

FIRST PRIZE IN THE NATIONAL R&D AND INNOVATION COMPETITION TO ASST. PROF. MERT YILDIRIM!

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Faculty of Engineering and Architecture Department of Industrial Engineering faculty member Asst. Prof. Mert Yildirim has achieved great success with his advanced material technologies project developed with a circular economy approach. Yildirim was awarded the first prize in the "Academician Category" in the "National Industry-Oriented R&D and Innovation Project Competition" organized by Adana Hacı Sabancı Organized Industrial Zone (AOIZ) Directorate for the fifth time this year.

TOP OF 182 PROJECTS

The competition, which was organized with the aim of integrating new technologies into the industry, strengthening university-industry cooperation and spreading innovation culture, attracted great attention from Turkey this year as well. 182 projects from 62 different universities were included in the meticulously carried out evaluation process.

The projects were evaluated using the "blind refereeing" method on the basis of scientific merit and the potential to contribute to industrial practices. Thanks to this method, the identities of the candidates were kept confidential and a transparent and objective evaluation process was provided.

THE EMPHASIS ON CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Asst. Prof. Mert Yıldırım's award-winning project focuses on the development of sustainable advanced material technologies and is shaped on the basis of the circular economy model. This approach aims to provide environmental and economic solutions to the industry in line with the principles of efficient use of resources and revaluation of waste. Yıldırım's study was found remarkable in terms of both its academic originality and its sectoral applicability.

At the award ceremony held in Adana on May 21, 2025, successful projects were shared with the public. Asst. Prof. Mert Yıldırım was presented the award by Adana Metropolitan Mayor Zeydan Karalar. Industry representatives, academics and local administrators showed great interest in the ceremony.

STRONG CONTRIBUTION TO UNIVERSITY-INDUSTRY COOPERATION

This award, which is an important source of pride for Istanbul Gelisim University, also once again revealed the visionary stance of the university in the field of R&D and innovation. Yıldırım's success reveals the potential of university-industry cooperation to produce concrete and qualified outputs, and sets an example that will inspire young researchers.

STRONG PARTICIPATION IN 2209 A/B WORKSHOP WITH 9 PROJECTS FROM ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY

The second of the 2209 A/B Science and Mathematics Student Workshop, which aims to bring undergraduate student projects in science, mathematics and related fields supported and completed or ongoing within the scope of TUBITAK 2209-A and 2209-A University Students Research Projects, was hosted by Yıldız Technical University. Istanbul Gelisim University participated in the workshop, which brought together young researchers from all over Turkey, with 9 different projects and realized a remarkable representation.

FROM INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Among the projects offered under the consultancy of Lect. İzzet Yavuz, innovative solutions for agricultural technologies and human health came to the fore.

The project titled "Artificial Intelligence Supported Smart Greenhouse: Automatic Fertilization, Irrigation and Soil Processing System" is owned by İrem Türkyılmaz, Diyaddin Temel, Bülent Efe Keleş and İsmail Gündoğan. This system aims to optimize agricultural productivity with artificial intelligence.

Another team led by the same consultant proposed a technological solution to the health problems caused by prolonged sitting with the project titled "Pressure-Based Sensing and Feedback of Sitting Disorders and Web-Based Data Analysis". Özlem Aşçi, Muhammet Emin Şahin, Cahit Taran and Harun Sefa Haydari took part in the project.

Emirhan Bakırlı, on the other hand, made an important contribution to the field of renewable energy with the "Solar Powered Portable Mini Cooling System" he developed.

UNIQUE APPROACHES IN PACKAGING, FOOD AND MATERIALS SCIENCE

The project "Investigation of the Usability of Paper Packaging Coated with Biopolymeric Film Containing Natural Antibacterial Agents", carried out under the consultancy of Fatma Ebru Koç, focused on environmentally friendly packaging alternatives. The study developed by Zehra Bahar Yücel and Rabia Doğan together offers innovative solutions in the field of sustainable packaging.

Under the project led by Asst. Prof. Negin Azarabadi, students Halis Şimşeker and Alp Eren Deliyusuf, who took part in the "Local and Functional Disaster Food Production" developed food solutions for disaster conditions.

The other project managed by the same consultant, "Functional Product Production from Flower Petals", focused on the evaluation of biological resources. Sudenaz Sayar and Pınar Damla Apaydın took part in this project.

