



**WE ARE PROUD AND THRILLED TO BE ADVANCING FOR
A CENTURY ON THE PATH LED BY THE GREAT LEADER
ATATÜRK, IN THE LIGHT OF THE REPUBLIC.**

As Koç Group, we believe that the best way to celebrate our Republic is through work, production and the achievement of excellence.

We continue, with the same determination, to serve with love and devotion for our country, to protect and defend the Republic entrusted to us by Atatürk, along with its principles and values, acting with the responsibility of carrying the values of the Republic to future generations.



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OUR FOUNDER



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I LIVE AND PROSPER WITH MY COUNTRY.

As long as
democracy exists
and thrives, so do
we.

We shall do
our utmost to
strengthen our
economy.

As our economy
prosper, so will
democracy and
our standing in the
world.

Vehbi Koç

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Believing that keeping a work alive is as crucial as bringing it into existence, we endeavor to ensure that our projects and the institutions we manage remain sustainable and relevant to the needs of the present day.



2023 was a momentous year in which we proudly and joyously celebrated the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Turkey.

The Republic is more than just a form of government for our country. It represents the profound vision of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and shapes the fundamental principles of our way of life. Let us never forget that the Republic, established as a project of civilization and enlightenment through advancements in education, science, arts, and culture, is both the cornerstone of our existence and achievements and our guiding light on the path to modernity.

Embracing the values of our Republic and dedicated to advancing its society, Vehbi Koç Foundation, inspired by the words of its esteemed founder Vehbi Koç, "I exist only if my country exists" continues to be a pioneer in the field of civil society and philanthropy, in addition to being the first private foundation of our country.

While this year has been most meaningful, it has sadly also been a year filled with profound and irreplaceable losses for our country. It has etched itself in our memories and hearts as

the year in which we endured the profound pain and socioeconomic consequences of the Kahramanmaraş earthquakes of 6 February 2023. In a process in which we once again understood the value of standing together as a society, we joined forces to heal the wounds of the disaster, even if just a little, and to support the resilience of the people in the region. In the aftermath of the devastating Gölcük earthquake of 1999, the Vehbi Koç Foundation Disaster Relief Fund was set up to support disaster victims across our country. In 2023, the Vehbi Koç Foundation Disaster Relief Fund and the Foundation's own resources were jointly mobilized to support the five provinces impacted by the Kahramanmaraş earthquakes. Donations made by Koç Group employees, which were also matched by their employers, are now being used to support the wellbeing of youngsters aged 0-18 living in the container-city Umut Kentler (Hope Towns) set up in Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Adıyaman, Malatya and İskenderun. Through our efforts, which we plan to continue for at least two years, we will continue to make a positive impact on the lives of thousands in the region.

Vehbi Koç Foundation's medical and healthcare auxiliaries are undertaking new initiatives to capitalize on the opportunities presented by current technology and scientific progress while increasing their presence in the healthcare sector. The Semahat Arsel Nursing Education, Practice, and Research Center (SANERC), the first of its kind in Turkey to offer post-graduate education for nurses, is an institution I am proud to have helped found. Over the past 30 years, we have trained nurses who have significantly elevated the status of the profession. I wish to reiterate my deep gratitude and respect for our nurses, who showed unparalleled devotion, especially in carrying out their noble mission in the aftermath of the February 6th earthquakes.

Drawing inspiration from Atatürk's words "The real strength and support of our nation is the power it derives from its own culture", we consistently maintain our support for culture and arts, expanding our efforts to protect all aspects of our cultural heritage from the traditional arts to the contemporary. We remain dedicated to our mission of honoring individuals and institutions which make substantial contributions to our social and economic progress and which enhance the quality of life with the annual presentation of the Vehbi Koç Award every year.

Chartered on 17 January 1969, Vehbi Koç Foundation completed its 55th year in service in 2023. The testament bequeathed to us by our founder Vehbi Koç detailing his reasons for setting up the foundation and his vision for its future remains our guiding light to this day. The Vehbi Koç Foundation is committed to fostering Turkey's development by building sustainable and replicable models in the essential areas of education, health, and culture through the institutions it oversees, the projects it supports, and the regular programs it implements. In the course of this journey spanning 55 years, our duty has always been-as we reaffirmed in our manifesto five years ago-"to put not only our hands but also our hearts into the work."

WE PERSISTENTLY STRIVE TO AMPLIFY OUR SOCIAL IMPACT. OUR GOAL IS TO EXEMPLIFY EXCELLENCE IN A MODERN TURKEY AND PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT ACROSS SOCIETY.

Believing that keeping a work alive is as crucial as bringing it into existence, we endeavor to ensure that our projects and the institutions we manage remain sustainable and relevant to the needs of the present day. Even in the case of works whose control we have relinquished to others and no longer manage, we continue to support them, ensuring that they receive what they require for essential maintenance, repairs, and other needs.

Through the efficient use of our resources, we persistently strive to amplify our social impact. Our goal is to exemplify excellence in a modern Turkey, promote development across society, and contribute new values to our nation, all while upholding the principles of reliability, inclusiveness, equality, and transparency in whatever we may turn our attentions to.

All our efforts are aimed at increasing our sustainable contribution to building a better future and ensuring that the hope we harbor in our hearts is forever carried forward...

Semahat Arsel

Chair of the Board of Directors

GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

As the Vehbi Koç Foundation, we are dedicated to upholding the values instilled by our founder. We continue to forge ahead with unwavering resolve, steadfast in our commitment to such core values as credibility, goodness, and transparency.



Amidst a backdrop of volatile conditions and uncertainties in the global economy, persistent conflict and geopolitical risks in the political landscape, and the resulting economic difficulties experienced in our country, continuing our legacy of philanthropy and enhancing our positive influence renders our efforts all the more meaningful.

Throughout 2023, while we continued to make substantial progress in our efforts to generate social good, our most significant undertaking was unquestionably the projects we launched in the aftermath of the devastating earthquakes which occurred in February and which deeply affected us all.

As the nation rallied together to overcome the difficult days following the earthquakes, the Vehbi Koç Foundation and its agencies sprang into action to offer assistance to the region. Donations from Koç Group companies, employees, and dealerships as well as received from international agencies and organizations were pooled in the Vehbi Koç Foundation Disaster Relief Fund. This fund is now supporting a range of projects in the Hope Towns set up by Koç Group in

Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Adıyaman, Malatya, and İskenderun. These projects are designed to support the physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing of youngsters aged 0-18 living in these communities. Our intention is that these Vehbi Koç Foundation Disaster Relief Fund initiatives should continue for at least two years and that all donations made to it should be used flexibly taking into account both the needs of these youngsters and the circumstances on the ground as they evolve.

We take a comprehensive approach when deciding what the foundation can and must do, integrating existing social services and support while addressing the specific needs of various age groups. In addition to the efforts of the Vehbi Koç Foundation Disaster Relief Fund, we also draw on the foundation's own resources to carry out complementary activities designed to support parents, teachers, and professionals who have a significant impact on the wellbeing of children.

In addition to those efforts, Vehbi Koç Foundation also partnered with Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey and set up

"Learning Units" in three cities' Hope Towns. As part of our earthquake relief efforts, we have initiated a targeted scholarship program for students who are living in these container cities and who are enrolled in universities and high schools in earthquake-affected areas.

Led by our foundation, the Teachers' Network provides a platform for professional solidarity among teachers. Through this network, we are working to rebuild quality education in impacted areas. Our "Teachers in the Construction of Life" project, launched with volunteer teachers, aims to support children and their parents.

Vehbi Koç's insightful grasp of the prevailing spirit of his time has been inherited by successive generations of the Koç Family and, with their guidance, has become a living force within our foundation. This has fostered the creation of a wide range of social responsibility projects across different areas.

Because we regard education as our most important priority, we strive to ensure that Vehbi Koç Foundation's two educational institutions- Koç University and Koç School-remain exemplary models of how to deliver top-tier education. Recognizing that education is the cornerstone of economic and social progress, we formulate strategies for ensuring that both the university and the school enjoy a reputation for educational excellence and quality that is consistent with the Koç brand and Koç values.

In 2023 Koç University added a new dimension to its ongoing efforts to contribute to scientific progress while also taking a major step forward in addressing climate change with the opening of the Koç University Hydrogen Technologies Center (KUHyTech). This center's mission is to be leading international contributor to environmental sustainability through the pioneering research that is conducted within its walls while also serving as a global hub in the development and exploitation of innovative green-energy technologies.

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Vehbi Koç Foundation continues to strive for excellence through the various scholarship and educational programs it conducts as well as through the educational institutions that it operates and the 21 schools it has endowed across the country.

Vehbi Koç Foundation has been striving to level the playing field and provide equitable access to education for all everyone since its inception. More than 50 thousand talented students from disadvantaged backgrounds have benefited from the foundation's scholarships as well as from its support as they move forward in their careers.

Vehbi Koç Foundation continues to sustainably enhance the quality of healthcare services in our country through the efforts of Koç University Hospital, VKV American Hospital, and numerous other medical care institutions.

Last year Koç University Hospital and Biontech joined forces to make mRNA immunotherapy (mRNA cancer vaccine) treatment accessible to cancer patients in Turkey. The hospital also launched its Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Center to offer specialized care for children in need of this life-saving therapy.

GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Recognizing the vital role that nurses play in the provision of healthcare, Vehbi Koç Foundation gives great importance to their training and professional development, primarily through the Semahat Arsel Nursing Education & Research Center and the Koç University School of Nursing as well as by providing high school and undergraduate-level scholarships and by supporting professional development projects conducted by nurses themselves.

In eloquent affirmation of Vehbi Koç Foundation's commitment to all living things as well as human beings, the foundation has also opened VetAmerican Pet Hospital, which aims to lead the veterinary healthcare field with its state-of-the-art technological resources and approaches. As one of Europe's largest privately-owned veterinary hospitals, boasting 7,500 m² of indoor space, this facility aims to offer comprehensive, high-quality healthcare services to our beloved pets friends in a secure and caring environment. Led by experienced veterinarians, the hospital is committed to providing the best possible care for those in their care.

