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International Delegation visits to Koç University

Welcoming the first Al-Ghurair STEM Scholars at Koç University
Dear Partners and Students,

Dean of Students Office reflects our commitment to enrich the lives and experiences of our students with the collaboration of the Office of International Programs (OIP) that creates opportunities for KU students and students from all around the world to experience internationalization. Internationalization is right at the heart of Koç University’s general strategy and OIP plays a crucial role to realize this goal. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to further explore OIP and its activities for the last six months of 2017. I encourage everyone to learn more about what makes Koç University such an amazing place to study, learn, educate, and experience.

Warmest Regards,

Dr. Bilgen Bilgin
Dean of Students

Dear Colleagues,

Office of International Programs (OIP) of Koç University is proud to present its second issue newsletter of 2017. OIP is dedicated to supporting and enabling cross cultural experiences and enterprises, promoting study abroad, creating valuable ties with esteemed institutions, supporting international social innovation and service learning, adopting practices to support internationalization at home efforts, and acting as a liaison to the University for international students and scholars. This newsletter aims to provide you the latest news on OIP’s internationalization efforts and we hope you will enjoy reading it and share it with your community.

Best Wishes,

Burcu Sarsılmaz
Director
Erasmus+ Funding Successes
Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility

We are proud to announce that Koç University has successfully received the highest funding in Turkey for Erasmus+ KA107: International Credit Mobility Program to support incoming and outgoing mobilities with our respective partners.

Our project will enable us to exchange students, staff members between KU and our 23 prestigious partner institutions in 18 countries with 602,815.11 € allocated grant for KU out of 4,477,395.36 € given to Turkey in total.

We encourage our students and staff members not to miss this opportunity!

Grant category:
Erasmus+ KA203 - Strategic Partnerships for higher education

Project period:
October 2, 2017–October 1, 2019

Project partners:
Koç University (Turkey), Gaziantep University (Turkey), Humboldt University (Germany), Erasmus University of Rotterdam (Netherlands), Universidade Aberta (Portugal), University of Bologna (Italy)

This project aims to foster a more peaceful generation in Europe and in Turkey that approaches migrants with positive attitudes to tackle prejudices, discrimination and racism, and to promote social inclusion through intercultural communication, interaction and empathy. This project will be complementary to previously EU funded projects that aimed to foster peacebuilding and conflict resolution activities by targeting university students in some key European countries where racial, ethnic, cultural and migration-related conflicts have begun to take a worrying prominence.

The project also aims to achieve this objective via an international peace dialogue campus network of university students, led by 24 “Peace Envoys” that will be trained for 2 years in the Peacemakers Project to develop their problem solving, critical thinking, collaborative working and conflict resolution skills through rigorous academic preparation, experiential education and leadership development.

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This fall semester the university welcomed the first cohort of 10 students from Syria, Egypt, Algeria, Palestine and Jordan who were selected as the Koç University Al-Ghurair STEM Scholars. The students have now started their undergraduate and master courses in different fields of sciences and engineering at the university and had a full orientation week organized by the Program Coordinator, Mr. Ahmad Ismail and the Abdulla Al-Ghurair Foundation for Education representative Ms. Rawan Yasmin.

The Al Ghurair STEM Scholars Program targets high-achieving students who are in need of financial support to embark on their education journey. It offers scholarships towards tuition and other university expenses and aims to ensure that all its scholars receive quality academic advising and career counselling, as well as opportunities to access community service and internships in their career fields.

More information can be requested from agfe@ku.edu.tr and through http://www.alghurairfoundation.org/en/content/stem-scholars.
Koç University Presence Oversees

**Koç University delegates @ International Fairs and Conferences**

NAFSA 2017 Conference and Exhibition

Burcu Sarıslımaz, Director of International Programs, and Sedef Erçetin, Team Leader of Exchange Programs & Partnerships attended the NAFSA 2017 Annual Conference & Expo in LA, USA.