NEW HORIZONS IN FORENSIC SCIENCES

The project titled "Estimating Eye, Hair and Skin Color from Small Amounts of Blood Samples Aged by Holding in Different Fabric Types", which was consulted by Asst. Prof. İlksen Sarı, established a remarkable bridge between forensic sciences and genetic prediction. While Gül Gülhan was the supervisor of the project, Yağmur Demir, Fatih İsmail Yüksel and Yeşim Kılıç were among the project researchers.

ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS IN AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY

The project titled "Atmospheric Performance Optimization of Electro-fluid-dynamic Thrusters: Electrode Geometry and Parameter Optimization", which is undertaken by Asst. Prof. Murat Metehan Türkoğlu and owned by Kasım Kasımoğlu, aims to contribute to advanced engineering and aerospace technologies.

SINGLE PARTICIPATION FROM SOCIAL SCIENCES: TRANSLATION ANALYSIS WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The only department participating in the workshop from the field of social sciences was the Department of Translation and Interpreting of Istanbul Gelisim University Faculty of Applied Sciences.

The project titled "Comparison of Producer Artificial Intelligence and Untrained Producer Artificial Intelligence Translation in Usage Texts and Untrained Producer Artificial Intelligence and Neural Machine Translation Outputs", which was prepared under the supervision of research assistant Serhat Kahyaoglu and carried out by Zehra Sümeyye Yalçın and Zehra Oturakçı, came to the fore as an analytical study that addresses the evolution of translation technologies.

SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUTURE FROM YOUNG SCIENTISTS

These projects, which involve Istanbul Gelisim University students, aim to add value to science and society by bringing together original perspectives from different disciplines. Each study developed sheds light not only on students' academic development, but also on their capacity to produce solutions to social problems.

AN INTERDISCIPLINARY REFLECTION AREA ON CITY, HEALTH AND JUSTICE: INDEPENDENT LIVING SYMPOSIUM HELD

At Istanbul Gelisim University, "Interdisciplinary Independent Life, City and Health Symposium II", which addresses the effects of urbanization on individuals' independent life, access to health services, social justice and sustainable development from an interdisciplinary perspective, has been the scene of remarkable discussions this year by bringing together knowledge and imagination. At the event, not only problems were discussed, but also creative models of the cities of the future through utopias.

THE SOCIAL BRAID OF THE "CITY" WAS EMPHASIZED AT THE OPENING

The opening speech was made by Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences Prof. Rifat Mutuş. Prof. Mutuş pointed out the importance of thinking of the city not only as a physical structure, but also as a network of cultural, ethical and social relations. He emphasized that the symposium also paved the way for this multi-layered way of thinking.

Prof. Ismet Galip Yolcuoglu discussed the relationship between urban poverty and structural inequalities and the role of social services in this field. Then, taking the floor, Asst. Prof. Hilay Atalay focuses on social sustainability in urban planning while Asst. Prof. Leyla Bektas Ata evaluated the right to access to public spaces through women's daily life experiences and revealed the relationship of gender with the city.

RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN HEALTH, MOOD AND THE PUBLIC SPHERE ARE ON THE TABLE

In the panel session moderated by Assoc. Prof. Anil Al-Rebholz, the effects of urbanization on the health and social life of individuals were examined in a multifaceted way.

Asst. Prof. Nurten Elkin, analyzed the interaction of the Health Transformation Program with urban policies. Asst. Prof. Deniz Kaya Meral drew attention to the psychosocial pressures created by urbanization in terms of mental health.

While Lect. Buse Bulat reveals the obstacles that children face in their right to play and access to public spaces; Lect. Bedriye Çelik Kanca, on the other hand, shed light on an important social problem by evaluating the effects of digital addiction on children.

One of the noteworthy presentations of the panel was that of Duygu Taplamacıoğlu Korman. In her study titled "Motherhood in Feminist Urban Utopia: Solidarity, Not Guilt", she positioned motherhood in an urban utopia woven with solidarity, not loneliness.

UTOPIA PRESENTATIONS FROM STUDENTS: THE POWER OF IMAGINATION

In the afternoon session of the symposium, the stage was with the students of the Faculty of Health Sciences. Seven different student groups offered solutions to social problems such as health, old age, disability, environment and digital inequality through the concept of utopia. The presentations were evaluated by an independent jury consisting of academics from fields such as architecture, literature, political science, communication and art.

The presentations were examined according to the criteria of conceptual depth, interdisciplinary approach, social sensitivity and applicability. At the end of the day, the first prize was given to the "Sanvitas Utopia" project prepared by Elif Kaymaz, Esma Nur Yiğit, Melek Beyza Ballı and Sude Sarışahin, students of the Department of Health Management. Sanvitas offered an alternative vision to the current health system with its critical structure centered on health inequality.