Never hesitating to strengthen values that bridge the past to the present and future, Vehbi Koç Foundation continues to promote culture & art in Turkey as the host, organizer, and supporter of a variety of exhibitions and events.

As the home of a unique collection of Turkish and Islamic works of art and archaeological treasures, Sadberk Hanım Museum, Turkey's first privately-owned and ministry-licensed museum, holds a special place in our hearts. A project to relocate the museum from its current home in Sarıyer on the Bosphorus to new premises on İstanbul's famous Golden Horn in order to better accommodate its expanding collection and evolving vision is moving apace and will be completed in the near future. We are confident that in its new premises, Sadberk Hanım Museum will further burnish its reputation as one of the world's as well as Turkey's premier cultural tourism destinations.

Arter and Meşher are our flagship brands renowned in the contemporary art scene. Partnering with Koç Holding, Vehbi Koç Foundation has also been a proud supporter of the İKSV İstanbul Biennial and has been contributing to İstanbul's thriving reputation as an international center of art and culture since 2006.

Each year, the Vehbi Koç Award recognizes individuals and organizations that make a significant impact in education, health, and culture that ultimately enhance the quality of people's lives. In 2023, we were proud to bestow this honor on Genco Erkal, a doyen of Turkey's theater community, as he marked his 64th year as an artist.

We are committed to the responsible stewardship of our foundation's resources, while also prioritizing the long-term sustainability of our social responsibility initiatives. Our efforts are supported by the resources we are able to generate through this careful balance.

The appraised market value of Vehbi Koç Foundation's total assets as of end-2023 was TL 41,446 million (TL 41.4 billion). Total reported expenses for the year amounted to TL 1,360 million (TL 1.4 billion)

The foundation's 2024 budget is TL 4,823 million (TL 4.8 billion). The computed US dollar value of Vehbi Koç Foundation's total expenditures during the most recent ten years is USD 743 million.

With the excitement and pride of its first centennial still resonating within us, we have entered our Republic's second century with a deeper understanding of its virtues and crucial importance.

As the Vehbi Koç Foundation, we are dedicated to upholding the values instilled by our founder. We continue to forge ahead with unwavering resolve, steadfast in our commitment to such core values as credibility, goodness, and transparency. Those values form the basis for our pursuit of social wellbeing and we strive to incorporate them into our work by thoughtfully understanding, analyzing, and addressing the challenges and opportunities of our time.

We strive to remain at the forefront of philanthropy through our ability to develop sustainable solutions, our strategies for driving systemic change, and our unique strengths. With a focus on empowering the younger generation and society at large, we are embracing innovative approaches to problem-solving as we look ahead.

Oğuz Toprakoğlu
General Manager

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VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION IN BRIEF

The first privately-owned charitable foundation to be chartered by the newly-established Republic of Turkey, Vehbi Koç Foundation was created to reinvigorate our country's venerable charitably foundation traditions by increasingly fading tradition of institutional philanthropy. The foundation aims to play a leading role in improving the quality of life for the people of Turkey by focusing on the three cornerstones of a robust society: education, culture, and healthcare.

Dedicated to the advancement of a progressive, enlightened, and thriving Turkey, Vehbi Koç Foundation has served as an inspiration for philanthropists since its inception and has since achieved numerous significant firsts through the non-profit entities it sets up and manages. The foundation also plays a key role in promoting equal access to education through the scholarships it awards to talented young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Through institutions that have each become centers of excellence, the Vehbi Koç Foundation continues to set an example for society as a whole. The foundation's mission is to bring new insights into the realms of education, health, and culture in Turkey. In addition to its own institutions, which are central to its purpose, the foundation also serves the community through extensive project support in the areas of education, healthcare, and culture.

Established

17 January 1969

Objective

Taking inspiration from the words of its founder Vehbi Koç "I exist only if my country exists", Vehbi Koç Foundation aims to set examples of excellence throughout its country through the most effective use of its resources and by creating sustainable, replicable models for social wellbeing in line with the principles of reliability, inclusivity, equality, and transparency.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sources of Income

- Annual income derived from 7.26% of Koç Holding
- Annual donations by Koç Group Companies and the Koç Family
- Income from cash and real estate assets

ASSETS

Market value of foundation assets

TL 41,446 million*

*Market value reached as of 31 December 2023

BALANCE SHEET DATA

2023 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES

TL 1,360 million



2024 BUDGET

TL 4,823 million



EXPENDITURES AND INVESTMENTS

Period	USD million
1969-1982	1.8
1983-1992	29.3
1993-2002	336.0
2003-2012	494.9
2013-2023	742.7
Total	1,604.6

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- **Chair**
Semahat Arsel
- **Vice Chair**
Rahmi M. Koç
- **Members**
Ömer M. Koç
Ali Y. Koç
İpek Kırar
Prof. Üstün Ergüder
Prof. Celal Erkut
Hakan Aran
Temel Atay
Levent Çakiroğlu

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- **Chair**
Semahat Arsel
- **Members**
Temel Atay
Levent Çakiroğlu

PROFESSIONAL TEAM

General Manager

Oğuz Toprakoğlu

Accounting and Administrative Affairs Coordinator

Ahmet Özdirek

Project and Construction Coordinator

Mustafa Karataş

Consultants

Kayhan Dörtlük

Mesrure Tekay

Nevzat Tüfekçioğlu

Headquarter Team

Aysun Rana Bilge

Ayşenur Sencar Esmer

Beril Bilen Gürbüz

Bülent Tan

Çağla Peynircioğlu

Çiğdem Toparlak

Devrim Hasar

Dilan Yavuz Aşık

Ebru Kılıç

Görkem Kurt Tunalı

Hakan Vatansever

Hasan Yelkenci

İrfan Gürbüz

Mehmet Kaya

Neslihan Karaosmanoğlu Gür

Neşe Yohay

Nurcan Çakıllık Talay

Onur Yörüken

Orhan Işık

Seçil Kınay Yılmaz

Tuğçe Kutlu Serintürk

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- HEALTHCARE ■
- CULTURE ■
- CIVIL SOCIETY ■
- SCHOLARSHIP ●

**4,825
UNIVERSITY
SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

The Vehbi Koç Foundation and its institutions continued their support for education in 2023 by providing scholarships to 4,825 university students.

**1,027 HIGH
SCHOOL
SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

The Vehbi Koç Foundation and its institutions continued their support for education in 2023 by providing scholarships to 1,027 high school students.

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION IN TURKEY

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION REACHES OUT TO THE ENTIRE COUNTRY THROUGH THE INSTITUTIONS IT MANAGES, THE PROGRAMS IT CONDUCTS, AND THE PROJECTS THAT IT SUPPORTS IN THE THREE CORNERSTONES OF A ROBUST SOCIETY: EDUCATION, CULTURE, AND HEALTHCARE.

İSTANBUL

Vehbi Koç Foundation Institutions

- Koç School
- Koç University
- Koç University School of Nursing
- American Hospital
- American Outpatient Medical Center
- Koç University Hospital
- Koç University Health Sciences Campus
- SANERC - Koç University Semahat Arsel Nursing Education, Practice and Research Center
- Arter
- Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED)
- Meşher
- Sadberk Hanım Museum
- Vehbi Koç House

Endowment Schools

- Beyazıt Ford Otosan Koç Elementary School
- Beykoz Koç Middle School
- Beylikdüzü Koç Middle School
- Sarıyer Vehbi Koç Foundation Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School

Supported Institutions

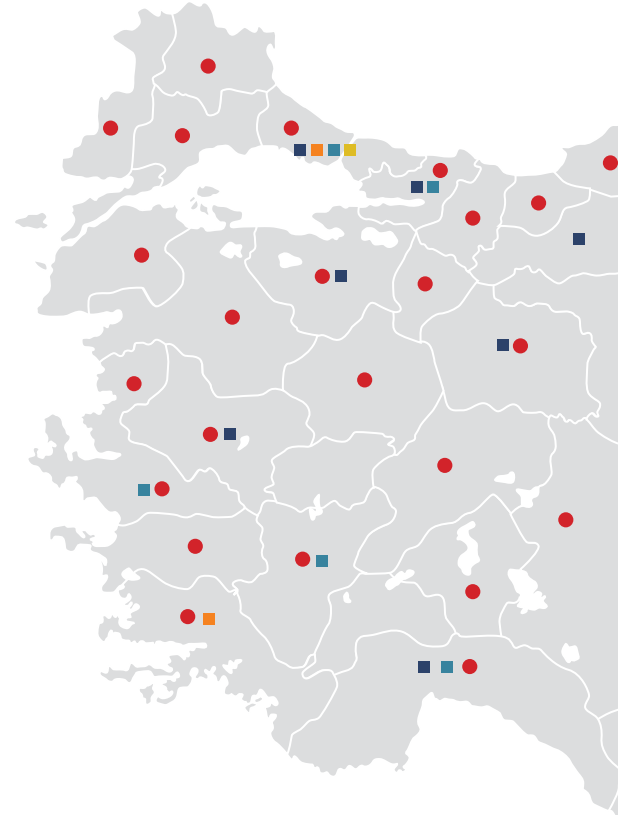
- Atatürk Library
- Boğaziçi University Superdorm Student Dormitory
- Boğaziçi University Foundation
- Galatasaray University Suna Kiraç Library
- Hisar Foundation
- Robert College Suna Kiraç Hall
- Haydarpaşa Numune Hospital Vehbi Koç Emergency Medical Center

Regularly Supported NGOs

- Darülaceze Institution

Supported Cultural Heritage Projects

- Saint Euphemia Church



ADIYAMAN

Supported Institutions

- Adiyaman University Faculty of Education Vehbi Koç Building

AKSARAY

Endowment Schools

- Ağzıkarahan Vehbi Koç Primary School

ANKARA

Vehbi Koç Foundation Institutions

- VEKAM and Ankara Orchard House

Endowment Schools

- Sincan Koç Primary School

Supported Institutions

- Ankara Eye Hospital
- METU - Vehbi Koç Dormitories
- Ankara University Vehbi Koç Dormitories

Supported Institutions

- The Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey (TEGV) Semahat- Dr. Nusret Arsel Education Park