The theme of the conference was Expanding Community Strengthening Connections. Participants could attend a great number of sessions, but also the plenary addresses were exciting to listen. One of the keynote speakers was Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Koç University have organized a breakfast reception for the third time with the ITRU group university members for common university partners on May 31, 2017 at the JW Marriot Hotel in LA to increase the visibility of Turkish Higher Education and engagement with the partner and potential partner institutions. More than 100 university representatives attended to the breakfast, which made it the most crowded ITRU event of the past three years. The Turkish Consul General of Los Angeles Raife Gulru Gezer gave the opening speech of the event before the short presentation of the group universities.

Law Schools Global League Annual Meetings took place between 18-20 July 2017 at ITAM, Mexico City.

ITAM also hosted the League’s Summer School with participation of 33 students from member schools between 10-21 July 2017.

Each year the League organizes Deans Meeting, Academic Conference and Administrative Meeting at a member institution. And the first LSGL Award Ceremony was organized by the host institution, ITAM.

Burcu Sarıslımaz, Director of International Programs, and Sedef Erçetin, Team Leader of Exchange Programs and Partnerships also attended to the LSGL Annual Meeting with Koç University School of Law.

Preceding to this meeting, they also visited our partner, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Campus Monterrey, and had fruitful discussions with the colleagues from the International Office and Business School.

PIM Conference

The PIM Conference was represented by Ms. Basak Yalman, Academic Programs Manager of Graduate School of Business and Ms. Sedef Erçetin, Team Leader of Exchange Programs and International Partnerships during the 44th Partnership in International Management (PIM) Conference hosted by The Coller School of Management at Tel Aviv University. The conference took place between October 16 and 18, 2017. Koç University Graduate School of Business is the only member of the prestigious PIM network from Turkey.

Munich Technical University Visit

The TUM Partner Days 2017 took place from 28.06-30.06.2017. They were held under the motto “30 years of ERAMUS” this year. Representatives from around 50 partner universities from all over the world got to know the TUM in a two-day program and presented their study and research program at the student fair. Sedef Erçetin Gencosmanoglu, Team Leader of Exchange Programs and International Partnerships, represented Koç University during this event.

**EAIE 2017 Conference and EXPO**

The 29th Annual EAIE Conference and Exhibition took place from 12–15 September 2017 at the Seville Conference and Exhibition Centre (FIBES). More than 6000 participants from 95 countries attended to this conference.

Koç University was represented by Dr. Bilgen Bilgin, Burcu Sarıslıma, Director of International Programs, and Sedef Erçetin, Team Leader of Exchange Programs and Partnerships at this conference. They also had a Happy Hour reception with ITRU member universities for partner institutions.

EAIE Sessions:

EAIE Conference in Sevilla was very productive for Koç University team in many ways. In addition to showcasing Koç University along with other leading research universities at the exhibition hall, and having productive meetings with partner universities, Director of the Office of International Programs, Mrs. Burcu Sarıslıma, presented two sessions. Session titled “University programmes for refugees: learning from one another” was presented with colleagues from Central European University (Hungary) and George Washington University (USA). The other session titled “Managing study abroad programmes in the era of global terrorism” was also presented with a colleague from KU Leuven FEB. Both session were well received by the audience and hosted engaging discussions.
IEASA 2017 Conference, Durban South Africa

Academics, professionals and practitioners from Africa and all over the world came together at the 20th Annual Conference of the International Education Association of South Africa (IEASA) at the Southern Sun Elangeni and Maharani Hotel in Durban, South Africa, from 23-25 August 2017. Through its conference and other activities, IEASA provided a forum for educators and administrators committed to the internationalization of higher education as an excellent opportunity for experienced participants to network, explore different aspects of international education, and apprise themselves of recent developments, often leading to new initiatives.