At the award ceremony, certificates of appreciation and awards were presented to the students by Asst. Prof. A. Yüksel Barut. Barut emphasized that this process is not only a success, but also an experience of learning to think critically, produce together, and dream for the benefit of society.

Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences Prof. Rifat Mutuş, Vice Deans Assoc. Prof. Neşe Kıskaç and Asst. Prof. A. Yuksel Barut, as well as many academicians and students participated to the event. The "If I Were You" panel in the foyer area during the symposium allowed the participants to share their thoughts on the city, health and justice.

CITIES BUILT WITH IMAGINATION

The “Interdisciplinary Symposium on Independent Living, the City and Health II” not only highlighted the social, economic and environmental problems posed by urbanization, but also reaffirmed the belief that more equitable, accessible and sustainable cities are possible through utopias. This meeting, which blended scientific knowledge with imagination, took place in the memories with the potential to transform the ways of thinking about urbanization processes.

"SOCIAL ENGINEERING ATTACKS AND PROTECTION METHODS" SEMINAR FOR YOUNG PEOPLE BY ASST. PROF. SERKAN GONEN!

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Head of Software Engineering Department Asst. Prof. Serkan Gonen gave awareness seminars for high school and secondary school students within the scope of TUBITAK Science Talks. In interviews held at Halil İnalcık Anatolian High School and Gültepe İmam Hatip Secondary School, Asst. Prof. Gonen examined social engineering attacks, one of the most invisible but dangerous threats of the digital age.

In the seminar, issues such as the protection of personal data, cyber security awareness and how social engineering attacks take place were discussed. Gönen emphasized the importance of raising awareness of the dangers that young people may face in digital media. Stating that one should be careful against the persuasion and manipulation techniques that are unwittingly encountered in daily life, Asst. Prof. Gönen offered protection strategies to the students through concrete examples.

The seminar, which attracted great attention of the participants, once again revealed the importance of studies aiming to raise awareness in the field of cyber security at an early age. In this context, Istanbul Gelisim University continues to raise scientific awareness with its academicians who share information and continue their educational activities for all segments of the society.

TURKISH COOPERATIVES DISCUSSED AT ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY

With the declaration of 2025 as the "International Year of Cooperatives" by the United Nations, activities to raise awareness in the field of cooperatives in Turkey have accelerated. In this context, a workshop titled "New Trends in Turkish Cooperatives in the Year of International Cooperatives 2025" was organized in cooperation with CIRIEC Turkey and Istanbul Gelisim University and Istanbul Rumeli University.

In the event, which brought together academics, researchers, civil society representatives and students, it was emphasized that cooperativism is not only an economic model but also a social structure that prioritizes social solidarity. In the workshop, current trends, structural transformations and new generation cooperative models were discussed in a multifaceted way.

THEMES OF TRANSFORMATION AND RESILIENCE IN COOPERATIVES COME TO THE FOREFRONT

In the first part of the workshop, which was held in two sessions, the current situation of cooperatives in Turkey, the difficulties they face and their relations with international trends were evaluated. It was stated that cooperatives remain valid as a community-based economic alternative despite the economic difficulties they have experienced in the past; however, they should be reshaped in the light of digitalization, global crises and new generation expectations.

In the second session, especially women's cooperativism, social cooperativism and young people's perception of cooperativism were emphasized. The transformative role of women's cooperatives in reducing gender inequality, the importance of models that focus on social benefit, and strategies to encourage young people's participation in these structures were discussed.

STRONG SUPPORT FROM THE ACADEMY TO COOPERATIVES

Dean of Istanbul Gelisim University Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences Prof. Kenan Aydın stated that cooperatives should be rethought in the face of global and local conditions. He pointed out that the experiences in the past in Turkey are a lesson in terms of the steps to be taken today. Aydın emphasized that a cooperative approach that can attract the attention of new generations should be supported by contemporary dynamics such as digitalization and social innovation.

Istanbul Gelisim University Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin, on the other hand, stated that cooperativism stands out with its ability to produce collective solutions at points where individual power is not enough. Stating that cooperatives are an innovative structure both economically and socially, Şahin pointed out the importance of supporting this field at the academic level.

Istanbul Rumeli University Rector Prof. Mustafa Kara also stated that cooperativism is perceived differently in society, so the concept should be redefined and its goals should be clarified. Kara emphasized the need to build bridges between educational actors and practitioners in the field, while pointing to the need for a strategic action plan in this area.

