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CAMPAIGN



IAU Anadolu BİL Vocational School Launches a Book Donation Campaign, Bringing Hope to Village Schools.

Anadolu BİL Vocational School has taken a meaningful step within the framework of the “Village Schools Project,” carried out by the Anadolu Culture and Education Foundation. As part of the university-wide book donation campaign, students and academic staff responded with remarkable sensitivity, collecting thousands of books in a short period of time.

The collected books were prepared for delivery to the libraries of village schools located across various regions of Türkiye. The primary objective of the project is to facilitate access to books for students in rural areas and to foster their love of reading while strengthening their motivation to learn.

In their official statement, the administration of Anadolu BİL Vocational School emphasized:

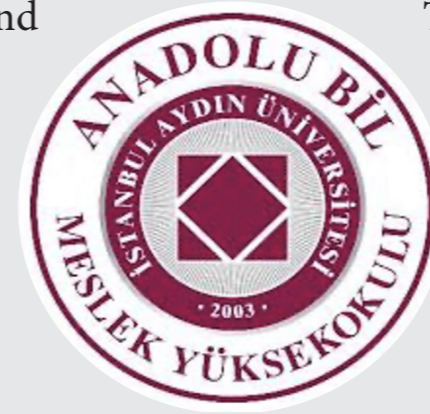
“Ensuring equal opportunities in edu-

cation and supporting access to knowledge for the children who will shape our future are among our core responsibilities.

The collective effort demonstrated throughout this campaign once again proves how strongly our students embrace social awareness and a culture of sharing.”

During the campaign, not only course textbooks but also children’s books, literary works, and personal development titles were donated. In this way, the initiative aimed to provide students in village schools with a resource pool that enriches them both academically and culturally.

Anadolu BİL Vocational School continues to lead not only in academic excellence but also in promoting social awareness and solidarity through such social responsibility initiatives. Every book collected will broaden the horizons of a student and illuminate the library of a village school with knowledge.



PRESS



Dr. Öğretim Üyesi Güven Özdemir

Dr. Güven Özdemir Gives a Statement to Anadolu Agency Reporter Hikmet Faruk Başer on Istanbul's Recent Rainfall

Istanbul experiences the driest summer in the last 65 years

While summer precipitation across Türkiye decreased by 53 percent compared with long-term averages, Istanbul also witnessed the driest summer recorded in the past 65 years.

According to data compiled by an Anadolu Agency correspondent from the Turkish State Meteorological Service, the long-term average summer rainfall (1991–2020) in Türkiye is 64 millimeters. This summer, 30 millimeters of rainfall were recorded nationwide, compared with 58.4 millimeters during last year's summer.

Thus, summer precipitation across Türkiye decreased by 53 percent relative to long-term averages and by 49 percent compared with the same period last year.

The rainfall observed this summer remained below both regional norms and last year's levels. The Marmara and Black Sea regions experienced the driest summer in 65 years, while the Mediterranean and Central Anatolia regions recorded their lowest levels in 17 years. The Aegean region witnessed the lowest precipitation of the past 16 years.

Although rainfall exceeded seasonal norms in certain areas such as Denizli, parts of southern and western Muğla, and around

Mersin and Karaman precipitation decreased across almost the entire remainder of the country.