ANTALYA

Vehbi Koç Foundation Institutions

- AKMED and Kaleiçi Museum

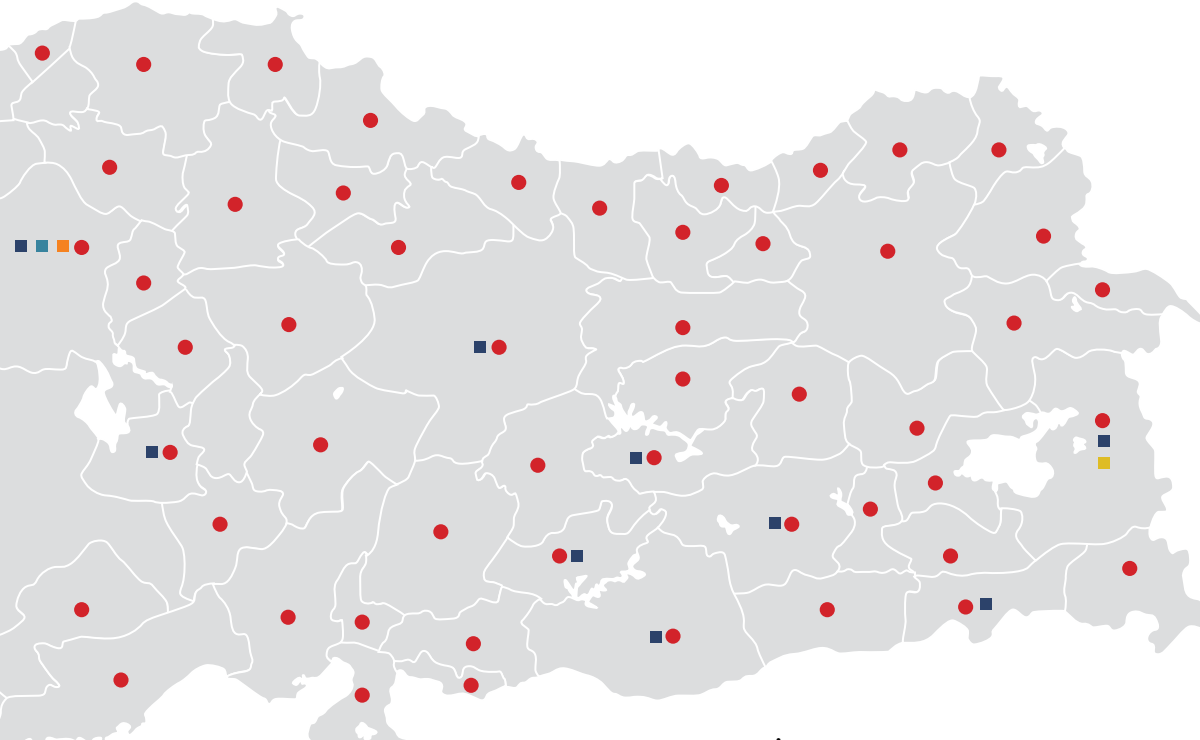
Supported Institutions

- TEGV Suna-İnan Kiraç Education Park

BOLU

Endowment Schools

- Bolu Koç Primary School

**BURSA****Endowment Schools**

- İnegöl Vehbi Koç Primary School
- Nilüfer Koç Middle School
- Orhangazi Koç Primary School
- Yenişehir Koç Middle School

DENİZLİ**Supported Cultural Heritage Projects**

- Hierapolis Ancient City

DİYARBAKIR**Endowment Schools**

- Bağlar Vehbi Koç Primary School
- Kayapınar Vehbi Koç Primary School

ELAZIĞ**Endowment Schools**

- Elazığ Koç Primary School

ESKİŞEHİR**Endowment Schools**

- İnönü Vehbi Koç Middle School

KOCAELİ**Vehbi Koç Foundation Institutions**

- Vehbi Koç Foundation Ford Otosan Gölcük Culture and Community Center

Endowment Schools

- Gebze Koç Middle School
- İzmit Ford Otosan Middle School

Supported Institutions

- Kocaeli University Vehbi Koç Foundation Ford Otosan Gölcük İhsaniye Automotive Vocational School

MANİSA**Supported Institutions**

- Celal Bayar University Soma Underground Training Pit Project

MUĞLA**Vehbi Koç Foundation Institutions**

- Bodrum American Hospital

SİVAS**Endowment Schools**

- Kangal Koç Anatolian High School

ŞANLIURFA**Endowment Schools**

- Şanlıurfa Koç Primary and Middle Schools

Supported Institutions

- TEGV Sevgi-Erdoğan Gönül Education Park

ŞIRNAK**Endowment Schools**

- Silopi Koç Primary School

VAN**Endowment Schools**

- Van Koç Primary School

Supported Institutions

- Vehbi Koç Foundation Ford Otosan Van Teachers' Housing Complex

İZMİR**Supported Projects**

- Ankara University Mustafa V. Koç Marine Archaeology Research Center

NATIONWIDE**ONGOING PROJECTS**

- Endowment School Project
- Anatolia is Reading
- Educational Scholarships

SUPPORTED PROJECTS

- Science Academy Young Scientists (BAGEP) Scholarship Award
- TEGV - Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey
- Turkish Nurses Association
- TÜSEV - Third Sector Foundation of Turkey

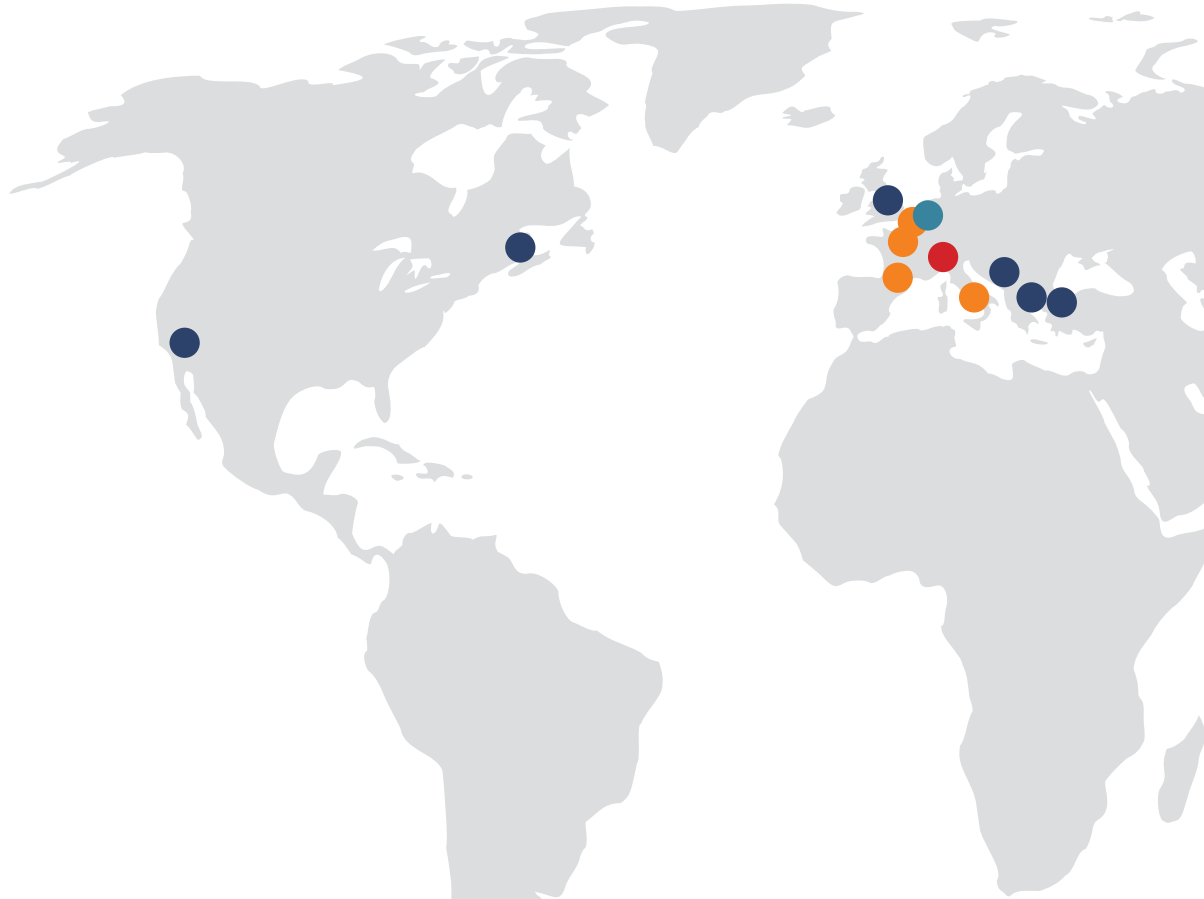
**INSTITUTIONS
SUPPORTED THROUGH
KOÇ GROUP COMPANIES**

- İnönü Family Foundation
- Rahmi M. Koç Museum and Culture Foundation
- Suna and İnan Kiraç Foundation
- TAPV - Turkish Family Health & Planning Foundation
- TEMA - Turkish Foundation for Combating Soil Erosion, for Reforestation and the Protection of National Habitats

**SUPPORTED
INSTITUTIONS IN 2023**

- Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (İKSİV)
- STDV - Civil Society Support Foundation
- Wild Fires Emergency Support Fund
- The Turkish Foundation for Underwater Archaeology
- TURMEPA Turkish Marine Environment Protection Association

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION IN THE WORLD



● International Cooperations - USA

Boston USA

Harvard University Vehbi Koç Chair of Turkish Studies

New York USA

The American Turkish Society
Award of Excellence in Philanthropy
World Monuments Fund
Hadrian Award
Iris Foundation
Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Decorative Arts
Koç Family Galleries of Ottoman Arts at the Metropolitan Museum
Synergos Institute

Rhode Island - Providence USA

Brown University

San Francisco - California USA

Global Heritage Fund

Stanford USA

The Carnegie Foundation
The Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy

● International Cooperations - EUROPE

Sarajevo Bosnia-Herzegovina

Mozaik Foundation

London United Kingdom

Social Enterprise UK

Geneva Switzerland

The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)

İstanbul Turkey

Ashoka Turkey

Athens Greece

Stavros Niarchos Foundation



Through projects and partnerships coordinated by its headquarters in Turkey, the Vehbi Koç Foundation is also active in many other countries worldwide.