COMMON GROUND FOR NEXT GENERATION COOPERATIVES

Among the prominent topics in the workshop were questions such as how cooperatives can adapt to changing world conditions, why young generations are distant from these structures, and how technologies such as artificial intelligence and digital platforms can be integrated with cooperatives. In the light of all these headings, the participants agreed that a more fair, participatory and sustainable economic structure can only be built with a strong cooperative culture.

At the end of the workshop, it was stated that a final report, in which the opinions and suggestions that emerged during the discussions would be compiled, would be shared with the participants and the public.

TTO AND TEKMER MANAGERS IN ISTANBUL GATHERED IN BTM TEKMER FULYA

The directors of the Technology Transfer Office (TTO) and Technology Development Center (TEKMER) of the universities in Istanbul met for the seventh time. Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) TTO also participated in the meeting hosted by BTM TEKMER Fulya. The main purpose of the meeting was determined as to strengthen cooperation between university TTOs and to prepare the ground for the development of joint projects. Participants agreed that knowledge and experience sharing should be systematized and common platforms should be established.

CRITICAL RECOMMENDATION DECISIONS

At the meeting, it was emphasized that a framework decision should be made between universities and the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) on how R&D and innovation activities should be carried out. In addition, establishing support mechanisms to increase the level of TRL (Technology Readiness Level), which expresses the maturity level of the projects, monitoring the TRL processes and providing technological support to projects with commercialization potential were among the priority suggestions.

Other important topics that the participants focused on were:

- Establishing an academic consultant pool in all universities in Istanbul and conducting a needs screening for industrial companies through this pool,
- Supporting patent or intellectual and industrial property rights applications for theses and projects at all levels,
- Eliminating the timidity in the approach of the industrial side to new project proposals and technical solutions,
- Encouraging the production of inventions and projects in an original and self-confident way by all institutions and organizations,
- Establishing a platform where the industry can share its technical problems with universities and evaluating the patents through this platform.

EMPHASIS ON COMMERCIALIZATION

The main agenda items of the meeting included more effective commercialization of technologies developed at universities, evaluation of patents and increasing cooperation opportunities for the sale of these patents. In addition, the problems of commercialization experienced in relations with industry were also discussed.

Participants pointed out that new steps should be taken to strengthen communication and coordination between TTO and TEKMERs in Istanbul. It was stated that the meeting was very productive in terms of sharing information and developing common strategies.

FROM EXAM ANXIETY TO PREFERENCE STRATEGIES: FULL SUPPORT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS EXAM (YKS) JOURNEY FROM ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY

As the Higher Education Institutions Exam (YKS) approaches, the stress, loss of motivation and preference uncertainties experienced by students increase. Istanbul Gelisim University continues to support students in this critical process. In an exclusive interview with psychologist Nizam Aydın, the topics that students are most curious about are discussed, from exam anxiety to preference strategies, from family pressure to panic situations that may occur on the morning of the exam.

PREFERENCE LISTS SHOULD BE PREPARED ACCORDING TO STRATEGY, NOT JUST RANKING

Creating preference lists is one of the most challenging issues for students in the YKS process. Psychologist Nizam Aydın emphasizes that the order of preference should be made not only in order of success, but also according to the student's goals and realistic possibilities. He underlines that an informed decision should be made by reminding that the student may be unhappy if he/she settles in a department he/she does not want.

“LACK OF MOTIVATION DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU ARE NOT READY FOR THE EXAM”

The loss of motivation experienced days before the exam is common in students. Aydın describes this situation as "a natural part of the process" and says that students should accept these feelings instead of suppressing them.

Stating that it is necessary to experiment and do it again instead of trying to learn new information in recent days, Aydın said, "Success is not only about working continuously, but also about resting at the right time. This is when fatigue is most felt, both physically and mentally. Lack of motivation does not mean that you are not ready for the exam. These emotions should be seen as a natural consequence of an intensely paced process."

RESULTS IN YKS TESTS MAY NOT REFLECT REAL POTENTIAL

Stating that the fluctuating test results faced by students during the preparation process can be depressing, Psychologist Nizam Aydın reminds that the main purpose of these exams is to measure attention, time management and stress coping skills as well as knowledge level. The atmosphere of the actual exam day can make it possible for the student to perform at a higher level. For this reason, he emphasizes that low nets should not be allowed to overshadow all the student's efforts.

A HEALTHY COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED WITH FAMILY EXPECTATIONS

Stating that family pressure can be an important source of stress on students, Psychologist Nizam Aydın says that this pressure is generally well-intentioned but creates an emotional burden. He advises students to communicate openly with their families and focus on their own goals. Young people should embrace their own decisions since this process is their journey.