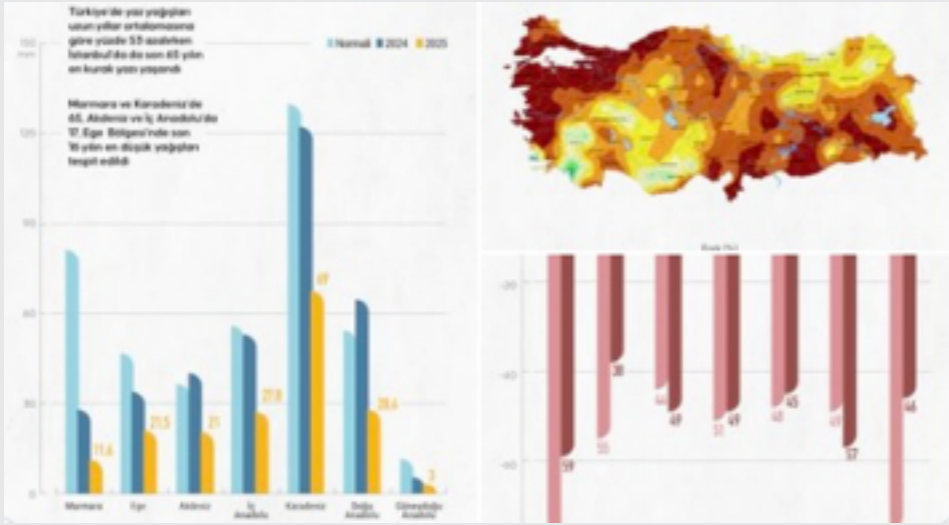
The reduction in rainfall surpassed 80 percent in large parts of the Marmara, Aegean, and Southeastern Anatolia regions, as well as most of the Western Black Sea sub-region.

Trabzon received rainfall close to its seasonal norms during the summer; all other provinces recorded decreases compared with long-term averages.

The provinces experiencing the greatest reductions in rainfall were Çanakkale with 93 percent, Bilecik with 92 percent, İzmir with 91 percent, and Istanbul with 90 percent below normal levels.

Summer precipitation reached the lowest levels of the past 65 years in the following provinces: Amasya, Bartın, Bilecik, Bursa, Çanakkale, Düzce, Edirne, Istanbul, İzmir, Karabük, Kastamonu, Kocaeli, Malatya, Sakarya, Sinop, Tekirdağ, Yalova, and Zonguldak.





“We May Face Serious Challenges in Our Water Resources”

Dr. Güven Özdemir, a meteorological engineer at Istanbul Aydın University, told the Anadolu Agency correspondent that Türkiye is typically under the influence of high-pressure systems during the summer months, which leads to prolonged periods of

clear and hot weather.

Although occasional local showers occur, the overall pattern reflects widespread drought. Dr. Özdemir stated:

“Compared with seasonal norms, the Marmara Region received less rainfall. Nearly all areas in the Black Sea Region saw a decline in precipitation, with the exception of the eastern part. The Mediterranean and Aegean regions experienced a significantly dry season.”

Dr. Özdemir noted that the increasing severity of drought each year is primarily driven by fossil fuel consumption, population

growth, the expansion of urban heat islands, and global warming.

Dr. Özdemir drew attention to the decline in Istanbul’s dam occupancy rates, which have dropped to around 29 percent, and warned:

“Most of the dams in the Aegean Region and around Bursa are on the verge of drying up. If we do not receive sufficient rainfall this winter, we may face serious shortages in our water resources.”

He noted that the Southeastern Anatolia Region received almost no precipitation throughout the summer and that Central Anatolia experienced only brief and localized showers in limited areas.

Dr. Özdemir emphasized that in the Mediterranean and Aegean regions, high temperatures—combined with warm air masses arriving from the African and Arabian Peninsulas—intensified evaporation. He added that the lack of rainfall rapidly depleted water resources.

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COOPERATION



Online International Cooperation Meeting Held between the ABMYO International Development, Monitoring, and Steering Commission and Middle East College, OMAN International Collaboration Was Established With Middle East College, OMAN.

An online meeting was held between Istanbul Aydın University and Middle East College OMAN with the aim of fostering scientific collaboration and knowledge exchange. The meeting was attended by Instructor Fatemeh Khosravi Purian and Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz from the ABMYO International Development, Monitoring, and Steering Commission, and by Dr. Harith Al Jahwari representing Middle East College OMAN.

The agenda of the meeting included discussions on technical cooperation initiatives, the exchange

of faculty members and students, and the development of joint projects in artificial intelligence as well as other engineering and academic fields.

