

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AWARDS FIND ITS OWNERS AT ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) held the Academic Performance Award Ceremony with great participation, which it made traditional in order to encourage academic productivity, make qualified studies visible and strengthen the corporate success culture. At the ceremony, success certificates were presented to faculty members who stood out with their academic contributions throughout 2024.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES WITH APSIS WERE COMPREHENSIVELY EVALUATED

The Academic Performance Evaluation Process Management System (APSIS), which is the evaluation model developed by the university itself, was implemented much more extensively this year. Analyses made on 568 evaluation elements in 2023 were carried out with a total of 2,440 evaluation elements in 136 sub-activity areas in 2024. This change made it possible to monitor academic activities in a much more detailed way, not only in terms of quantity but also in terms of quality.

SIX KEY ASSESSMENT TITLES

The evaluation process was shaped under six main headings:

- Overall Ranking
- Publications and Citations
- Project, Patent and Designs
- Awards, Memberships and Recognition
- Scientific and Professional Activities
- Educational Activities

While each activity title was analyzed within itself, academicians who entered the top 20 in the general ranking were also deemed worthy of the "Incentive Award" as a separate indicator of success.

2024 GENERAL RANKING WINNER: ASSOC. PROF. FESTUS VICTOR BEKUN

According to the results of 2024, academicians who achieved 100 points or more in the general ranking were evaluated in the highest academic performance category.

Assoc. Prof. Festus Victor Bekun was at the top of the general ranking. Assoc. Prof. Bekun showed outstanding success in many criteria such as the number of publications, visibility in international indexed journals, citation rates, project productivity and professional recognition.

UNIT-BASED DISTRIBUTION OF ACADEMICIANS WORTHY OF INCENTIVE AWARDS IN GENERAL RANKINGS

The names of this year's award have attracted great attention not only for their productivity in basic sciences, but also in health, engineering, arts and social sciences. Here are some of the award-winning academics:

- Faculty of Engineering and Architecture:

Prof. Bahri Şahin,

Assoc. Prof. Anıl Niş,

Asst. Prof. Halit Yahya,

Prof. Bayram Ünal,

Prof. Nuri Kuruoğlu,

Assoc. Prof. Metin Mehmedoğlu,

Prof. Necmettin Maraşlı, Prof.

Prof. Ahmet Cihat Baytaş,

Lect. Bahadır Kopçasız

- Faculty of Health Sciences:

Asst. prof. Ashifa Kariveliparambil Mohammed Ashraf,

Assoc. Prof. Hatice Merve Bayram

Asst. Prof. Aslı Kaya

- Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences:

Asst. Prof. Ifedolapo Olabisi Olanipekun,

Assoc. Prof. Serdar Egeli,

- Faculty of Dentistry:

Prof. Kemal Sıtkı Türker

- Faculty of Fine Arts:

Assoc. Prof. Murat Doğan

- Faculty of Applied Sciences:

Assoc. Prof. Ali Çelik,

Asst. Prof. Nevruz Berna Tatlısu

- Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School:

Hasan Hüseyin Taşer

STRENGTHENING ACADEMIC CULTURE IS AIMED

In the statement made by the Rectorate after the ceremony, it was stated that this reward system not only increases individual motivation, but also aims to institutionalize the academic production culture throughout the university.

It was stated that the APSIS system will be further developed in the coming years, the evaluation criteria will be detailed, and it is aimed to measure the different dimensions of the academic contribution more strongly.

CONTRIBUTION TO RESEARCH UNIVERSITY VISION

While supporting the vision of the research university with such evaluation systems, Istanbul Gelisim University also aims to increase the visibility of academics in the national and international arena. The award-winning academicians are positioned as role models that raise not only their own individual achievements, but also the scientific production capacity of the university.

INTERNATIONAL PAPER PRESENTATION IN TIRANA FROM ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY ACADEMICIANS

Academics from many countries' central banks and leading universities participated in the international conference titled "Central Banks and Economic History: Thoughts and Perspectives" held in Tirana as part of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Central Bank of Albania. In the event, which witnessed extensive discussions on the history of economics and central banking, Turkey was represented by Assoc. Prof. Hakan Yildirim and Asst. Prof. Murat Topcu.

