

TÜRKİYE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN WRESTLING GOES TO ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY

Istanbul Gelisim University has added another major success to the national achievements of its young athletes. The U23 Freestyle Wrestling Türkiye Championship, held at the Trabzon Ortahisar Beşirli Sports Hall with the participation of 103 clubs and 460 athletes from across Türkiye, featured intense competition in the final matches. Competing in the 86 kg category, Istanbul Gelisim University Faculty of Sports Sciences student Ahmet Yağan delivered an outstanding performance, surpassing his opponents and becoming the Türkiye Champion. Demonstrating consistent performance throughout the tournament, Yağan won the final match and claimed the gold medal.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS' ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT

Istanbul Gelisim University continues to reap the rewards of its investments in sports infrastructure and the support it provides to student athletes. The modern training facilities and performance-oriented educational approach within the Faculty of Sports Sciences once again proved their success with Ahmet Yağan's gold medal achievement. With its expert academic staff, IGU supports students' academic and athletic development simultaneously, and continues to strengthen its vision of nurturing the champions of the future through such remarkable accomplishments.

HISTORICAL ARTIFACT RESTORATION SUPPORT SYSTEM IGU'S DIGITAL STEP FOR THE FUTURE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE PRESENTED TO THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

Representatives of Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) presented their academic and technological initiatives aimed at preserving cultural heritage and contributing sustainably to tourism during a meeting with Vice Minister Nadir Alparslan of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Türkiye. One of the main topics of the meeting was the "Historical Artifact Restoration Support System" developed within IGU.

A DATA-DRIVEN AND INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO RESTORATION

The “Historical Artifact Restoration Support System” developed by Istanbul Gelisim University introduces a digital technology-focused, data-driven, and interdisciplinary model for the restoration of historical structures. Rather than limiting restoration to physical interventions, the project integrates digital documentation, analysis, simulation, and decision-support mechanisms into the process.

The system aims to produce high-precision digital records of historical artifacts, conduct comparative analyses of pre- and post-restoration phases, provide experts with digital decision-support tools, and enhance the accessibility of cultural heritage in virtual environments.

During the meeting, it was emphasized that the project, described as a “digital hand in historical restoration”, is an innovative model that supports expert insight, reduces error margins, increases transparency, and strengthens scientific, data-driven decision-making processes.

CONCRETE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM IGU TO THE SCIENCE-PUBLIC-TOURISM ECOSYSTEM

It was highlighted in the meeting that digital restoration support systems not only contribute to preserving cultural heritage but also offer significant opportunities in cultural tourism, digital museology, and international promotion. The model developed by Istanbul Gelisim University was underscored as being strongly aligned with the sustainable management of Türkiye’s rich cultural heritage and value-added tourism strategies.

The representatives expressed that IGU is ready to further develop its academic expertise and practice-oriented projects in cooperation with public institutions, stating that such initiatives will offer concrete contributions to the science, public, and tourism ecosystem.

The meeting concluded with the intention of holding a technical session in the near future to examine the project in greater detail.

A CINEMATIC JOURNEY BY IGU FILM ACADEMY TO MARDIN

The Istanbul Gelisim University Film Academy took an important step in Mardin for the planned Dara Film Workshop. As part of the workshop preparations, meetings were initiated with Vural Güngör, the Provincial Director of Culture and Tourism of Mardin. Following the discussions, it was agreed that academic activities would begin led by Istanbul Gelisim University and that film workshops, particularly in disadvantaged areas, would be held in the spring months.

FOUR-WEEK CINEMA TRAINING AND THE DARA DOCUMENTARY

The workshop, to be carried out by the IGU Film Academy, will include a comprehensive four-week cinema training program. After the training, participants will film the Dara Documentary. The gala screening of the completed documentary will take place at the Conference Hall of Mardin Artuklu University.

PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Designed primarily for high school students, the workshop program will cover topics such as camera operation, editing, lighting, documentary filmmaking, and documentary flow writing. At the end of the training process, students will have the opportunity to film their own scripts. By gaining experience in directing, screenwriting, and cinematography, participants will take an important step toward their future professional careers. In this way, young people will be introduced to the innovative power of cinema at an early age.

COORDINATION AND ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTION

The workshop will be coordinated by Ahmet Bikiç, Vice Director of the IGU Directorate of Public Relations and Promotion and a filmmaker. Additionally, Feyat Öner, a student in the Radio, Television, and Cinema Program at the IGU Faculty of Fine Arts, will also serve on the workshop coordination team.

A STRONG CONTRIBUTION FROM IGU TO CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Through this project carried out under the Film Academy, Istanbul Gelisim University once again underscores its identity as a university that assumes social responsibility not only in the academic field but also in cultural and artistic production. With the Dara Film Workshop to be held in Mardin, IGU aims to increase young people's access to the arts and contribute to regional cultural memory through cinema.

ZİRAAT KATILIM BANK'S COURTESY VISIT TO ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY

Istanbul Gelisim University hosted the senior management of Ziraat Katılım Bank. During the visit, the two institutions discussed ongoing collaborations and areas for strengthening inter-institutional communication. The meeting was attended by Abdülkadir Gayretli, Chair of the IGU Board of Trustees, and Metin Özdemir, General Manager of Ziraat Katılım Bank. The bank's delegation also included Vice General Manager Mustafa Kürşat Çetin, General Manager Advisor Ali Togay, Head of Institutional Communication Ömer Berkli, Yusuf Akagündüz from the Retail Department, and Hasan Türkyılmaz, Branch Manager of the Istanbul Gelisim University Avcılar Branch.

STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

During the meeting, the existing collaborations between Istanbul Gelisim University and Ziraat Katılım Bank were evaluated. Both parties exchanged views on initiatives that would strengthen communication and reinforce ongoing partnerships.

The courtesy visit concluded as a productive engagement contributing to stronger institutional relations between the two organizations.

IGU'S WORLD CANCER DAY STATEMENT: "CANCER IS NOT DESTINY"

Cancer continues to be a major public health issue both worldwide and in Türkiye today. Alongside cardiovascular diseases, it remains one of the most common causes of death, yet it is still often perceived by society as a disease that is "feared but not spoken about." However, scientific evidence shows that a significant portion of cancers can be prevented and, when diagnosed early, can be treated successfully. Asst. Prof. Nurten Elkin, Public Health Specialist and faculty member at the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) at Istanbul Gelisim University, emphasized the vital importance of early diagnosis and prevention in her statements for World Cancer Day.

CANCER REMAINS ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS

Elkin highlighted that cancer is among the most common causes of death both globally and in Türkiye, noting that the disease is still often avoided in public discussions:

"Today, cancer, together with cardiovascular diseases, ranks among the most common causes of death. Yet, a significant portion of cancers are preventable, and when diagnosed early, they are treatable. Cancer is a group of diseases that arise from the uncontrolled proliferation of cells. The primary factors behind the increasing incidence of cancer today include longer life expectancy, environmental factors, tobacco use, unhealthy nutrition, and sedentary lifestyles."

EARLY DIAGNOSIS IS THE KEY TO EFFECTIVE CANCER TREATMENT

Elkin stated that early diagnosis plays a decisive role in cancer control, directly influencing both survival rates and treatment success:

"The most critical concept in the fight against cancer is early diagnosis. Many types of cancer can be completely cured when detected at an early stage, whereas late diagnosis makes treatment more difficult and shortens life expectancy."

Stressing that screening programs should not be postponed, Elkin listed the key early detection methods:

“Regular mammography for breast cancer, Pap smear and HPV testing for cervical cancer, fecal occult blood test and colonoscopy for colorectal cancer, and PSA monitoring at appropriate ages for prostate cancer are life-saving screening tools. The thought of ‘I have no symptoms’ should never be a reason to delay screening.”

THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER BEGINS BEFORE TREATMENT

Elkin emphasized that when cancer is mentioned, society often thinks only of treatment methods, but modern medicine has transformed this perspective:

“When people think of cancer, they usually associate it with chemotherapy, radiotherapy, and large hospitals. However, modern medicine clearly demonstrates this: the fight against cancer begins before the disease appears. Family health centers are the most important healthcare units that can identify individuals’ lifestyle-related risks and consistently provide preventive services.”

IT IS POSSIBLE TO PREVENT CANCER

Elkin pointed out that scientific data clearly shows cancer prevention is possible and stressed the high proportion of preventable cancers:

“Scientific evidence indicates that approximately 30-50% of cancers are preventable. Prevention is achieved through lifestyle modifications. Avoiding tobacco products, limiting alcohol consumption, maintaining a balanced and healthy diet, engaging in regular physical activity, keeping a healthy weight, protecting oneself from harmful UV exposure, and not neglecting vaccines for vaccine-preventable cancers (HPV, Hepatitis B) can significantly reduce cancer risk.”

KETEM CENTERS FORM THE BACKBONE OF EARLY DIAGNOSIS

Addressing cancer-screening initiatives in Türkiye, Asst. Prof. Nurten Elkin underscored the essential role of KETEM centers in early detection:

“In Türkiye, the backbone of cancer-screening services is formed by KETEM (Cancer Early Diagnosis, Screening, and Training Centers). KETEM centers provide free and regular screening services coordinated by the Ministry of Health. For breast cancer, women aged 40-69 receive mammography every two years; for cervical cancer, women aged 30-65 receive HPV testing every five years; and for colorectal cancer, men and women aged 50-70 receive fecal occult blood testing every two years.”

“AWARENESS TRULY SAVES LIVES”

Concluding her statements, Elkin emphasized the importance of public awareness and summarized the core message of cancer prevention:

“The fight against cancer does not begin after the disease appears but before it occurs. Regular check-ups, participation in screening programs, and access to accurate information are the cornerstones of this effort. Cancer is not destiny. With awareness, early diagnosis, and prevention, the course of this disease can be changed. Because awareness truly saves lives.”

ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATES IN THE LAUNCH OF THE 6TH NATIONAL CULINARY CAMP

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) was represented at the launch meeting of the 6th National Culinary Camp, an important nationwide event in the field of gastronomy and culinary arts. The meeting, organized under the leadership of ASOMDER, was attended by Assoc. Prof. Serdar Egeli, Secretary-General of IGU, and Lect. Ibrahim Levent Demirçakmak from the Gelişim Vocational School.

POTENTIAL COLLABORATIONS DISCUSSED

As part of the launch meeting, IGU Secretary General Assoc. Prof. Serdar Egeli met with Berker Çiftçi, President of ASOMDER (Mengen School of Culinary Arts Alumni Association) and Lecturer at Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University. The discussion focused on culinary education, current sectoral needs, and potential university-industry collaboration projects.

A SECTOR-ORIENTED CONTRIBUTION APPROACH

During the meeting, participants exchanged ideas on cultivating qualified human resources, expanding applied training opportunities, and developing joint initiatives in the field of gastronomy. Emphasis was placed on the importance of establishing sustainable collaborations with sectoral stakeholders in line with IGU's educational vision.