GREAT SUCCESS FROM ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY'S FORENSIC GENETICS PROJECT!

The projects of undergraduate students in science, mathematics and related fields, which were supported and completed or ongoing within the scope of TUBITAK 2209-A and 2209-A University Students Research Projects, met with the scientific world in the workshop organized for the second time. Istanbul Gelisim University students achieved great success at the 2209 A/B Science and Mathematics Student Projects Workshop hosted by Yıldız Technical University.

PROJECT IN FORENSIC GENETICS BECAME FIRST

Istanbul Gelisim University participated in the workshop with nine different projects and demonstrated a strong academic representation. One of these projects, the study titled "Estimation of Eye, Hair and Skin Color from a Small Amount of Blood Stains Obsolete by Holding in Different Fabric Types", was awarded the first prize in the field of Molecular Biology and Genetics.

This project, which was prepared in the field of forensic genetics, focuses on predicting phenotypes from small amounts of blood samples that have degraded over time on different fabric surfaces in crime scene investigations. At the same time, the effects of fabric types and biological degradation on the analysis process are also evaluated experimentally and contributed to the scientific literature.

The project is carried out by Gül Gülhan, and the consultancy is provided by the Head of the Autopsy Assistant Program of the Vocational School of Health Services Asst. Prof. İlksen Sarı O. While Yağmur Demir, Fatih İsmail Yüksel and Yeşim Kılıç were included in the research team, the presentation of the project was made by Yağmur Demir.

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE WITH CONTRIBUTION TO SCIENCE

Encouraging its students to produce original projects at the undergraduate level, Istanbul Gelisim University continues to support scientific productivity with its interdisciplinary studies. The university aims to provide an inspiring research environment for young researchers by shaping its studies in this field on the axis of sustainability, social benefit and scientific progress.

THE FUTURE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND COMMUNICATION DISCUSSED AT ILET FEST 2025

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) hosted the 3rd Festival of Applied Communication which deals with the effects of artificial intelligence technologies in the field of communication in a multifaceted way. The two-day festival, organized in collaboration with the departments of Television Journalism and Programming, Public Relations and Advertising, and New Media and Communication of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, brought together media professionals, academicians, students, and industry representatives. The festival examined the transformations created by artificial intelligence in the field of communication with both theoretical and practical dimensions.

TRACES OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN TELEVISION JOURNALISM

The event started with the opening speeches of the university administrators and the presentation of Prof. Yasemin Giritli İnceoğlu. An AI robot used on stage added symbolic meaning to the opening. On the first day of the festival, ATV Main News Host Cem Teaches and NTV Main News Host Seda Öğretir shared their views on the transformation of the media world with their presentations titled "Artificial Intelligence in Communication: A New Era or a Temporary Trend?" Experts from different disciplines evaluated the sectoral effects of new technologies in the panel titled "Artificial Intelligence and Communication: Who Shapes the Future?". The day was completed with a workshop on artificial intelligence applications in television journalism.

THE NEW TOOL OF PRODUCTIVITY: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The second day of the festival started with the "Artificial Intelligence in Advertising" themed map section exhibition organized by the Department of Public Relations and Advertising. The exhibition, which was prepared under the consultancy of Sinem Eyice Başev, presented creative predictions about the future of advertising. Then Mehmet Ali Barışkan's workshop "Learn the Communication of the Future Today!" offered an interactive learning environment to the participants. At the end of the day, Harun Kilci discussed the transformation of technology on the individual in his interview discussing the relationship between artificial intelligence and individual development.

In the program carried out simultaneously by the New Media and Communication Department, Ali İlhan's "Artificial Intelligence in Photography, Video and Content Production" workshop drew attention. In the afternoon, the panel "Artificial Intelligence on Broadcast: Digital Transformation of TV Programming", which was attended by İsmail Kadercan, Fırat Çetin and Ceren Ala from the NTV Art Services team as speakers, attracted great attention. At the end of the day, the effects of artificial intelligence in acting practice were discussed in the workshop organized by actors Hakan Karsak and Veda Yurtsever.