Sedef Ercetin, Team Leader of Exchange Programs and Partnerships, from Koç University gave a speech on Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility and Non-traditional exchange destinations with Mrs. Huba Boshof, Manager of the Center for Academic Partnerships and Internationalization, from Stellenbosch University during IEASA International Education Association of South Africa conference held in Durban, South Africa.

Our Incoming Exchange Advisor Ms. Arzu Yılmaz and External Affairs Specialist Mr. Ayhan Şeker visited ADA University in May to meet potential students who are planning to study at Koç University through Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM) Program. They met student and answered their questions prior to their studies at Koç University in the Fall semester. Thus, students had the chance to meet the incoming exchange advisor beforehand in person and gained more insight into Koç University. They also met ADA Office of International Programs and gave them detailed information about Erasmus+ ICM process.

In October, Incoming Exchange Advisor Ms. Arzu Yılmaz and International Marketing & Project Specialist Mrs. Rena Polat Korkmaz from OIP team attended to the Study Abroad Fair for the second time. They met American University of Beirut students planning to go on an exchange through Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM) Program and answered their questions about Koç University Erasmus+ grants.

Our Global Engagement Manager Ms. Melissa Abache and Incoming Exchange Advisor Ms. Arzu Yılmaz also visited the Turkish Embassy in Beirut and had a fruitful discussion with The Consul General Sencer Yondem about increasing academic and collaborative partnerships among Lebanese and Turkish HEIs.

Visit to ADA University, Azerbaijan

Visit to American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Promoting Turkish Higher Education all over the World

Between September and November 2017 the Global Recruitment Team travelled to 13 cities in Europe, Asia and the Middle East to provide information and advice to students looking for bachelor, master and PhD programs in Turkey and at Koç University. The team participated in student fairs, school and university visits and meetings with key stakeholders in each country. Here are some pictures of our trips and keep an eye out on our country visits calendar to check if we’ll be visiting your city later this year so we can meet! Enquiries on this matter should be directed to study@ku.edu.tr and you can also follow the team on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

University of Lausanne

Staff Week of the University of Lausanne was held on June 27-30, 2017. The content of the staff week focused on providing better understanding of Swiss Mobility Program and opportunities both for students and staff. During the program the participants had a chance to visit and learn more about the different departments of University of Lausanne, e.g. UNIL Equal Opportunities Office. The Research Platform on Sports, Ms. Ezgi Erdem. Exchange Programs (Outgoing) and Partnerships Specialist, represented Koç University during this event.

University of Jordan

The staff week was organized by University of Jordan between October 15- October 19, 2017. The staff week was focused on the theme of Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility. During the week, number of presentations, the best practices and challenges were discussed for Erasmus+ ICM program. The participants had a chance to discover and get to know the education system and extra-curriculum activities at University of Jordan. Ms. Ezgi Erdem. Exchange Programs (Outgoing) and Partnerships Specialist, represented Koç University during this event and gave a presentation on Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility Projects and Funding.
Summer 2017 was definitely a busy one for our Pakistani graduate students. They worked hard at their labs all summer and they played hard to win their cricket games. Students made up teams for a summer tournament that lasted for a month. The games were played at Sariyer stadium due to closure of the outdoor field on our campus. Games started in late July and ran through mid-August so the winners’ award ceremony could coincide with Pakistan’s Independence Day (August 14th.) Winning teams and team captains received trophies from KU President Professor Umran İnan and Pakistani Consulate General of Istanbul Dr. Yusuf Junaid on that very day. Both gave brief speeches before the award ceremony reiterating the importance of collaboration between KU and Pakistani Higher Education Commission for the postgraduate education of Pakistani students and scholars. Pakistani Student Association president Muhammad Anwar Nazeer also made remarks about how grateful they are as a student community and feel embraced at KU. Vice President Professor Aksun, Professor İsmail Lazoğlu (CE), and Professor Levent Demirel (GSSE Director) also congratulated Pakistani students with brief speeches.

