TO THE CONTRIBUTORS

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Quality Commission held its meeting numbered 2025-06 on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, which was chaired by Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin. During the meeting, the results of the evaluation of IGU's five-year full accreditation during the Institutional Accreditation process carried out by the Higher Education Quality Board (YÖKAK) were discussed. Abdulkadir Gayretli, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of IGU, also attended the meeting.

IGU, which was entitled to receive five years of full accreditation in the institutional accreditation process carried out by the Higher Education Quality Board, has documented that it effectively manages the quality assurance system, adopts the understanding of sustainable development and successfully fulfills its mission of social contribution. In this context, the achievements of the university in the institutional accreditation process and the strategies for the sustainability of this process were evaluated. The members of the Commission discussed in detail the planning and actions to be taken in order to strengthen the quality processes and to spread the culture of continuous improvement at the institutional level.

After the meeting, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of IGU Abdulkadir Gayretli presented a plaque to Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin, Vice Rector Prof. Arda Öztürkcan, Quality Coordinator Prof. Hasan Hakan Bozkurt and Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences Asst. Prof. A. Yüksel Barut.

In addition, the academic and administrative staff and students who took an active role in the process were presented a certification of attendance by the Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin.

DOUBLE AWARD FOR IGU STARTUP AT "IMAGINE TOMORROW 2025" EVENT!

Developed at Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Technology Transfer Office and implemented under the umbrella of ULAV company established within the body of TEKMER, "Artificial Intelligence Supported 3D Mapping Project PİRİTA" attracted great attention in 2025

International Innovation and Entrepreneurship Event "Imagine Tomorrow". ULAV was awarded the "Young Entrepreneur" and "Honorary Award" with PİRİTA and PİRİHA in the event, in which IGU Vice Rector Prof. Arda Öztürkcan also participated and 58 innovative startups competed. The project, which was developed with the vision of domestic and national technology, also attracted the attention of investors and technology experts at the event.

ENTREPRENEURIAL SUCCESS CROWNED WITH AWARDS

PİRİTA, an artificial intelligence-powered 3D mapping project, has achieved a significant success not only on the Imagine Tomorrow stage but also on a global level. The project attracted attention by reaching the final in the "Research Project of the Year: stem" category at THE Awards Asia 2025, one of the most respected higher education evaluation platforms in the world.

Pirita stands out as an innovative system that performs mapping with machine learning and image processing methods instead of classical Lidar technology. DIKY, a specially developed unmanned aerial vehicle with high speed and long range capacity, is used in the project. This makes the mapping process more accessible, flexible, and cost-effective.

The project was also recently registered with the gold medal it won at the TEKNOFEST ISIF'24 Patent Competition held in Adana. Now, with the double award on the stage of Imagine Tomorrow 2025, it has become one of the proud sources of domestic technology entrepreneurship.

During the event, participants had the opportunity to get to know the latest technologies closely, to communicate directly with entrepreneurs and to evaluate cooperation opportunities.

"İKİ ZAMAN - TEK AN" PAINTING EXHIBITION OPENED AT ISTANBUL GELİSİM UNIVERSITY

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Art and Design Application and Research Center (SATMER) held the opening of the painting exhibition titled "İki Zaman- Tek An". In the exhibition, the

works of İsmet Yedikardeş, one of the important representatives of Turkish painting and ceramic art, met with art lovers. The exhibition was curated by SATMER Director Asst. Prof. Mustafa GÜNAY. IGU Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin, Vice Rector Prof. Necmettin Maraşlı and many different NGO directors also participated. The opening speech was given by Prof. Şahin. Prof. Şahin emphasized the place of art in the university vision.

“ISTANBUL GELİSİM UNIVERSITY ALSO LEADS ARTISTIC INNOVATION”

Prof. Bahri Şahin, drawing attention to the indispensable role of art in the construction of a civilization, said, "Art is an indispensable element in the civilization journey of societies. As Istanbul Gelisim University, we attach great importance not only to technical and social innovation, but also to artistic innovation. With this understanding, we established the Art and Design Application and Research Center (SATMER) by realizing a first in Türkiye. The three pillars of civilization are art, social and technical innovation. There can be no civilization without these."

Emphasizing that art should be integrated into education life from an early age, Prof. Şahin also emphasized the importance of society's support for artists: "An exhibition is opened almost every week at our university. This shows how much culture and art are intertwined with academic life. We believe that art education should take place at all educational levels from kindergarten. This approach is of great importance for students to develop both their aesthetic perspective and productive thinking skills.

The exhibition we opened today is not only an art event; it is also a reflection of the value that Istanbul Gelisim University attaches to art and artists. We are honored to host our esteemed artists such as İsmet Yedikardeş at our university. It is very valuable for us to come together with our artists who inspire our students and all art lovers with their works. We continue our way with the vision of a university that develops with art, thinks with art and produces with art."

“IN OUR FIFTH YEAR, WE ARE HOSTING AN IMPORTANT ARTIST”

Asst. Prof. Mustafa Günay, in his speech, drew attention to the national and international

artists that Istanbul Gelisim University Art Gallery has hosted since its establishment:

“In the fifth year of our gallery, we are very happy to host the works of our esteemed painter and ceramic artist İsmet Yedikardeş, who has made great contributions to Turkish art. He is the only Turkish artist with works in the palace of King Charles of England. It is an honor for us to bring the art of such a valuable name to art lovers at our university.”

"YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD FIRST DISCOVER THEMSELVES"

In his speech, artist İsmet Yedikardeş stated that he focused on the human mind and individual differences in his works in the exhibition.

“This is my second exhibition at Istanbul Gelisim University. This time, I tried to reflect my thoughts especially about human and brain in my works. Like every individual's fingerprint, the brain structure is different. My advice to young people is to discover what talent is’ charged ’to them. Art or music? They cannot set out without knowing this.”

The exhibition “İki Zaman - Tek An” invites art lovers to reflect on human nature, creativity and individual potential.