ASSOC. PROF. HAKAN YILDIRIM'S PRESENTATION ON THE FIRST BUBBLE OF FINANCIAL HISTORY

One of the faculty members of Istanbul Gelisim University Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences, Assoc. Prof. Hakan Yildirim presented the paper titled "Dutch East India Company Stock Prices: The First Speculative Bubble in Financial History?". In his presentation, Assoc. Prof. Yildirim discussed the first speculative bubble, which is considered one of the turning points in terms of financial history, and made important evaluations on investment behaviors, market dynamics and economic vulnerabilities in the historical context.

ANALYSIS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE POLICIES BY ASST. PROF. MURAT TOPCU

In the same session, one of the IGU faculty members, Asst. Prof. Murat Topcu shared his work titled "Can Uncertainty Indices be Used in Albania USDALL Exchange Rate Parity Adjustment?". Asst. Prof. Topcu evaluated the role of uncertainty indices in exchange rate adjustments through the example of Albania and presented findings on how these indicators can be used as a foresight tool in economic policies.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND ACADEMIC SHARING PLATFORM

The conference presented a multidimensional platform where the historical evolution of central banks, the effects of global economic variables on central banking, and current approaches to foreign exchange policies were discussed. The contributions of Istanbul Gelisim University faculty members to the event were also welcomed with interest in international academic circles.

THE POWER THAT OVERCOMES OBSTACLES: IGU STUDENT AHMET DOGMUS COMES SECOND IN TURKIYE!

Istanbul Gelisim University has added a new one to its successes in sports and has taken its name to the top. Ahmet Doğmuş, a first-grade student at Istanbul Gelisim University Faculty of Applied Sciences, Department of Public Relations and Advertising, came in second in Türkiye in the 49 kg Youth Category at the Physically Disabled Youth and Adult Türkiye Weightlifting Championship held in Kırıkkale.

CONTRIBUTION OF COACHES TO SUCCESS

The coaches who guided him also played a major role in the outstanding success of Ahmet Doğmuş, a student at Istanbul Gelisim University. Working with great determination under the guidance of Fatma Ebru Mutlu and Ramadan Mutlu, Doğmuş became a source of pride for IGU with the success he achieved in this championship.

Fatma Ebru Mutlu, who took over his coaching, made a statement about this proud success: “Ahmet’s success is the result of effort, patience and faith. The discipline and determination that Ahmet showed carried him to second place in Türkiye. Ahmet represented himself as an athlete where determination speaks, not obstacles. I am proud of his success and I sincerely believe that we will meet at many summits.”

Fatma Ebru Mutlu stated that after her 28-year sports history as a national athlete, national referee and national coach, she aims to contribute to the sports journeys of special individuals in particular. Mutlu stated that her paths crossed with Ahmet during this process and emphasized that Istanbul Gelisim University will carry many students like Ahmet Doğmuş to success with its structure that supports its students in every field: “First of all, this meaningful success is not only an individual victory, but also a strong reflection of Istanbul Gelisim University’s vision that supports physical, mental and social development . We have no doubt that our university will continue to encourage its students in every field and that Ahmet’s story will be a source of inspiration for many students.”

ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY'S RISING SUCCESS IN SPORTS

In addition to its academic achievements, Istanbul Gelisim University also achieves significant success in different areas such as sports. One of the most recent examples of success in this area is the 2nd place in Türkiye by Ahmet Doğmuş, a first-year student at the Public Relations and Advertising Department of the Faculty of Applied Sciences at IGU. Doğmuş's success draws attention as an indicator of the university's activities in the field of sports and the support it provides to its athletes.

This activity of Istanbul Gelisim University in the field of sports and the outstanding success of Ahmet Doğmuş prove once again how strong the educational opportunities offered by the university to students are, not only theoretically but also practically.

INCREASING TICK CASES RAISE ALARM: ELDERLY AND CHILDREN IN DANGER!