● Affiliation - EUROPE

Brussels Belgium

Konektor
Philanthropy East Forum
PHILEA Philanthropy Europe Association

Paris France

BNP Paribas Grand Prix for Individual
Philanthropy

Den Haag Netherlands

Euclid
Europa Nostra Award for Conservation

Venice Italy

Venice Biennale Pavilion of Turkey

● Works from the Arter Collection were Exhibited at

Emden, Germany

Kunsthalle Emden

Heilbronn, Germany

Städtische Museen Heilbronn

Dortmund, Germany

Museum Ostwall

Köln, Germany

Museum Ludwig

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION PROJECTS

Education	Healthcare	Culture
• The Teachers' Network • Endowment Schools • BAGEP Awards • Anatolia is Reading • Supporting TEGV Educational Parks and Points • ERG (Education Reform Initiative) Good Practices Conference Vehbi Koç Foundation Endowment Schools Workshop • Model School • Earthquake Projects	• Ankara University School of Medicine • Vehbi Koç Eye Hospital • Vehbi Koç Foundation American Hospital • Haydarpaşa Numune Hospital • Vehbi Koç Emergency Medical Center • Koç University School of Nursing	• Pamukkale Hierapolis Ancient City Excavations • Istanbul Biennial

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION INSTITUTIONS

• The Koç School (High School 1988, Elementary School 1998) • Koç University (1993) • Koç Elementary and Middle Schools (1998) - In 1998, when the 75th anniversary of the Republic was celebrated, the Foundation opened 13 primary schools throughout the country. New schools have been added to this project since 2006 and the total number has reached 21.	• Semahat Arsel Nursing Education, Practice and Research Center (SANERC, 1992) • Vehbi Koç Foundation American Hospital (1995) • American Outpatient Medical Center (1997) • Koç University School of Nursing (1999) • Koç University School of Medicine (2010) • Koç University Hospital (2014) • VetAmerican (2023)	• Sadberk Hanım Museum (1980) • Koç University Vehbi Koç Ankara Studies Research Center (VEKAM, 1994) • Koç University Suna & İnan Kiraç Research Center for Mediterranean Civilizations (AKMED, 1996) • Antalya Kaleiçi Museum (1996) • Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED, 2005) • TANAS Art Gallery, Berlin (2008-2013) • Arter, İstanbul (2010) • Vehbi Koç Foundation Ford Otosan Gölçük Culture and Community Center (2010) • Koç University Sevgi Gönül Byzantine Studies Center (GABAM, 2015) • Meşher (2019)
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AWARD PROGRAMS

Vehbi Koç Award

Vehbi Koç Award, coordinated and financed by Vehbi Koç Foundation, is given annually for education, health and culture, respectively to individuals or organizations that have contributed significantly to the people and the development of Turkey. Vehbi Koç Foundation considers it a social responsibility and an honorable duty to embrace and support individuals and organizations that serve and contribute to our country; and aims to recognize exemplary services that add value to the society with the "Vehbi Koç Award".

Vehbi Koç Foundation Outstanding Service to Humanity Award

As part of its annual Vehbi Koç Award program, which honors exceptional achievements in the fields of health, education, and culture in rotation, the Vehbi Koç Foundation has created a new award category called the "Vehbi Koç Foundation Award for Outstanding Service to Humanity." Through the Vehbi Koç Foundation Outstanding Service to Humanity Award, the Vehbi Koç Foundation seeks to honor Turkish scientists and institutions operating within the borders of the Republic of Turkey which have demonstrated exceptional achievements and work, outperformed their peers, and had a profound impact on humanity. The award recognizes those who have created solutions addressing a specific, temporary or ongoing critical global challenge or emergency with worldwide implications and the impact of whose work improves quality of life worldwide.

The award is not confined to a specific timeframe and is granted as circumstances merit.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Designed to support the educational pursuits of high-achieving students in financial need, our scholarship programs include undergraduate, vocational training, nursing, assistantship, earthquake zone scholarships, scholarships for students attending endowment schools, and scholarships for the children of Koç Group employees.

CIVIL SOCIETY PARTNERSHIPS

Enterprise Istanbul Project

VEHBI KOÇ AWARD

SINCE 2002

Vehbi Koç Foundation aims to recognize exemplary services that add value to the society with the "Vehbi Koç Award".

Vehbi Koç Award in Brief

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The individual or organization to receive the award is chosen by the Vehbi Koç Foundation Board of Directors among three names nominated by the Selection Committee, consisting of leading scientists and experts in their fields.

Recipients of the Vehbi Koç Award

2023 - Culture:	Genco Erkal
2022 - Healthcare:	Ord. Prof. İvet Behar
2021 - Education:	Prof. Hüseyin Vural
2020 - Culture:	Prof. İlhan Tekeli
2019 - Healthcare:	Prof. Mehmet Toner
2018 - Education:	Prof. Yılmaz Büyükerşen
2017 - Culture:	Prof. Zeynep Ahunbay
2016 - Healthcare:	Prof. Kamil Uğurbil
2015 - Education:	Prof. Ali Nesin and the Mathematics Village Project
2014 - Culture:	Prof. Zeynep Çelik
2013 - Healthcare:	Prof. Gökhan Hotamışlıgil
2012 - Education:	Prof. Nermin Abadan Unat
2011 - Culture:	Prof. Filiz Ali and the Ayvalık International Music Academy
2010 - Healthcare:	Prof. Turgay Dalkara
2009 - Education:	Prof. Türkan Saylan
2008 - Culture:	Prof. Mehmet Özdoğan
2007 - Healthcare:	Prof. Aziz Sancar
2006 - Education:	Nuri Okutan
2005 - Culture:	Fazıl Hüsnü Dağlarca
2004 - Healthcare:	Bilkent University Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics
2003 - Education:	Mother Child Education Foundation (AÇEV)
2002 - Culture:	Topkapı Palace Museum

2023 VEHBİ KOÇ AWARD

SINCE 2002...

THE VEHBİ KOÇ FOUNDATION VEHBİ KOÇ AWARD IS INTENDED TO "HIGHLIGHT AND HONOR EXEMPLARY SERVICES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY." THEATER ARTIST GENCO ERKAL AND THE DOSTLAR TIYATROSU OF WHICH HE IS ONE OF THE CO-FOUNDERS WERE HONORED WITH THE 22ND VEHBİ KOÇ AWARD FOR CULTURE IN 2023, MARKING ERKAL'S 64TH YEAR IN THEATER.



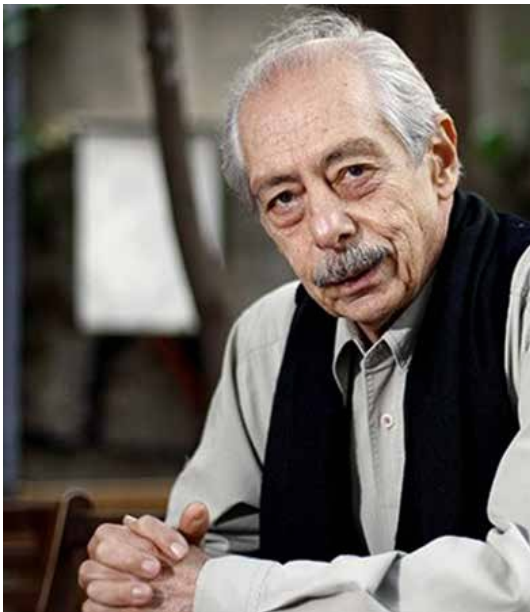
Selected by the Vehbi Koç Foundation Board of Trustees from among candidates shortlisted by a jury headed by Professor Filiz Ali and consisting of Professor Dikmen Gürün, Professor Ahu Antmen, Ersen Gürsel, and Alin Taşçıyan, the 22nd Vehbi Koç Award for Culture has been given to Genco Erkal and Dostlar Tiyatrosu.

Recently completing his 64th year on the stage, Genco Erkal began his theatrical career with an amateur group called Genç Oyuncular (Young Actors). Genco Erkal and Dostlar Tiyatrosu, steadfast in their social commentary and rejection of state funding, initially operated as a permanent ensemble until the contingencies of Turkey's 1980 military coup necessitated a shift to a production-by-production approach. Confronting every challenge head-on, Genco Erkal and Dostlar Tiyatrosu's social-critique productions and performances have continued to draw paying audiences ever since. In 2023 the company mounted a production of The Emperor: Downfall of an Autocrat, an anti-fascist play adapted from Polish author Ryszard Kapuscinski's 1978 book of the same title.

GENCO ERKAL VE DOSTLAR TIYATROSU

Genco Erkal and Dostlar Tiyatrosu have remained steadfast in their social commentary and criticism.

www.dostlartiyatrosu.com



|VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION EARTHQUAKE PROJECTS|





EARTHQUAKE PROJECTS

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION DISASTER RELIEF FUND

Koç Foundation Disaster Relief Fund resources are being used to support the cognitive, emotional, and social wellbeing of youngsters in the 0-18 age group who are living in the Hope Town container cities set up by the Koç Group.



In the immediate aftermath of the devastating Kahramanmaraş earthquakes on 6 February 2023, the Vehbi Koç Foundation along with the entire Koç Group marshalled all their resources and joined nationwide efforts to come to the relief of their victims. All donations made by Koç Group employees, companies, and dealerships as well as by international donors were pooled in the Vehbi Koç Foundation Disaster Relief Fund, whose resources were used, among other things, to finance a variety of Koç Group initiatives to support the cognitive, emotional, and social wellbeing of youngsters in the 0-18 age group who were living in 5,500-dwelling container city Hope Towns set up by Koç Group in Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Adıyaman, Malatya, and İskenderun to provide housing for earthquake victims.



Vehbi Koç Foundation's contributions to these initiatives are highlighted below.