Pakistani Students’ Cricket Tournament Award Ceremony on the National Day

Welcome to all new international faculty at ELC.

Picture from our International Community Office’s welcome day. Following a welcome meeting at ELC department, New ELC instructors joined our ICO coordinator Mert Sanivar for a campus tour, and OIP sponsored shopping trip.

International Faculty Welcome Day & Shopping Trip

This fall our International Community Office (ICO) ran the orientation program for newly admitted graduate students, in conjunction with graduate schools on behalf of Dean of Students. Since ICO’s new assignment by Dean of Students at the end of Spring semester, ICO made rearrangements to offer a more efficient orientation experience for new graduate students. Some of the outstanding new additions to the program were comprehensive pre-arrival message (information for all graduate schools, registrar’s, international student advisory) RSVP for the welcome/breakfast session, current students’ panel & discussion). VPRD Professor İrşadi Aksun gave an inspiring speech this semester again. Professor Aksun stressed the value of the very opportunity our graduate students hold by being admitted to study here and what kind of challenges and rewards are ahead of them in their journey. Also each graduate school coordinator came up to the podium to bid welcome to participants and introduce themselves.

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Being an International Student at Koç University, Mustasim Azhar

Mustasim (Pakistan) is a Kofi Anan Business School scholar studying Masters in International Management (MIM) at the Koç Graduate School of Business. He recently won the CEMS Startup Challenge in Budapest where students from top business schools across the world participated and will soon bring to market the idea that revolutionizes public transportation. “The life at Koç can be summarized by one word: opportunities. Apart from the awe-inspiring campus, learned faculty, intellectual student body, by virtue of being the premier university of Turkey, Koç has a lot of opportunities to offer to its students, allowing them to pursue interest they could not before. And that is something I utilized during my time at Koç. The opportunities range from academic to the social sphere. From career development to student trips. From business competitions to learning a new musical instrument, the university offers it all. If you have an idea, say relating to making a social impact, there is so much guidance and support available for developing it. There are collaborations with industry leaders like Siemens that allow you to learn hand-on from the practical experiences of experienced professionals. Furthermore, the research centers are conducting world-leading research and working along with such professors offers so much value for one’s academic and personal grooming. These are just a handful of areas that I personally had a chance to experience. There are plenty more, waiting for you to explore.”

OIP’s International Community Office Welcomes Incoming Graduate Class of Fall 2017

International Community at Home

Koç University Office Of International Programs Newsletter

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I have been amazed by beautiful Istanbul from the moment I arrived. Entering the main campus, I felt overwhelmed, coming from the small country the Netherlands, I had never seen such a big and extensive campus before. My favorite course has been Turkish Society, which I find very interesting considering Turkey's big history and changing political climate.

Minalè Nouri, Erasmus University College

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Every Exchange Has a Story!

Outgoing Students

Experiencing Diversity

My days in Paris and at Sciences Po Paris were full of experiences and everyday was full of surprises. The city was a festival in all means of the word and the school of Sciences Po widened my horizon and allowed me to observe and look at the events discussed in class differently.

Defne Kocadayı
Science Po, France

I have had the chance to meet hundreds of students from all over the world while I was living in the Netherlands. The Erasmus+ programme increased my social and language skills. This experience also gave me the opportunity to look at life from different perspectives and definitely improved me as a person.

Doruk Akal
University of Groningen, Netherlands

Living in Spain was my childhood dream and thanks to Erasmus programme it was a great opportunity to make my dreams come true. It was a great experience for me that I want to live and never forget. In 4 months, I learned a lot lessons. I met several people from different countries and cultures. I discovered myself, my limits and see what I can do and what I cannot.

Merve Sözen
IE University, Spain

I attended Radboud University Summer School in the summer of 2017. All in all, my experience in Radboud was far better than I imagined. I made some very good friends. The courses I took were enriching and people I met were exciting.