With the arrival of the summer months, there is a significant increase in tick bite cases throughout Turkey. Experts point out that the risk is higher than ever, especially for children, the elderly and individuals living in rural areas. Two expert academics from Istanbul Gelisim University gave important information and warnings about the increasing cases.

TICK BITE MAY NOT SHOW SYMPTOMS, CAREFUL CONTROL REQUIRED

Istanbul Gelisim University Faculty of Dentistry Deputy Dean and Microbiology Specialist Asst. Prof. Hasan Değirmenci, stating that tick bites mostly occur painlessly and unnoticed, and added, "Ticks often do not show symptoms because they secrete anesthetically effective saliva while biting. A few millimeters of reddish swelling may occur in the bitten area. Ticks usually prefer areas where the skin is thin and moist, such as underarms, groins, behind the knees and behind the ears."

Emphasizing that ticks can carry the *Borrelia* bacterium that causes Lyme disease, Değirmenci said, "In 3 to 30 days, red rings in the shape of bull's eye may form in the bite area. In more severe cases, fatal diseases such as Crimean Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) can be encountered. Fever, weakness, muscle and joint pain are the first symptoms of these diseases."

"THE TICK SHOULD NEVER BE REMOVED BY YOURSELF"

Stating that ticks adhering to the body should not be removed by individual intervention, Asst. Prof. Değirmenci said, "Incorrect removal attempts can crush the tick and cause the microorganisms it carries to pass into the body. In this case, you should definitely apply to the nearest health institution." Stating that it is necessary to intervene with forceps or gloves to prevent contact with the skin, Değirmenci stated that it is important in terms of diagnosis to take the ticks to the health institution by hiding them in a closed container.

7,801 CASES, 13 DEATHS IN 2025: THE DANGER GROWS

Istanbul Gelisim University Faculty of Health Sciences Head of Perfusion Department and Veterinary Anatomist Asst. Prof. Mehmet Kartal stated that Crimean Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) disease has become endemic especially in provinces such as Tokat, Sivas, Giresun, Amasya and Çorum, and Hyalomma marginatum ticks carrying the disease have become widespread in many regions of Turkey. Kartal also stated that there are approximately 900 tick species worldwide, and 56 tick species have been identified so far in Turkey.

According to the data of the Ministry of Health, CCHF disease was first detected in Turkey in 2002 and a total of 17,132 cases were recorded between 2002-2024, 819 of these cases resulted in death. In the January-June period of 2025, 7,801 new cases have been reported, 13 of which have resulted in death so far. Asst. Prof. Kartal said: "These data reveal the risk of zoonotic diseases in terms of both individual and social health. In addition, this situation directly affects agricultural production processes and rural life."

SCIENTIFIC AND INDIVIDUAL MEASURES CAN SAVE LIVES

Both experts pointed out that both individual and environmental measures are vital in the fight against ticks. "Regular acaricide applications should be applied to pets, pastures should be plowed, weeds should be cleaned, and random spraying should be avoided."

Among the individual protection measures, it is recommended to prefer light-colored long clothes, to put the trouser legs into socks and to use sprays containing DEET, ikaridin or permethrin. In addition, natural repellents such as lemon oil and eucalyptus are among the alternative methods.

CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY AT GREATER RISK

The tick bite, which is a danger for all age groups, can cause major health problems, especially for children who spend a lot of time in green areas and the elderly with weaker immune systems. Diseases such as Crimean Congo Hemorrhagic Fever can progress faster in the body of people in this age group.

Emphasizing that people who spend time in rural and forest areas as well as children and the elderly should take precautions to protect themselves from tick bites and especially during walks in rural and forest areas, Asst. Prof. Hasan Deigrmenci also mentioned other measures that can be taken: "When you return from the open area, you need to check your body and clothes. It should not be forgotten that ticks are usually attached to areas such as behind the ear, hair roots, neck, armpit, belly circumference, groin, back of the knee, and these areas should be especially checked."

SOCIAL AWARENESS REQUIRED

Istanbul Gelisim University experts emphasize that not only individual measures but also awareness-raising activities should be increased in the face of increasing tick cases. It is stated that serious health problems can be prevented by acting with the right information, early intervention and preventive practices.