- School supply kits and bags were distributed to more than 2,000 children.
- More than 4,000 children were given sets of reading materials and textbooks.
- Scholarships were provided to more than 200 students.
- More than 350 middle and high school students were provided with funding to attend admittance exam preparation courses.
- Sports equipment and supplies were provided to students attending Koç Group sports club schools.
- Learning Units were set up in two Hope Towns in partnership with Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey.
- The foundation partnered with Ford Otosan and the Association for Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Development to support the creation of "My Dream for the Future Centers in the conduct of programs for young people in three Hope Towns.
- The foundation partnered with Koç University in the conduct of its Community Health Volunteers Project.

Through coordination centers based in each Hope Town, the Vehbi Koç Foundation continues to collaborate with Koç Group companies and various civil society organizations in the conduct of relief and recovery efforts.

Vehbi Koç Foundation Disaster Relief Fund initiatives are designed to continue for at least two years and that all donations made to the fund should be used flexibly taking into account both the needs of these youngsters and circumstances on the ground as they evolve. The foundation also plans to use its own resources to support activities aimed at the parents, teachers, and other adults who are essential to children's wellbeing.

As part of earthquake relief efforts, a targeted scholarship program has been initiated for students who are living in Hope Town container cities and who are enrolled in universities and high schools in earthquake-affected areas. More than 200 students have been provided with scholarships through this program.



MORE THAN 200 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Over 200 students have been provided with scholarships under a program targeting students living in earthquake-affected areas.

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VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION EDUCATION PROJECTS

SCHOLARSHIPS

Since 1969, the Vehbi Koç Foundation has provided scholarships to over 50,000 students with the aim of supporting equal access to educational resources. During the 2022-2023 academic year, the foundation awarded scholarships to a total of 5,897 students across Turkey. Designed to support the educational pursuits of high-achieving students in financial need, the foundation's scholarship programs include undergraduate, vocational training, nursing, assistantship, earthquake zone scholarships, scholarships for students attending endowment schools, and scholarships for the children of Koç Group employees. Scholarship applications are accepted annually in September through an online portal designed to streamline the process. As long as they remain eligible, scholarship recipients continue to receive financial support throughout their academic journey until they have completed their studies.

Targeted Scholarship Programs

A targeted scholarship program was initiated in 2023 for students living in areas affected by the Kahramanmaraş earthquakes last year. Information about these scholarships is presented on page 25 of this report.

University Scholarships

The Vehbi Koç Foundation University Scholarship Fund is intended to provide financial assistance to talented but economically disadvantaged university students throughout their studies. Its resources consist of allocations from the foundation's primary assets and other sources of income.

Scholarships Offered for the Following Universities

Akdeniz University
Boğaziçi University
Dokuz Eylül University
Erzurum Atatürk University
Fırat University
Gaziantep University
Harran University
İstanbul University (Faculty of Law)
İstanbul Technical University
Marmara University (Department of Economic and Administrative Sciences, Atatürk Education Faculty)
Mersin University
Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University
Ondokuz Mayıs University
Middle East Technical University
Selçuk University
Uludağ University (Engineering Faculty)
Van 100. Yıl University

Nursing Scholarships

The Vehbi Koç Foundation Nursing Scholarship Fund was set up in 1974 by founder and current president Semahat Arsel. The fund has been supporting professional nursing education and training projects since 2003. More than 2,000 students have received such scholarships since the fund's inception. Talented but financially disadvantaged students continue to receive scholarship support for as long as they remain eligible or have graduated.

Nursing Scholarships Offered for the Following Universities

Dokuz Eylül University
Erzurum Atatürk University
Ege University
Hacettepe University
İstanbul University - Cerrahpaşa Florence Nightingale School of Nursing
Marmara University
Sivas Cumhuriyet University

Nursing Scholarships Offered for the Following Vocational High Schools for Health

Konya Selçuklu Atatürk Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School
Merzifon Şehit Dursun Özsaraç Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School

Scholarships for Teaching Assistants

Vehbi Koç Foundation teaching assistant scholarships are provided to support post-graduate scientific and scholarly research. Recipients are chosen from among candidates designated by Boğaziçi University and İstanbul Technical University scholarship committees.

Vehbi Koç Foundation endowment school scholarships

Students who attend middle schools built by Vehbi Koç Foundation and subsequently turned over to the Ministry of National Education and who graduate in the top third of their class are awarded scholarships contingent upon their continued enrollment in high school.

Vehbi Koç Foundation vocational education scholarships

A fund, established through donations from Koç Group companies, aims to improve vocational and technical education by providing scholarships to deserving and financially needy students in vocational high schools. Scholarship recipients are chosen through interviews conducted by a committee comprising representatives from the Vehbi Koç Foundation, the sponsoring company, and the school.

Fiat Laboratories Scholarships / Offered for Schools (High School)

Ankara Güvercinlik Industrial Vocational High School

Bursa Automotive Industry Exporters' Association Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School

İstanbul Samandıra Technical and Industrial Vocational High School

İstanbul Şişli Technical and Industrial Vocational High School

İzmir Gaziemir Technical and Industrial Vocational High School

Yapı Kredi Bank Scholarships / Offered for Schools (High School)

Kocaeli Çayirova Yapı Kredi Bank Technical High School for Girls

Ditaş Women Sailors Scholarships (University)

Ditaş and the Vehbi Koç Foundation teamed up to create the Women Seafarers Success Scholarship Program, aiming to increase female participation in the merchant marine. Nine scholarships were awarded during the 2022-2023 academic year. Eligibility for a scholarship requires a ranking within the top 100,000 on the national university admissions exam and enrollment in a university-level Maritime Transport and Management Engineering or a Marine Engine Operation Engineering program.

AKMED Scholarships

Within the scope of AKMED fellowships, which are awarded regularly every year in the fields of archaeology, history, art history and cultural heritage, 11 project support, 11 doctoral and 5 master's fellowships were awarded in 2023. Thus, the number of research projects supported by AKMED has reached 311, doctoral projects 181, and master's projects 209. Within the scope of the Library Research Accommodation Support Program, 5 doctoral students, 15 master's students and 10 researchers were awarded scholarships in 2023.

ANAMED Scholarships

Koç University's Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED) provides support to researchers from both Turkey and abroad who are studying the history of Anatolia. The center offers doctoral and postdoctoral fellowships to an average of 25 researchers a year to support their academic work.

Koç University Scholarships

Koç University offers scholarships to current students who satisfy eligibility criteria so that they may pursue their further studies at an internationally-recognized institution of higher learning.

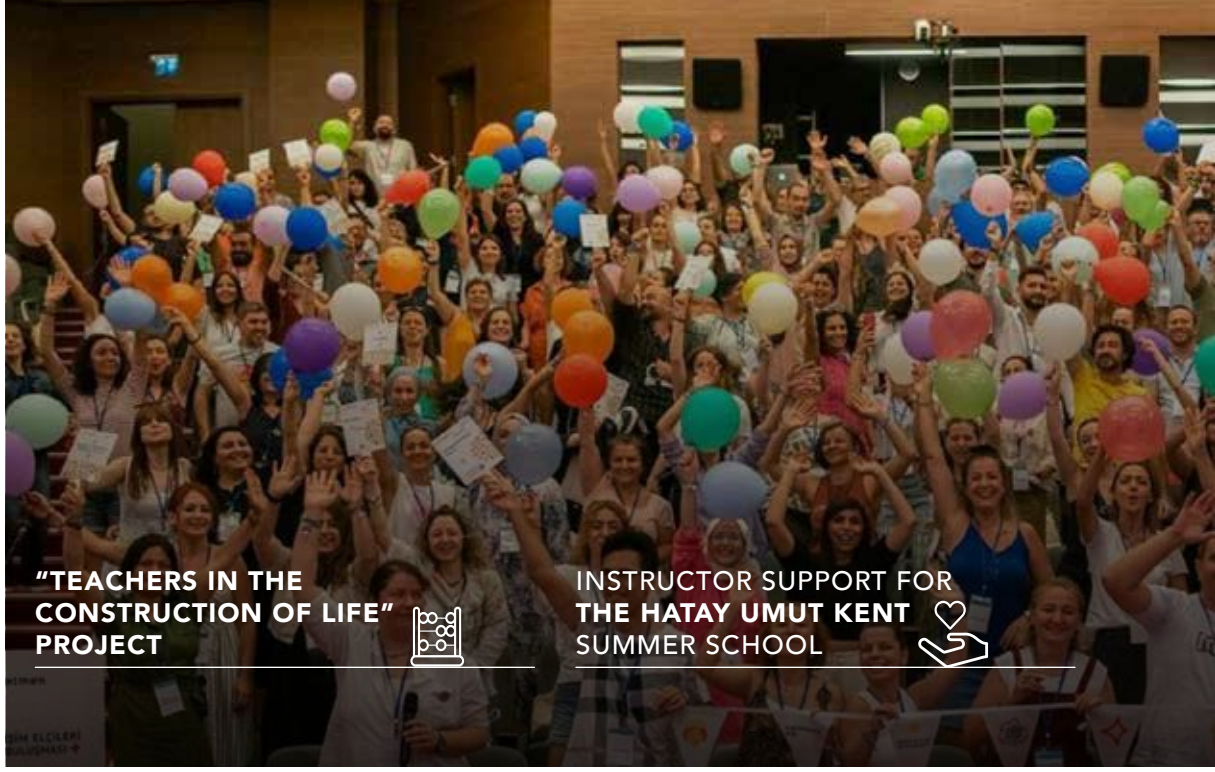
Koç School Scholarships

Koç School scholarships are awarded to qualified students enrolled at the school to allow them to continue pursuing their studies in Turkey while also gaining a global perspective.

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION EDUCATION PROJECTS

5,914 PEOPLE
REACHED

In 2023 the Teachers Network, spearheaded by 721 Changemaker Teachers from 59 cities, hosted 260 events, impacting the lives of 5,914 people.