STRONG MESSAGES FROM UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS

IGU Faculty of Applied Sciences Dean Prof. Kamil Kaya drew attention to the importance of the festival with the following words:

“This festival, which is organized by our Television Journalism and Programming, Public Relations and Advertising and New Media and Communication departments together, is not only an event but also a reflection of our understanding of education in accordance with the spirit of the age. Communication technologies are one of the turning points in human history, and artificial intelligence is the new stage of this process. It is our basic mission to develop our students' ability to put their theoretical knowledge into practice and to prepare them for the future. ”

“WE SEE COMMUNICATION AS ONE OF THE MAIN AXES OF OUR UNIVERSITY”

IGU Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin, on the other hand, said, "As Istanbul Gelisim University, we see communication as one of the main axes of our university. Our university prioritizes the effects of artificial intelligence technologies in the field of communication as a field of research and application. The development of artificial intelligence technologies is not only a technical issue; it is also up to us universities to understand the social effects of these technologies. With our quality-oriented growth approach, we are getting closer to our goal of becoming an internationally prestigious university with such activities.”

“WE ADOPT CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AS A PRINCIPLE”

Abdülkadir Gayretli, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of IGU, also addressed the students in his speech and said, "As Istanbul Gelisim University, we give credit to our name and adopt continuous development and innovation as a principle. We want our students to make their dreams come true. We have always been and will continue to be with you. We support our graduates to do their master's degrees in the top 20 universities in the world rankings, and we provide the necessary financial contribution. Because we do not just want to graduate, we want to raise world people."

The 3rd Applied Communication Festival stood out as a concrete example of Istanbul Gelisim University's vision of educating students in accordance with the spirit of the age.

STRONG CONTACTS IN THE FIELD OF GASTRONOMY: IGU PARTICIPATED IN HOSTECH BY TUSID 2025 FAIR!

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) continues to strengthen its sectoral ties by closely following the developments in the field of gastronomy and industrial culinary technologies. In this context, on the first day of the "HOSTECH by TUSİD – Hotel, Restaurant, Cafe, Patisserie Equipment and Technologies Fair" held at TÜYAP Fair and Congress Center between 27-31 May 2025, IGU Gastronomy Departments Coordinator and Secretary General Assoc. Prof. Serdar Egeli and IGU Lecturer İbrahim Levent Demirçakmak participated.

THE SECTOR GATHER UNDER THE SAME ROOF

HOSTECH by TUSİD, Turkey's largest and Europe's second largest hotel, restaurant, gastronomy and culinary technologies fair, gathered Horeca (Food service industry) professionals, manufacturers and academic representatives under the same roof this year. The fair, which showcased innovative technologies and advanced industrial solutions on a global scale, attracted a wide range of visitors, from hotel and hospitality professionals to patisserie operators, from laundry service providers to industrial kitchen managers.

IGU Gastronomy Departments Coordinator and Secretary General Assoc. Prof. Serdar Egeli and IGU Lecturer İbrahim Levent Demirçakmak visited the booths of Öztiryakiler, ID Fine and Fırınmak companies within the scope of the fair and made direct contact with the leading companies of the sector. During the visits, both the current needs of the sector and how gastronomy education can be integrated into this dynamic structure were exchanged.

THE POWER OF HANDS-ON APPROACH IN GASTRONOMY EDUCATION

Istanbul Gelisim University's participation in the fair once again revealed the importance of conducting the applied education approach in direct connection with the sector. An understanding of education that progresses in coordination with industrial developments as well as theoretical knowledge in the field of gastronomy enables students to grow up as sector-ready individuals after graduation.

The connections established by IGU representatives in HOSTECH by TUSID 2025 not only strengthened existing collaborations, but also paved the way for future projects. These contacts are expected to be reflected in many areas such as student internships, joint R&D projects, seminars and technical trips.

This participation, which witnessed the technological and structural transformation of the Horeca (Food service industry) sector, is an important step supporting the visionary approach of Istanbul Gelisim University.

STRONG STEPS TO THE PROFESSIONS OF THE FUTURE WITH NEW PROGRAMS AT ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), which stands out with its innovative programs in higher education and suitable for the needs of the age, received positive results from its associate degree program opening applications for 2025. At the same time, important steps have been taken to increase the quality of education with unit updates made in some existing programs. In this direction, two new programs were opened within the Vocational School of Health Services, while three existing programs were restructured in different Vocational Schools.

NEWLY OPENED PROGRAMS:

Two new programs approved to be opened within IGU Vocational School of Health Services aim to train qualified human resources for the digitalization process in the field of health:

- Tele-Health Technician Program
- Medical Data Processing Technician Program

These programs aim to bring a new breath to the sector by training technicians who will contribute to the sustainability of health services through digital platforms.