Aybuke Naz Başaran
Radboud University, Netherlands

I have always wanted to visit Japan because I was already acquainted with Japanese culture through popular culture. Spending time abroad is a challenge that matures one’s self, helps raise empathy and creates a sense of respect for other cultures. I feel blessed to ever have a chance to experience this exchange semester and make friends that I know will last a lifetime.

Bensu Baran
Kyoto University, Japan
It had been a month since the exchange students arrived and we could not think of a better place to leave town for excursions: Cappadocia. We took a night bus from the campus and arrived at our first stop in the morning: Ihlara Valley. Ihlara Valley is a beautiful canyon near the mountains and has a lovely river to stop by and breathe in some fresh air. After enjoying some sun and exploring the valley, we went to Kaymaklı, which is a captivating underground town built by early settlers a thousand years ago. Kaymaklı has many tunnels along with caves, and each of them has a different story.

The next day we headed to Göreme Open-Air Museum, where you can find fairy chimneys, underground churches and caves. Again, we did not forget to take photos. Later on we had our dinner and proceeded to the Turkish Night. There was a magnificent Sema show, and then a belly dancing performance. We joined them on the dance floor and did all of the traditional Turkish dances.

On our last day, we got on the bus and visited an old Greek village, called Çavuşin. The village is one of the oldest in town. We had to hike to the top of the village for the view ahead of us. The view was totally worth it! It was already noon and this meant that we were about to leave for Istanbul. On our way back to Istanbul we stopped by a charming lake called the Salt Lake, which is the second largest lake in Turkey. All our exchange students and mentors had great time!

Omer Ucar, Incoming Exchange Mentor
There are resources available for Faculty and Staff members to experience the benefits of Erasmus+ job shadowing abroad.

Pelin Küney’s visit to American University of Beirut

It was a great professional experience to visit colleagues in a different environment and to have the chance to observe, ask, imagine and understand how my job is performed in another University. My hosting colleagues were extremely helpful; the program was thoroughly planned and every detail relating to my visit was well explained and structured, both at home and at my host institution, as well as in the procedural level. I am thankful for every counterpart who let me experience this amazing opportunity which allowed me to gain a more global perspective as a human, as well as a working professional.

Feriha Dur’s visit to Technical University of Munich

Participating in the Erasmus+ staff mobility at TUM (Technical University of Munich) was a great opportunity and pleasure for me to be exposed to different culture, people and system right there.

My visit to TUM was memorable experience, where I enjoyed meeting nice staff there and exploring enticing culture, people and country. The University Library staff was very kind and open to share their knowledge about librarianship. It was a motivating new experience that I would definitely like to repeat again. Thanks to Koç University for this great opportunity.

Rena Polat Korkmaz’s visit to American University of Beirut

I participated to Erasmus+ Staff Exchange Program at American University of Beirut. The university’s campus is astonishing. It was a great opportunity for me to gain enhanced intercultural understanding and building new co-operations with colleagues. It also gave me opportunity to broaden my knowledge in the field of international marketing, as well as a great opportunity to present and promote Koç University to the students and staff members at AUB.

Ribal Nouwayhed’s visit to Koç University Hospital

It was a great experience to visit wonderful country Turkey and have this efficient experience at Koç University’s hospital. I would like to thank all the colleagues for their generous help and patience in giving me information. I felt the love and friendship that they have although it was just for couple of days but I felt like I have known the colleagues at the hospital for a long time. Will keep in touch best team and wonderful people!

Ribal Nouwayhed,
American University of Beirut
International Special Projects

KU organized a special summer program on "International Migration and the Crisis" for the second time this year. For the last two summers, this program received great interest from students worldwide!

In addition to an interactive and discussion-based class environment, this program also provides the students with field trips to neighborhoods where immigrants reside in large numbers and operate small businesses in Istanbul, and a chance to do voluntary service learning work in NGOs working with asylum seekers and refugees in Istanbul. The students also have a chance to attend some seminars of the summer school of the Migration Research Center of Koç University (MiReKoç).