**"TEACHERS IN THE
CONSTRUCTION OF LIFE"
PROJECT**



**INSTRUCTOR SUPPORT FOR
THE HATAY Umut Kent
SUMMER SCHOOL**



THE TEACHERS' NETWORK

The Teachers' Network was launched in 2016. Led by the Education Reform Initiative and supported by the Vehbi Koç Foundation, Aydın Doğan Foundation, We Live Together Social Research & Education Foundation (BAYETAV), ENKA Foundation, Mehmet Zorlu Foundation, and Sabancı Foundation, the Teachers Network works to empower teachers both professionally and personally. It is a platform for teachers to connect, collaborate, and share with colleagues and experts from various fields.

In 2023, the Teachers Network, led by 721 Changemaker Teachers from across 59 cities, collaborated with over 400 partner organizations and individuals. Together, they reached 5,914 people through a series of 260 events, both online (210) and in-person (50). Adhocratic Communities, a mechanism of the Teachers Network through which teachers co-create and share within small groups around specific themes, focused on 20 different themes this year,

including inclusivity, gender, mathematics education, and gamification.

After the devastating earthquakes that struck Kahramanmaraş on 6 February 2023, the Teachers Network refocused its efforts on supporting teachers and restoring quality education in affected areas. A Mobile Psychosocial Support (MobiDes) team was set up through the initiative of a group of local Changemaker Teachers. In collaboration with the Mersin Provincial Directorate of National Education, teachers involved in the project designed and implemented programs to provide psychological support to children and adults in areas affected by the earthquakes.

In the wake of the earthquakes, it became clear that teachers in affected areas desperately needed safe spaces in which to connect and work together. In response to this need, the Teachers Network created its Teacher Solidarity Zone in Hatay. This is a dedicated space in which teachers



in the earthquake-affected region and come together. It is intended to serve as a coordination hub for teachers in Hatay and other earthquake-stricken cities, while also providing resources for upcoming events and workshops.

Recognizing the immediate need for consistent support for children in the region, the Teachers Network launched the "Teachers in the Construction of Life" project, creating a pool of volunteers to work with them. These volunteer teachers work with local communities to identify and address specific needs, providing both academic support and psychosocial care to children and adults affected by the earthquake. In collaboration with the Vehbi Koç Foundation, Koç School, and Koç Ailem, this project supported the Hatay Umut Kent Summer School by providing the school with volunteer teachers for four weeks. There are plans to expand this collaboration in 2024 to include the Adıyaman and Kahramanmaraş Hope Towns as well.

In the aftermath of the earthquakes, a joint study by the Teachers Network and İstanbul Bilgi University's Sociology and Education Research Center (SEÇBİR) examined the impact of internal migration on education. Titled "Inclusion in Education After the Earthquakes: Experiences of Transferred Students from the Perspective of Teachers and Parents," the study explored the experiences of students who relocated to different cities within Turkey due to the disaster.

On 30 September 2023, the Zorlu PSM Sky Lounge in İstanbul hosted the third annual "Creative Confidence Festival," a celebration of the courage and ingenuity that teachers demonstrate in overcoming daily challenges. With over 500 attendees, this year's Creative Confidence Festival focused on the theme #CreatingTogether, emphasizing the power of collaboration and support in overcoming adversity.

With over 20,000 members, the www.ogretmenagi.org website continues to expand its community of teachers and education stakeholders. It serves a platform for collaboration and shares open-source, free resources to support teachers in developing innovative teaching and learning solutions.

SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS IN EARTHQUAKE- EFFECTED AREAS

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www.ogretmenagi.org

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION EDUCATION PROJECTS

SCHOLARSHIP TO 111 STUDENTS

In the 2022-2023 academic year, a total of 111 Endowment School graduates received financial support to continue their high school education.

ENDOWMENT SCHOOLS



Endowment School Support Program

In 1998, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Republic and also support eight full years of pre-university education, the Vehbi Koç Foundation built 13 primary and secondary schools in different parts of the country. These schools were then handed over to the Ministry of National Education under the "Build, Operate, Transfer" model. With the addition of four more schools the project, which came to be known as the "Endowment School Project", continues with annual financial contributions to the schools and scholarship support for students who graduate in the top third of their middle school class and continue their education in high school. In the 2022-2023 academic year, a total of 111 Endowment School graduates received financial support to continue their high school education.

City	School
Aksaray	Ağzıkarahan Vehbi Koç Primary School
Ankara	Sincan Koç Primary School
Bolu	Bolu Koç Primary School
Bursa	İnegöl Vehbi Koç Primary School
Bursa	Nilüfer Koç Middle School
Bursa	Orhangazi Koç Primary School
Bursa	Yenişehir Koç Middle School
Diyarbakır	Bağlar Vehbi Koç Primary School
Diyarbakır	Kayapınar Vehbi Koç Primary School
Elazığ	Elazığ Koç Primary School
Eskişehir	İnönü Vehbi Koç Middle School
İstanbul	Beyazıt Ford Otosan Koç Primary School
İstanbul	Beykoz Koç Middle School
İstanbul	Beylikdüzü Koç Middle School
İstanbul	Sarıyer Vehbi Koç Foundation Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School
Kocaeli	Gebze Koç Middle School
Kocaeli	İzmit Ford Otosan Middle School
Şanlıurfa	Şanlıurfa Koç İlk ve Middle School
Şırnak	Silopi Koç Primary School
Sivas	Kangal Koç Anatolian High School
Van	Van Koç Primary School

In addition to financial aid and scholarships that it provides students and schools every year, the Vehbi Koç Foundation also periodically undertakes school renovations, ensuring that the facilities maintain their initial capacity and quality for continued educational excellence. Throughout 2023, the foundation continued to allocate resources for the maintenance and repair of its endowment schools, assessing the ongoing wear and tear of the buildings and responding to requests from the schools themselves.

ERG Best Practices Conference Vehbi Koç Foundation Endowment Schools Workshop

The Vehbi Koç Foundation's commitment to its endowment schools extends beyond physical improvements; it also strives to enhance the quality of education provided within their walls. The foundation encourages its endowment schools' teachers to take part in broader initiatives aimed at advancing education throughout Turkey. The Education Reform Initiative's (ERG) "Best Practices in Education" conference was once again held last year after a long hiatus; teachers from Vehbi Koç Foundation endowment schools across Turkey were among the gathering's participants. In addition to attending various sessions at the Best Practices Conference, the teachers engaged in a brainstorming workshop led by Vehbi Koç Foundation Education Consultant, Mesrur Tekay.

<https://beykozocortaokulu.meb.k12.tr/>

Education Reform Initiative

<https://www.egitimreformugirisimi.org/>

Last year the foundation prioritized the 2023 Kahramanmaraş earthquake zone and carried out maintenance, repair, and renovation work at three of its endowment schools: Şanlıurfa Koç Elementary & Middle School, Diyarbakır Bağlar Vehbi Koç Elementary School, and Diyarbakır Kayapınar Vehbi Koç Elementary School. Each of these schools had most recently been renovated by the foundation in 2009.

Instruction at VKV's flagship Beykoz Koç Middle School

At Beykoz Koç Middle School, a flagship of the Vehbi Koç Foundation's "Model School" project launched in 2020, education continued to be provided through a specialized classroom system in which each subject has its own dedicated space. School Board meetings, established under the Model School protocol and comprising student, teacher, parent, and donor representatives, continued to take place throughout the year. These meetings focused on evaluating and addressing the needs of both students and teachers. A book-donation campaign initiated last year succeeded in expanding the school library's collection to over 10,000 books while the library's accessibility for students was improved with the appointment of a dedicated librarian.

Beykoz Koç Middle School hosted a session of the Clean Toilet Education CSR program of OPET, a leading Turkish petroleum company, during which program representatives provided students with comprehensive information on the importance of toilet cleanliness and hygiene. In late 2023, Beykoz Koç Middle School welcomed students and staff from its sister school, OŠ Podlugovi Ilijaš Elementary School in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, during their visit to İstanbul. On the occasion of the visit, which occurred between December 5th and 9th, various excursions were organized in Beykoz and elsewhere in İstanbul while the visiting students were welcomed into the homes of Beykoz Koç Middle School students. A reciprocal visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina by Beykoz Koç Middle School students and teachers is in the works for the coming months.

MODEL SCHOOL

At Beykoz Koç Middle School, a flagship of the Vehbi Koç Foundation's "Model School" project launched in 2020, education continued to be provided through a specialized classroom system in which each subject has its own dedicated space.

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION EDUCATION PROJECTS

YOUNG SCIENTISTS RECOGNIZED WITH BAGEP AWARDS

The BAGEP Awards, now in their 11th year, recognized 39 young scientists for their achievements.

OTHER SUPPORTED EDUCATION PROJECTS

BAGEP Awards

The Young Scientist Awards Program (BAGEP), started in 2013 by the Science Academy Society of Turkey, was recently awarded for the 11th time. This program aims to recognize, support, and showcase exceptional young scholars while also providing them with the opportunity to stay informed about their peers' work. 39 young scientists were presented with the Award this year, thus bringing the number of BAGEP awards given so far to 434. BAGEP Awards are granted without any public funding and are sustained solely by the support of donors. The Vehbi Koç Foundation has been supporting the BAGEP Awards Program since 2013.

Anatolia is Reading

The Vehbi Koç Foundation has been donating sets of books, selected from among prominent Turkish and world literary works, as well as titles by VKV Publications appropriate for young readers, to the libraries of all the elementary, middle, and high schools in a chosen city each year. The program was begun in 2011 in reply to the great demand for books from numerous schools across Turkey.

To date, book sets have been sent to schools in Hakkari, Van, Şırnak, Ağrı, Muş, Bitlis, Siirt, Batman, Iğdır, and Şanlıurfa. This year, sets of 30 books were delivered to all high schools (226) and middle schools (438) in Hatay province. This brings the total number of schools that have received book sets to 3,562.

For detailed information about all awards given so far:
<https://bilimakademisi.org/bagep-odul-sahipleri/>



SUPPORT TO TEGV EVENT POINTS

TEGV, the Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey, has provided voluntary extracurricular educational programs for nearly 3 million primary school children across Turkey with more than 90,000 volunteers since 1995. The Vehbi Koç Foundation supports TEGV's four educational parks and units in Ankara, Antalya, Şanlıurfa, and Istanbul. TEGV, founded under the leadership of Suna Kırış in 1995, aims to raise children with welldeveloped social and emotional skills who take responsibility for the environment and nature and learn through science and technology. The foundation supports long and short-term, online and face-to-face educational programs and projects in English, STEM, informatics, coding, reading, art, and social and emotional learning.