UPDATED PROGRAMS:

Within the scope of unit updates, three different programs have been restructured in line with sectoral transformations and technological developments:

- The Health Institutions Management Program at the Vocational School of Health Services focuses on training graduates who specialize in digital health applications, leaving their place to the Digital Health Systems Technician Program.
- The Electricity Program within Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School was updated and named Electricity Energy Generation, Transmission and Distribution Program. With this change, the program aims to train well-equipped technicians who are familiar with the entire cycle of the energy sector.
- The Automotive Technology Program within Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School has now been restructured under the name of Automotive Body and Surface Treatment Technologies Program, especially to provide expertise in vehicle design and exterior surface treatments.

In line with its vision of transformation and continuous development in education, Istanbul Gelisim University, which analyzes the new generation professions needed by the sectors in advance and offers a strong future to its students with appropriate programs, continues to respond to the expectations of both Turkey and the global labor market with these academic innovations at the associate degree level.

TOURISM AND GASTRONOMY MEETING AT ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY!

The Tourism Guidance Department of the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences of Istanbul Gelisim University hosted an important event that strengthened its sectoral bonds. Selçuk Eracun, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Istanbul Chamber of Tourist Guides (IRO), came together with the students in an interview held at the Aziz Sancar Conference Hall and presented a comprehensive evaluation of the guidance profession. After the event, IRO President and IGU Secretary General and Gastronomy Departments Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Serdar Egeli and Asst. Prof. Ramazan İnan discussed Turkish Cuisine studies.

In the interview, the equivalent of the profession in the field, its advantages and difficulties were conveyed to the students who will be the tourist guides of the future. Sharing his experiences related to his career, Eracun also addressed the current problems encountered in the sector and offered guiding suggestions to the students. The activity gave students a practical, not just theoretical, perspective.

GASTROGUIDE IS ON THE AGENDA

In the interviews held after the event, the concept of "gastroguidance", which will bring together tourism guidance and gastronomy, was discussed. Selçuk Eracun, Secretary General of Istanbul Gelisim University and Coordinator of Gastronomy Departments Assoc. Prof. Serdar Egeli and Asst. Prof. Ramazan İnan discussed on both the academic foundations and the sectoral applicability of this new approach.

Gastroguidance aims to offer visitors a sensory as well as a cultural experience by combining classic tour guidance with gastronomic elements. In the view that Turkey's rich culinary heritage has a great potential in this field, the parties united and pointed out that this new approach will both increase professional diversity and provide added value in tourism.

Academic studies on Turkish cuisine were also discussed in detail during the interviews. Eracun and Egeli focused on how the projects carried out in the field of gastronomy can intersect with the discipline of guidance. It was stated that these meetings constitute an important basis for sustainable cooperation between the university and professional chambers.

AN INTERDISCIPLINARY VISION IN EDUCATION

Both the interviews with the students and the interviews held on the axis of academic cooperation revealed once again that Istanbul Gelisim University progressed with an interdisciplinary vision in the fields of tourism and gastronomy. The university, which focuses on applied education, aims to prepare its students not only for the profession but also for the changing world with such activities that bring the sector to the university.

ASSOC. PROF. METIN KUS'S "KATMANLAR" EXHIBITION OPENS AT GELISIM ART GALLERY

Within the scope of Istanbul Gelisim University Satmer Art Events, Gelisim Art Gallery hosts a striking exhibition this week. Assoc. Prof. Metin Kuş's solo exhibition titled "Katmanlar", which consists of his recent works, met with art lovers with intense participation. IGU Rector Prof. Bahri ŞAHİN and SATMER Director Asst. Prof. Mustafa Günay also participated in the exhibition.

The selection, whose main theme is "crowds" and consisting of a total of 30 works, invited the participants to an intellectual journey with layered narrative language. The compositions of the artist Metin Kuş, who carried the very meaningfulness of daily life and the diversity of perception to the canvas through overlapping, intertwined abstract layers, attracted attention in terms of both technical mastery and emotional intensity.

"THE BOND ESTABLISHED BY OUR UNIVERSITY WITH ART CONTINUES TO BE STRENGTHENED"

Speaking at the opening of the exhibition, Istanbul Gelisim University Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin emphasized the place of art in university culture and said: "We open a new exhibition every week and we are very happy about it. The bond established by our university with art continues to be strengthened. We established an art center like SATMER, which is a first in Turkey. This area is open not only to Istanbul Gelisim University, but to the entire art community. We will continue to host our artist professors from other universities here."