Conducted in a positive and constructive atmosphere, the meeting was an important step toward expanding scientific and research collaborations between the two institutions. These discussions are expected to contribute to the development of joint projects, enhance academic and research standards in the relevant fields, and support the successful continuation of future collaborations.

COOPERATION

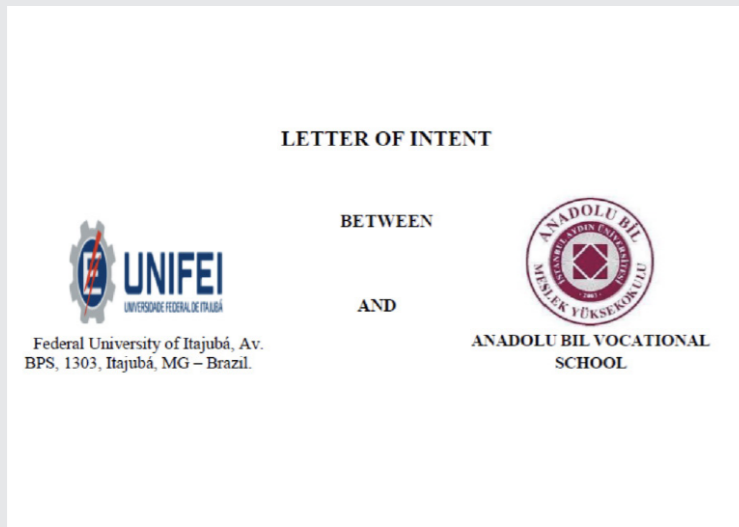


Online International Cooperation Meeting Held between the ABMYO International Development, Monitoring, and Steering Commission and the American University in the Emirates International Collaboration with the American University in the Emirates

An online meeting was held between Istanbul Aydın University and the American University in the Emirates with the aim of promoting scientific collaboration and knowledge exchange. The meeting was attended by Instructor Fatemeh Khosravi Purian and Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz from the ABMYO International Development, Monitoring, and Steering Commission, and by Dr. Zulafa Al Katib, Prof. Ablihasha Singh, and Prof. Sameh Ghawanmeh

representing the American University in the Emirates. During the meeting, the participants discussed technical cooperation initiatives, the exchange of faculty members and students, and the development of joint projects in artificial intelligence, as well as other engineering and academic fields. Held in a positive and constructive atmosphere, the meeting constituted an important step toward expanding scientific and research collaborations between the two universities.

COOPERATION



Cooperation Protocol Signed Between the Federal University of Brazil and ABMYO International Collaboration with the Federal University of Brazil

Through the efforts of Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz and Instructor Fatma Khosravi Purian, an academic and scientific cooperation protocol (MoU) has been signed between the Federal University of Brazil and ABMYO (European Vocational School). The purpose of this agreement is to promote joint efforts in education,

research, and academic exchange between the two institutions, to develop collaborative projects, and to organize international scientific events.

This cooperation is considered a significant step that strengthens our university's international relations while fostering research activities and the exchange of knowledge.

Tour Guiding Program

CONFERENCE



Program Chair of Tour Guiding, Gözde Özdemir Uçgun, Participated in USBED and Served as Session chair.

Participation in USBED

Dr. Gözde Özdemir Uçgun, Program Chair of the Tour Guiding Department at Istanbul Aydın University, attended the 5th International Conference on Social Sciences Education (USBED) on 17–18 October 2025 upon the invitation of Prof. Aytekin Demircioğlu.

USBED, for which she also serves on the scientific committee, welcomed 190 participants from 25 countries this year, with a total

of 108 presentations delivered.

Istanbul Gelisim University hosted the conference. In the session chaired by Dr. Gözde Özdemir Uçgun, participants from seven different countries presented their papers both in person and online.

The congress concluded with a certificate ceremony followed by a Bosphorus tour.

PRESENTATION



Participation in an International Conference

Instructor Kübra Çelik Kılıç from the Tour Guiding Program presented her paper titled “The Importance of Digital Museums and Metaverse Applications in Tourism” at the International Business and Social Sciences Conference (IBASCON) held in 2025.