"The program brought together local students with attendees of various backgrounds, from all over the globe, who had some stake or interest in topics around migration. The class was well-structured and ably taught by Professor Doğuş Şimşek, and provided a sweeping overview of the field of migration studies. The program also involved regular field trips to sites of interest around Istanbul, perhaps the world capital of migration, and an invitation to a conference on migration and securitization. I met fascinating people and came out with a sense of what we’re talking about when we talk about forced migration in Turkey."

Angel, Northwestern University

"The immigration summer program at Koç university was a great experience. The combination of classes, invited speakers, and field trips provided me with a broad understanding of the situation of refugees in Turkey. I highly recommend this program for anyone who is interested in learning about forced migration in Turkey."

Helen, Graduate, Yale University

The 6th Annual Peacemakers Conference and Workshop was organized jointly by the Office of International Programs (OIP) of the Migration Research Center at Koç University (MiReKoç). The Conference took place on July 8 at the Pera Museum Auditorium and the ensuing Workshop on July 9 – 11, 2017 on the Main Campus of Koç University in Istanbul.

This year’s Peacemakers Conference and Workshop series juxtaposed discussions on the recent waves of migration with the rising political populism in the world, and questioned how domestic and international politics interact around the topic of migration. The Conference hosted internationally renowned scholars as speakers and provided the audience with an interactive ground for questions and discussion. The ensuing 3-day workshop brought together 20 selected participants ranging from masters and PhD students to NGO representatives.

Social Innovation Initiatives by OIP

OIP’s Global Learning and Leadership Program (GLLP) has recruited 5th cohort of student group. GLLP is a co-curricular program for Koç University undergraduate students to complement their academic studies with a “hands-on” approach.

GLLP is a three-year immersive learning journey with an innovative curriculum that includes credit-bearing courses, workshops, talks, retreats, service-learning programs, capstone projects and internships. The program consists of three stages, where a student’s progress is measured by their active involvement.

In August 2017, a group of Koç University students joined 10 day long Designing for Social Innovation and Leadership Program in Bali, Indonesia as part of GLLP.

"We engaged with many communities in Bali, listened their stories and tried to have an understanding of their communities’ challenges. It was a great learning experience because I practiced my personal leadership skills."

Defne Pırıldar, Changemaker GLLP
Koç University offers opportunities for Incoming Faculty and Staff Exchange Programs. Individuals interested in an Erasmus+ Staff Exchange (teaching or training) at Koç University are possible for Staff or Faculty members from European Universities and also from our ICM Partner Universities. Details are announced on our website. Please click here to read Staff Mobility Information for Erasmus+ K107 and Erasmus+ K103 that covers all information needed while applying for an exchange at Koç University.

Looking for a Project Partner?

Koç University OIP would be happy to take part in your projects (i.e. Erasmus+ Youth, Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships, etc.). Please contact OIP Director Mrs. Burcu Sarsilmaz (bsarsilmaz@ku.edu.tr) if you are looking for a partner in Turkey.

Summer Exchange at Koç University
(26 June – 6 August 2017)

This year Summer Exchange Program created a rewarding summer experience for students coming from both partner and non-partner universities in 2017 summer. It combined high-quality courses with the opportunity for students to participate in local activities that enabled them to gain insight into Turkish culture in Istanbul.

The program started with a social and cultural orientation week featuring numerous outdoor and indoor activities and enriching the academic framework of the program. Personal guidance by students’ mentors, academic advisors, excellent professors, and cultural activities provided a lasting experience for exchange students. More information can be found on program’s web page.

Application and nomination period will be open for 2018 Summer Term. Interested universities can contact Ms. Arzu Yilmaz, program advisor at arzuyilmaz@ku.edu.tr for further details.

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