Evaluating the artist's work, Asst. Prof. Ahmet Özel said, "There is a great line consistency, composition competence and a deep art history awareness in his works. Assoc. Prof. Metin Kuş successfully represents the theme of 'Katmanlar' not only formally but also conceptually in this exhibition."

"I USE CROWDS TO REACH PLASTIC VALUES"

Addressing the crowds not only as a theme, but also as a means of expression, Assoc. Prof. Metin Kus said, "I always attach importance to plastic values in my art, I use crowds to reach these values. I care about the human figure and pattern, because they form the construction of my painting."

The "Katmanlar" exhibition invites the audience to think deeply with both their search for artistic meaning and the interpretations they bring to the sociocultural fabric of Istanbul.

LIFE-SAVING EDUCATION FROM ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY!

Under the leadership of the Disaster and Emergency Coordination Office, Istanbul Gelisim University hosted the "Disaster Awareness Training for Individuals and Families", which aims to increase individual and social awareness against disasters. The event, which took place in the Tusi Conference Hall, was organized as a wide participation program covering both academic and administrative staff and students.

The training, in which İbrahim Topal, Disaster Management and Search and Rescue Manager of the Deniz Feneri Association, took part as a speaker, was organized interactively in two separate sessions. Sessions with the same content were planned in different time periods according to the intensity of the participants.

“DISASTER AWARENESS SAVES LIVES”

In his speech, Topal drew attention to the importance of individual preparedness and social solidarity against disasters and emphasized that having accurate information in the face of natural and human-induced disasters such as earthquakes, floods and fires minimizes loss of life and property. Training includes the measures that can be taken before the disaster, the right behaviors at the time of the disaster and the post-disaster recovery processes were discussed in detail.

A UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY EMPOWERED BY KNOWLEDGE

With the training, it was aimed to increase the awareness of the participants about disasters, to develop their ability to make fast and accurate decisions in times of crisis, and to strengthen social solidarity after the disaster.

Istanbul Gelisim University continues its studies with a holistic approach that prioritizes not only academic success but also the life safety and social responsibility awareness of individuals.

BISTLAB OPENS AT ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY: THE FUTURE OF FINANCE WILL BE SHAPED IN THIS LABORATORY

BISTLAB Finance Laboratory, which was implemented in cooperation with Istanbul Gelisim University Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences (İİSBF) and Borsa İstanbul INC., was opened with an official ceremony held at İGU. At the opening, while academicians, sector representatives and students come together, it is aimed that the laboratory will prepare the ground for innovative projects in the field of financial technologies and increase its applied education capacity. At the opening, İGU Rector Prof. Bahri SAHİN, İİSBF Dean Prof. Kenan Aydın, representatives of Borsa İstanbul INC. also took part.

“FINANCIAL LITERACY IS STRENGTHENED BY PRACTICE”

Speaking at the ceremony, İİSBF Dean Prof. Kenan Aydın stated that BISTLAB is not only a training laboratory, but also a center open to research and sectoral collaborations:

“Financial markets are now dynamic structures that can be understood not only by theoretical knowledge but also by practical skills and analytical competencies. This laboratory will provide our students with practical training in many areas from portfolio management to algorithmic processing and risk management.”

Prof. Aydın emphasized that BISTLAB will also contribute to the research university vision of Istanbul Gelisim University and added:

“This center will pave the way for interdisciplinary studies, data analysis and sectoral collaborations. In addition, not only at the undergraduate level, but also with our associate, master and doctoral students, members of the Continuing Education Center will be able to benefit from this.”

“BISTLAB IS THE 150TH LABORATORY OF ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY”

Istanbul Gelisim University Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin, on the other hand, drew attention to IGU's investments in applied education infrastructure:

BISTLAB is the 150th laboratory of Istanbul Gelisim University. We also have 22 R&D centers. This strong infrastructure is the basis of our university's rapid development over the past three years. As a matter of fact, only four universities from 35 universities applying in Turkey were able to receive the 5-year full accreditation given by the Higher Education Quality Board (YÖKAK); one of them is Istanbul Gelisim University."

“THESE LABORATORIES BRING THE SECTOR TO THE UNIVERSITY”

Referring to the importance of university-sector cooperation, Prof. Şahin concluded his words as follows:

“We not only provide quality education to our students, but also prepare them for the field. Thanks to financial laboratories, our students have the opportunity to meet the industry before graduating.”

Focusing on financial literacy, data-based thinking and applied training, BISTLAB was designed to be open to all students who are interested in the subject.

Istanbul Gelisim University continues to provide its students with not only diplomas but also sectoral experience with its approach that focuses on practice in education.