Child Development Program

EVENT



Child Development Program Students Visit the Dialogue Museum... Where There Is Dialogue, There Is No Darkness!

As part of the Special Education-I course, Instructor Aksel Kahraman led students from the Child Development Program on a technical visit to the Dialogue Museum on October 13, 2025, inspired by the principle, “The path to learning is through encounter.” The visit offered students the experience of dialogue in complete darkness and silence.

The Istanbul Dialogue Museum fosters communication between individuals with and without disabilities by dismantling barriers of prejudice. In this entirely dark and sound-isolated environment, which

recreates various slices of life, participants are encouraged to reflect on topics such as others, unbiased communication, and active listening, and to take meaningful action afterwards.

The experience aims to dismantle all prejudices against disadvantaged individuals, instill respect, foster social creativity, and transform differences into enriching assets. It also supports participants in overcoming personal fears and achieving self-realization, contributing to the aspiration for a more participatory and inclusive society.

EVENT



Students from the Child Development Program are participating in an event at the Dialogue Museum.

“Play and Apply Project for Children”

The “Play and Apply Project for Children,” carried out by our university’s founding foundation, AKEV, is coordinated by Instructor Tuğba Eryiğit and involves the participation of our program students. Every Tuesday, the Yeşilköy Child Protection Institution hosts the project for two hours.

Each week, themes are selected according to the needs of the children, and various activities are implemented to support both their well-being and academic development.

EVENT



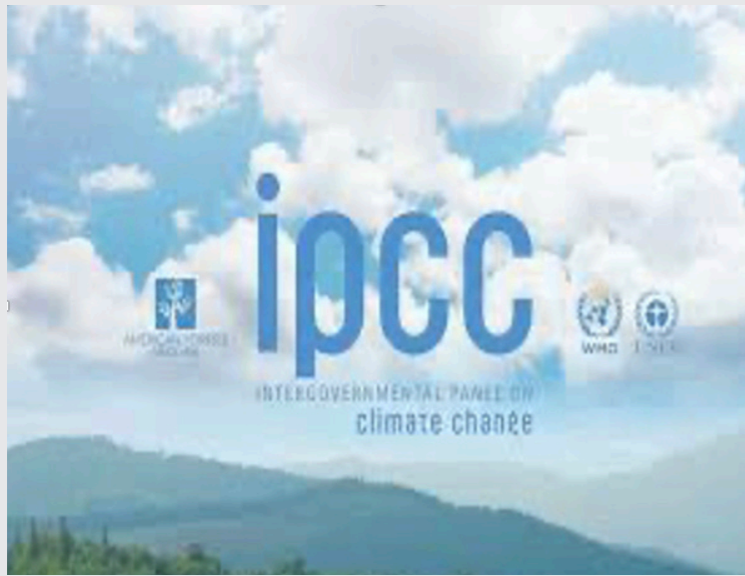
One Day a Week at University

As part of the “One Day a Week at University” program, conducted by our university’s founding foundation, AKEV, our students Şevval, Ali, and Semih attend the classes of Instructors Tuğba Eryiğit and Aksel Kahraman as guest students.

Each week, Şevval engages in various creative activities that help develop her thinking and psychomotor skills, while also providing opportunities to socialize with our students. Ali and Semih design different materials each week, producing various items and likewise interacting with our students.



ACADEMIC WORK



Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz will serve as an expert on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Reports.

Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz from the International Trade (English) Program has earned the opportunity to contribute as an expert to reports prepared by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Established in 1988 by two United Nations organizations, the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme, the

IPCC assesses the risks of climate change caused by human activities.

The IPCC informs governments about the current state of knowledge regarding climate change by reviewing all relevant scientific literature. We anticipate that Instructor Korkmaz's contributions to this review process will significantly enhance the field.

WEBINAR



EU COST Action CircularB Webinar

Our International Academic Coordinator, Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz (International Trade English), participated in the EU COST Action Circular B webinar organized by Ulster University (Ireland) on October 24, 2025. The webinar featured a presentation by Moses

Itanola, a member of the CircularB network, offering a new perspective on the circular economy. During this session, Instructor Korkmaz connected with numerous participants and took significant steps toward fostering collaborative initiatives on behalf of our university.

EVENT



The Ethics and Animal Rights Club Organized a Charity Fair

The Ethics and Animal Rights Club, guided by Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz (International Trade English), organized a charity fair on 24 October 2025 to continue their efforts to bring hope to animals living on the

streets.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our dear students, club members, our advisor Prof. Dr. Mine Ergüven, all participants, and everyone who contributed to this meaningful initiative.

WORKSHOP



Workshop Organized in Collaboration with Taylor & Francis and Cost Academy

Our International Academic Coordinator, Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz (International Trade – English), participated in the “Tips for Peer Review” workshop on 21 October 2025, organized in collaboration with Taylor & Francis and Cost Academy, bringing together participants and researchers from multiple countries.

- This 90-minute interactive workshop included:
- The workshop began with a brief overview of the history of peer review.

- The workshop also provided an overview of various open peer review models.

- We will examine a case study that pertains to the open peer review process of Open Research Europe.

Participants engage in a hands-on analysis of actual open peer review reports.

It is believed that this meeting will be beneficial for the internationalization of our university and AnadoluBİL Vocational School, as well as for enhancing our academic literacy.

EVENT



Success of International Trade (English) Program Students in the DGS Exam!

Our students from the International Trade (English) Program have achieved remarkable success in the DGS (Vertical Transfer Exam). İlkay Yıldırım was admitted to the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Yıldız Technical University, while Süheyla Kaya and Volkan İkizler were awarded full scholarships to the Departments of Business Administration and International Trade and Finance (English), respectively. Many of our other students

continue their studies through DGS with 50% scholarships or via open education programs. We are extremely proud of our students!

Students who were admitted to Yıldız Technical University, Department of Political Science and International Relations, led by Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz, organized an informational event on 26 October 2025 to share their experiences and provide guidance to prospective candidates about the DGS process.

ACADEMIC WORK



Dr. Baran Tander served as an evaluator for MEDEK accreditation activities.

Dr. Baran Tander, a faculty member of the Electronics Technology Program, participated as an evaluator in the accreditation activities of the Electronics Technology Program at Gazi University, Technical Scien-

ces Vocational School, conducted under MEDEK from 6 to 8 October 2025. He joined the evaluation team on on-site visits to assess the program's compliance with accreditation standards.

Tourism and Hotel Management Program

COOPERATION



Collaboration Between the Tourism and Hotel Management Program and the I-MICE Association

As part of the Tourism and Hotel Management Program, a meeting was held on 29 September 2025 with Işıl Özmen, Chair of the Board of I-MICE Association, and other board representatives. The meeting addressed key topics for 2026, including planning for the tourism summit, opportunities for students to meet industry leaders, certificate programs, and career day events in collaboration with our Career Center.

During the meeting, the possibility of establishing a mutual protocol was discussed to implement projects that contribute to students' professional development and ensure the sustainability of this collaboration.

We aimed to support our students' professional growth and set goals to deliver qualified contributions to the tourism sector through this discussion. The local press also covered the meeting.

EVENT



A New Club Established by Students in the Tourism and Hotel Management Program: The Tourism, Culture, and Travel Club

With the start of the 2025–2026 academic year, students from the ABMYO Tourism and Hotel Management Program established a new student club at our university. Named the “Tourism, Culture, and Travel Club,” the club attracted significant attention, reaching over 500 members in its first week. During their first event in October, the club

organized a Kıyıköy Camp tour for 30 participants.

The Tourism, Culture, and Travel Club was created as a platform to develop members’ awareness of tourism, promote cultural values, enhance social skills, and establish new collaborations in the tourism sector.

Fashion Design Program

EVENT



Inspiring Experience Sharing by Our Graduate

Begüm Demirel, a graduate of the Fashion Design Program and founder of the “Begora” brand, shared her industry experiences with current students. Instructor Gülgün Tekin led the meeting within the Accessory Design course. During the session, Begüm De-

mirel described her journey from the design process to building a brand identity.

Second-year students had the opportunity to acquire valuable information about current trends in the fashion industry and the brand creation process.

COOPERATION



Collaboration Meeting with the Fashion and Design Association

Instructors Gülgün Tekin and Aycan Öktem from the Fashion Design Program held a meeting with Hüseyin Kazıkaya, Chair of the Board of the Fashion and Design Association (MOTAD), regarding fabric sponsorships

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PANEL



Instructor Ergin Aydın Participates as Panelist in the "Unstitchable Industry" Panel

Instructor Ergin Aydın from Istanbul Aydın University Anadolu Bil Vocational School served as a panelist in the "Unstitchable Industry" panel, held as part of the Design Hub 2025: Next Station event organized by the Denizli Exporters' Association.

Moderated by Aslı Kasapoğlu, the panel brought together key industry representati-

ves, including Elvan Ünlütürk, Toygar Narbay, and Ergin Aydın, to discuss the current challenges, root causes, and potential solutions in the textile and fashion sector. Topics ranged from production culture and human resources to technology adaptation, sustainability, and brand transformation, drawing significant attention from attendees.

EVENT



Technical Visit: Zorlu Center Store Window Design

Students from the Fashion Design Program at Istanbul Aydın University Anadolu Bil Vocational School reinforced their theoretical knowledge with hands-on experience during a technical visit as part of the Visual Merchandising Techniques course. Guided by Instructor Aycan Öktem, students visited Zorlu Center Shopping Mall, exploring fundamental concepts such as “What is a window display?,” “What defines a store?,” and “What equipment

is used?” through real-life examples.

During the visit, students observed key elements including window design, store layout, visual coherence, brand identity, and customer perception. They also explored both local and international brands and learned about their branding stories. This experience enabled students to develop practical solutions for industry scenarios while enhancing their motivation and creativity.

EVENT



Knitting and Weaving Studios Renovated

The knitting and weaving studios within the Fashion Design Program have been renovated to support students’ hands-on learning experiences. These upgrades equipped the studios with modern machinery and tools to enhance educational quality and encourage active participation in production processes.

Warping and weaving machines previously located at Teknocenter were moved to the weaving studio for direct student use. This allows students to apply theoretical knowledge in practice and gain firsthand experience in the production process. The renovated studios underscore the Fashion Design Program’s commitment to practical education, providing students with a strong foundation as they prepare for careers in the industry.



PAPER PRESENTATION



Instructor Yılmaz Büyükkutlu Presents at International Conference

Instructor Yılmaz Büyükkutlu, Head of the Applied Russian Translation Program, participated in the International “2025 STAR Global Conference for Advancing Local Knowledge for a Brighter and Sustainable Future,” held at Istanbul Aydın University from October 8–14, 2025.

He presented his paper entitled “Discour-

se Analysis of Nonverbal Political Symbols in Historical, Cultural, and Political Contexts.” The panel looked at how the state emblem of the Russian Federation and political party logos are understood, exploring the historical, cultural, mythological, and political messages they send and how people think about them.

Mechanical Program

PROJECT



Two Undergraduate Scholars Join Projects Led by Dr. Utku Bulut Şimşek

Two undergraduate scholars from prominent universities in Turkey have joined projects led by Dr. Utku Bulut Şimşek within our university and the Vocational School as part of the TÜBİTAK 2247-C Star Scholarship Program.

Dr. Şimşek, Head of the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Technology and Operation Program at Anadolu BİL Vocational School, will

mentor the scholars as intern researchers over a six-month period. During this time, the scholars will conduct scientific research under academic supervision, contributing to ongoing projects and gaining hands-on experience in advanced UAV technologies.

SEMINAR



Dr. Utku Bulut Şimşek Delivers TÜBİTAK 2209 Project Writing and Information Seminar in Collaboration with the Technology Transfer Office

Dr. Utku Bulut Şimşek, Head of the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Technology and Operation Program at Anadolu BİL Vocational School, conducted a seminar on TÜBİ-

TAK 2209-A Project Writing and Information in collaboration with our university's Technology Transfer Office.

PROJECT



TÜBİTAK 1001 Project Approved with Dr. Utku Bulut Şimşek as Researcher

Dr. Utku Bulut Şimşek, Head of the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Technology and Operation Program at Anadolu BİL Vocational School, has been confirmed as a researcher for a TÜBİTAK

1001 project approved with a budget of 2,400,000 TRY. In this project, our academician will collaborate with Boğaziçi University and Iskenderun Technical University on joint research activities.

PROJECT




TÜBİTAK 3501 Career Development Program Project Approved, Led by Dr. Utku Bulut Şimşek

Dr. Utku Bulut Şimşek, Head of the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Technology and Operation Program at Anadolu BİL Vocational School, has been approved as the principal investigator of a TÜBİTAK 3501

Career Development Program project with a budget of 1,182,800TRY. Our academician has already initiated project activities within the vocational school.

PAPER



Q1 Makale Duyurusu

Makale Adı: **Novel Synthesis of Phosphorus-Doped Porous Carbons from Lotus Petiole Using Sodium Phytate for Selective CO₂ Capture**

Study, Co-Authored by Dr. Utku Bulut Şimşek The study was published in a Q1 journal that has an impact factor of 4.6.

Dr. Utku Bulut Şimşek, Head of the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Technology and Operation Program at Anadolu BİL Vocational School, contributed to a study published in *Molecules*, a Q1 category journal with an impact factor of 4.6.

PAPER



Q1 Makale Duyurusu

Makale Adı: **Boosting supercapacitor performance via flower-like Cu₂XSnS₄ (X = Mn, Co, Ni, Ba, Zn) chalcogenides: Solvothermal synthesis and charge storage behavior**

Study, Co-Authored by Dr. Utku Bulut Şimşek The study was published in a Q1 journal that has an impact factor of 9.7.

Dr. Utku Bulut Şimşek, Head of the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Technology and Operation Program at Anadolu BİL Vocational School, contributed to a study published in the *Journal of Colloid and Interface Science*, a Q1 category journal with an impact factor of 9.7.

PAPER



TÜBİTAK 2250 LİSANSÜSTÜ BURSLARI PERFORMANS PROGRAMI

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TÜBİTAK 2250 Lisansüstü Bursları Performans Programı 2025 Yılı 1. Çağrısı kapsamında ARDEB ve BİDEB projeleri ve uluslararası yayınlarda göstermiş olduğu başarı nedeniyle 100 puan üzerinden 100 puan olarak desteklenmeye hak kazanmıştır.

Dr. Utku Bulut Şimşek Awarded TÜBİTAK 2250 Graduate Scholarships Performance Program Support for 2nd Term of 2025

Dr. Utku Bulut Şimşek, Head of the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Technology and Operation Program at Anadolu BİL Vocational School, has been granted support by the TÜBİTAK 2250 Graduate Scholarships Performance Program for the second term of 2025. This recognition comes as a result of his outstanding performance in TÜBİTAK ARDEB and BİDEB projects as well as in international publications, earning a perfect score of 100 out of 100.

PAPER



Valuable Insights from Class A Occupational Safety Expert Emin Gülbaş for Our Students

Our university welcomed Class A Occupational Safety Expert Mr. Emin Gülbaş as a guest speaker during an event organized to enhance the professional knowledge and awareness of students in the Occupational Health and Safety Program.

Mr. Gülbaş shared valuable information on current practices in occupational health

and safety, the risks encountered in the service sector, and methods to mitigate them. During this productive training, our students not only reinforced their theoretical knowledge but also gained practical insights in the sector.

We sincerely thank Mr. Emin Gülbaş for his valuable contributions.