SUPPORT FOR TEGV EVENTS

The Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey (TEGV) conducts workshops on a variety of topics aimed at creating positive social change such as environmental science, children's rights, gender equality, and peacebuilding. With the help of dedicated volunteers, TEGV reached thousands of children across Turkey in 2023. At the Ankara Semahat & Dr. Nüsret Arsel Education Park, 452 volunteers helped support 2,758 children. In Antalya, 374 volunteers worked with 2,765 children at the Suna & İnan Kırış Education Park. At the Şanlıurfa Sevgi & Erdoğan Gönül Education Park, 137 volunteers reached 2,437 children. In Istanbul, 106 volunteers at the İpek Kırış Learning Unit supported 874 children.



TEGV Adıyaman, Hatay, and Kahramanmaraş Hope Town Vehbi Koç Foundation Learning Units

With Vehbi Koç Foundation support, TEGV opened learning units at three Umut Kent container cities in the wake of the 6 February 2023 Kahramanmaraş earthquakes. Learning programs were carried out at these units last year as follows:

- Hatay: Opened on July 11th, with 26 volunteers and 276 children.
- Kahramanmaraş: Opened on July 26th, with 27 volunteers and 417 children.
- Adıyaman: Opened on September 26th, with 26 volunteers and 212 children.

Each learning unit comprises 105 m² of enclosed and 70 m² or 100 m² of outdoor space. Constructed from five containers, these units are equipped with one Dreams Workshop, one Activity Room/Library, a Volunteers' Lounge, an office, and a garden or yard.

Vehbi Koç Foundation TEGV Learning Units will continue their activities in Hatay, Adıyaman, and Kahramanmaraş with more children and volunteers in 2024.

OVER 3 MILLION CHILDREN REACHED

TEGV has reached over 3 million primary school-aged children since 1995, offering free, quality educational support with the help of more than 90,000 volunteers.

<https://tegv.org/>



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NEARLY **9,000** STUDENTS



1 SUPPORT CENTER (EÇADEM)



782 FACULTY MEMBERS



22 UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS



OVER **20,000** ALUMNI



44 MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS



7 COLLEGES



30 PHD PROGRAMS



4 GRADUATE SCHOOLS



225 RESEARCH LABORATORIES



26 RESEARCH CENTERS



5 RESEARCH FORUMS



EXCHANGE PROGRAM AGREEMENTS WITH OVER 300 UNIVERSITIES



KOÇ UNIVERSITY AT A GLANCE

Established in 1993 in Istanbul, Koç University is a nonprofit foundation university with a mission to become a center of excellence, bringing highly talented young people together with competent faculty to contribute to science on a universal scale. Koç University graduates are equipped with impeccable moral values and are socially responsible individuals dedicated to protecting the values of democracy. The University contributes to the advancement of science in Turkey and the world through 22 undergraduate, 44 master's, and 30 doctoral programs delivered by its College of Social Sciences and Humanities, College of Administrative Sciences and Economics, College of Sciences, College of Engineering, Law School, School of Medicine, and School of Nursing.



ABOUT PROF. METİN SİTTİ

Professor Metin Sitti, who began his tenure as President of Koç University in 2023, served as the director of the Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems in Germany from 2014 to 2023. He was the only Turkish member of the Max Planck Society at the time.

Through his work at the intersection of science, engineering, and technology, Dr. Sitti has made significant scientific breakthroughs and opened new avenues for improving human health. Dr. Sitti's research interests span a broad spectrum of robotics and intelligent systems. His work includes wireless medical micro-robots, miniature mobile robots inspired by nature, soft miniature robots made from new materials, physical intelligence, and micro/nano-robotics.

After completing his undergraduate studies in electrical & electronics engineering at Boğaziçi University in 1992, Professor Sitti went on to obtain his master's degree in the same field from the same school in 1994. In 1999, he received his PhD in electrical engineering at the University of Tokyo in Japan. Between 1999 and 2002, he held a postdoctoral research and teaching position at the University of California at Berkeley in the



United States. He continued his research career as a professor at Carnegie Mellon University in the United States from 2002 to 2014, where he held appointments in both the Robotics Institute and the Department of Mechanical Engineering. In 2011-2012 he held visiting professor positions at Harvard University, the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne (EPFL), and Sorbonne University.

Awarded the Koç University Rahmi M. Koç Medal of Science in 2018, Dr. Metin Sitti held part-time faculty positions at the Koç University School of Medicine and the School of Engineering from 2018 to 2023.

In 2020, he was awarded the "Breakthrough of the Year" prize in Engineering and Technology at the Falling Walls World Science Summit.

Dr. Metin Sitti became president of Koç University in 2023.

KOÇ UNIVERSITY

1,659
GRADUATES

At Koç University's 29th graduation ceremony, 1,659 students were awarded their diplomas.

KOÇ UNIVERSITY IN 2023 MAIN ACTIVITIES



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF KOÇ UNIVERSITY AND 100 YEARS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

Koç University's Rumelifeneri campus was the site of festivities on 4 October 2023, commemorating the 30th anniversary of the university and the centennial of the Republic of Turkey. Kicking off the festivities was a 100th Anniversary Gala Orchestra concert led by conductor Cem Mansur. The celebration continued with a torchlight procession, drawing enthusiastic participation from Koç University students. Following an AI-powered audiovisual show at the Odeon offering a speculative look at the past, present, and future of the Republic and Koç University, the celebrations concluded with a Hey! Douglas concert at the student plaza.



KOÇ UNIVERSITY 2023 SCIENCE FESTIVAL

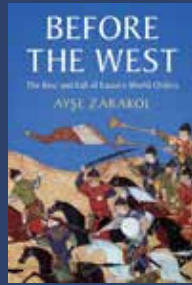
On 8 October 2023, Koç University's Rumelifeneri Campus hosted the Koç University Science Festival. The festival was jointly organized by the Communications Directorate, all faculties, and student clubs. The event, aimed at showcasing the exciting and fun side of science, featured a variety of activities, including guided tours of Engineering and Science Faculty laboratories where valuable research is conducted, exciting chemistry experiment demonstrations, code-breaking and treasure hunts, and a concert by the KU Orchestra featuring science fiction-themed film scores. The courtyard of the Faculty of Humanities and Literature hosted a photo exhibition featuring the outcomes of approximately 60 research projects across various scientific fields undertaken at Koç University.

Everyone at the festival was inspired by fascinating seminars conducted by faculty members from different disciplines, as well as by student clubs' activities and presentations showcasing their creativity and innovation.

8TH RAHMI M. KOÇ MEDAL OF SCIENCE GOES TO PROFESSOR AYŞE ZARAKOL

The Rahmi M. Koç Medal of Science, now in its 8th year, has been presented to Professor Ayşe Zarakol in recognition of her innovative and wide-ranging research in the humanities.

Detailed information about the award is presented page 44 of this report.



KOÇ UNIVERSITY CONFERS DEGREES UPON ITS 29TH GRADUATING CLASS.

On Saturday June 24th, Koç University's Rumelifeneri Campus hosted the university's 29th graduation ceremony. 1,659 students received their undergraduate and graduate degrees. Arda Tiftikçi, the 2023 valedictorian who graduated with top honors in Computer Engineering and Mathematics, dedicated his speech to his hometown of Antakya and to the loved ones he lost in the earthquake. The ceremony was attended by Koç University Honorary Chairman of the Board of Trustees Rahmi M. Koç, Chair of the Board of Trustees Professor Nur Yalman, Professor Metin Sitti, members of the KU Board of Trustees and Advisory Board, academics, 2023 graduates, and their families. The guest speaker was Sir Michael Moritz, a leading figure in the global business world who was knighted

by the Queen of England in 2013. Sir Michael was awarded an honorary doctorate in Business for his impact on the development of the global economy in ways that have shaped the 21st century.



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KOÇ UNIVERSITY IN 2023 | MAIN ACTIVITIES I

KUHYTECH

The Koç University Hydrogen Technologies Center (KUHyTech) has opened its doors for the conduct of R&D in the production, storage, transport, and commercialization of green hydrogen.



MARKING THE REPUBLIC'S CENTENNIAL, YOUNG ROWERS COMPETE IN 10TH ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP MATCH.

In celebration of the Republic's 100th anniversary, the rowing teams of Koç University and Kadir Has University came together for their 10th annual friendly competition. The Haliç Friendship Cup race took place on Saturday, October 28th starting at Kadir Has University's Cibali Campus and concluding at the Rahmi M. Koç Museum. The Kadir Has University rowing team won the 10th Haliç Friendship Cup with a time of 7 minutes and 17 seconds.

KOÇ UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES HYDROGEN TECHNOLOGIES CENTER (KUHYTECH)

Koç University has taken a significant step towards combating climate change with the launch of the Koç University Hydrogen Technologies Center (KUHyTech). The center will focus on the production, storage, transport, and commercialization of green hydrogen, exemplifying a new model of collaboration between academia and industry that benefits society. Established with contributions from Koç Group energy and manufacturing companies Aygaz, Ford Otosan, Opet, Otokar, and Tüpraş, the center aims to make international contributions to environmental sustainability and become a hub for innovative technologies in green energy through the pioneering research that is conducted there.

KU 2023 UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY RUMELİFENERİ CAMPUS

Following the announcement of the 2023 YKS Exam Results, Koç University's annual promotional events, typically held online or in person during the fall, spring, and summer, took place from July 17th to August 8th at the Rumelifeneri campus. These events focused on one-on-one meetings and information sessions with prospective students and their families. The Rumelifeneri campus welcomed 4,500 visitors during this year's event.

On April 2022, Koç University opened its campus to school visits from different regions of Turkey as part of its outreach efforts. Schools interested in visiting the Rumelifeneri campus can apply through the online reservation system at <https://adaylar.ku.edu.tr/> and schedule a campus tour and information session during the fall and spring semesters, subject to availability. During 2023, a total of 32,697 individuals from 404 schools from different parts of the country visited Koç University's Rumelifeneri campus.



"WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP" PANEL DISCUSSION AND AWARDS CEREMONY

To celebrate March 8th International Women's Day, Ekonomi Gazetesi, in collaboration with the Koç University Research Center for Gender and Women's Studies (KOÇKAM), held an event at the Pera Palace Hotel to honor women in leadership roles in Turkey. The event featured a panel discussion and an awards ceremony. At the event, designed to promote women's economic empowerment and equal participation in business, İzmir University of Economics and 19 Mayıs University received awards for their initiatives in empowering and building a brighter future for women.



WINNERS OF THE PROF. ÇİĞDEM KAĞITÇIBAŞI "HUMAN DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH AWARD" ANNOUNCED

The winners of the Dr. Çiğdem Kağıtçıbaşı "Human Development Research Award" given by the Koç University UNESCO Chair on Gender Equality and Sustainable Development have been announced. Recipients accepted their awards during a ceremony held at Koç University on Monday, February 19th. The awards were presented to Dr. Cem Soylu, Dr. Sevil Gönültaş, and Dr. Nazlı Kazanoğlu for gender-equality research they had previously conducted in 2020, 2021, and 2022.



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AWARD-WINNING FACULTY MEMBERS

TÜBİTAK (SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF TURKEY) 2023 AWARDS

- Prof. Özgür Esat Müstecaplıoğlu - 2023 TÜBİTAK Science Award
- Prof. Nazlı Baydar - 2023 TÜBİTAK Science Award
- Prof. Devrim Gözüağık - 2023 TÜBİTAK Science Award
- Faculty Member Dr. Serkan Kır - 2023 TÜBİTAK Incentive Award
- Assoc. Prof. Savaş Taşoğlu - 2023 TÜBİTAK Incentive Award

BAGEP 2023 AWARDS

- Assoc. Prof. Aykut Coşkun - Science Academy's Young Scientist Awards Program (BAGEP)
- Assoc. Prof. Tuba Mutluer - Science Academy's Young Scientist Awards Program (BAGEP)
- Assoc. Prof. Erkan Kalafat - Science Academy's Young Scientist Awards Program (BAGEP)

2023 TÜBA (TURKISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCE)

- Prof. Caner Süsal - TÜBA International & Hans Grosse-Wilde Ödülü
- Faculty Member Dr. Sevcin Yeşiltaş - TÜBA Incentive Award
- Assoc. Prof. Atay Vural - TÜBA Incentive Award and Nejat Eczacıbaşı Medicine Incentive Award

2023 TÜSEB (HEALTH INSTITUTES OF TURKEY) AND SEDAT ŞİMAVİ

- Faculty Member Dr. Levent Beker - TÜSEB Aziz Sançar Incentive Award
- Prof. Halil Kavaklı - 2023 Sedat Simavi Science Award

NEJAT ECZACIBAŞI AWARDS

- Assoc. Prof. Atay Vural - Nejat Eczacıbaşı Medicine Incentive Award
- Prof. Tuğba Bağcı Önder - Nejat Eczacıbaşı Medical Scientific Research Support Award

- Faculty Member Dr. Gözde Korkmaz - Nejat Eczacıbaşı Medical Scientific Research Support Award
- Assoc. Prof. Savaş Taşoğlu - Nejat Eczacıbaşı Medicine Incentive Award

OTHER NATIONAL AWARDS

- Prof. Ziya Öniş - 18th Kadir Has Awards, Outstanding Achievement Award in the Field of Sustainable Economy in the World
- Prof. Can Erkey - Technology Development Foundation of Turkey (TTGV) Dr. Akın Çakmakçı Award
- Prof. Seda Keskin Avcı - ANTİKAD (Association of Business Women in Antalya) Academician of the Year Award
- VEKAM - Corporate Publishing House Award
- Assoc. Prof. Mert A. Kuşkuç - Founding Membership of Turkish Virology Consortium
- Dr. Beren Semiz - DoktorClub - Innovative Nursing Award of the Year
- Dr. Remziye Semerci - DoktorClub - Innovative Nursing Award of the Year
- Leman Birol ve İnci Erefe Research Awards - Best Project

ODTÜ (METU-MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY) PARLAR FOUNDATION

- Mehmet Cengiz Onbaşlı - ODTÜ Prof. Mustafa Parlar Foundation Research Incentive Award

AWARDS RECEIVED WITH STUDENTS

- Prof. Füsun Can ve Dr. Cansel Vatansever - Council of Higher Education (YÖK) "Best Doctoral Thesis of the Year" in the Field of Health and Sports
- Prof. Seda Kızılel, Esra Yalçın Kaya, Kiyumars Jalili, Işıl Gökten - "Best Enterprise Award" in TEKNOFEST 2023 Health and Life Sciences category

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITIONS

- **Prof. Şuhnaz Yılmaz Özbağcı** - European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS) Accreditation Board Membership
- **Prof. İhsan Solaroğlu** - Membership of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts
- **Prof. Umran İnan** - American Geophysical Union (AGU) John Adam Fleming Medal
- **Prof. Özlem Keskin** - European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) Membership
- **Prof. Seda Keskin Avcı** - Mediterranean Researchers Night (MEDNIGHT) 2023 Science Team Membership / American Chemical Society Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research Excellence in Review Award 2023 / Selected for the 2023 Mediterranean Science Team of the Mediterranean Researchers' Night (MEDNIGHT)
- **Prof. Şükrü Hatun** - Lestradet Award for Education and Advocacy for his invaluable contribution to the field of pediatric diabetes
- **Prof. Bertil Emrah Oder** - Representative in the Social and Human Sciences Commission of the UNESCO (Paris, 2023) / Distinguished Research Fellow of the Constitutional Studies at the University of Texas at Austin
- **Prof. Demircan Canadınç** - Humboldt Research Award
- **Prof. Metin Muradoğlu** - Elected as a Member of The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)

EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ERC) 2023 FUNDS

- **Faculty Member Dr. Fatma Güney** - ENSURE: EUR 1.5 million initial support for the project "Predictions Preventing Accidents with the Guidance of Possible Outcomes"
- **Prof. Seda Keskin Avcı** - STARLET: EUR 2 million consolidator grant to Atomistic Modeling of Advanced Porous Materials for Energy, Environmental and Biomedical Applications

FOR
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CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE
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RAHMI M. KOÇ MEDAL OF SCIENCE

ABOUT RAHMI M. KOÇ MEDAL OF SCIENCE

The Koç University Rahmi M. Koç Medal of Science was launched in 2016 to celebrate exceptional Turkish scientists under the age of 50 who have achieved international recognition for their research. The medal is intended to be a source of inspiration for future generations of scientists and to promote scientific excellence in Turkey.

The Koç University Rahmi M. Koç Medal of Science Selection Committee comprised of experts from diverse disciplines draws up a shortlist of each year's potential recipients. Since 2016, the medal has been awarded in rotation to those involved in Science, Engineering, and Medicine and to those involved in the fields of Administrative Science, Sociology, the Humanities, and Law.



2023 RAHMI M. KOÇ MEDAL OF SCIENCE

On 28 November 2023, the 8th Rahmi M. Koç Medal of science was awarded to Professor Ayşe Zarakol for her extraordinarily innovative and holistic contributions to the humanities through her research at the intersection of historical sociology and international relations. Her work focuses on East-West relations in the international system, the history and future of world orders, modernity and sovereignty, rising and declining powers, and Turkish politics from a comparative perspective.



RECIPIENTS OF THE KOÇ UNIVERSITY RAHMI M. KOÇ MEDAL OF SCIENCE

- 2023 - Prof. Ayşe Zarakol
(International Relations)
- 2022 - Prof. Bilge Yıldız
(Nuclear Science and Engineering, Materials Sciences and Engineering)
- 2021 - Prof. Ali Hortaçsu
(Economy)
- 2020 - Prof. Hatice Altuğ
(Bioengineering)
- 2019 - Prof. Filiz Garip
(Sociology)
- 2018 - Prof. Metin Sitti
(Mechanical Engineering)
- 2017 - Prof. Daron Acemoğlu
(Economy)
- 2016 - Prof. Aydoğan Özcan
(Electrical & Electronics Engineering, Bioengineering)

PRESENTATION

VEHBİ KOÇ FOUNDATION
AT A GLANCE

VEHBİ KOÇ AWARD

VEHBİ KOÇ FOUNDATION
EARTHQUAKE PROJECTS

EDUCATION

HEALTHCARE

CULTURE

CIVIL SOCIETY PARTNERSHIPS

For detailed
information about Prof.
Ayşe Zarakol's books:
<http://aysezarakol.com/>

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KOÇ UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS

157% INCREASE

In spite of the overall downturn in the sector, book sales revenues were up by 157% on a TL basis last year.

85% INCREASE
IN UNIT SALES



35 NEW BOOK TITLES



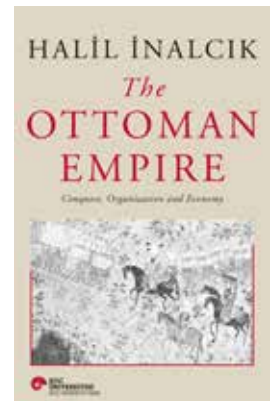
In 2023, Koç University Publishing achieved unprecedented success, surpassing all previous records for book sales and revenue since its inception in 2010.

The February earthquakes had a profound effect on Turkey's publishing industry, which ultimately contracted by approximately 10% over the year. In light of this, Koç University Publishing made the decision to postpone its publishing program for six months. Rather than introducing new books (35 titles were eventually published as opposed to 49 in 2022), the focus shifted instead to effectively utilizing resources to reduce stock levels. Untapped sales and distribution channels were explored and new partnerships were forged. These proactive measures paid off, resulting in a remarkable 157% increase in sales revenue (in Turkish lira) and an 85% increase in unit sales compared to the previous year, contrary to the overall downturn in the sector.

As part of an ongoing reorganization, the publishing house welcomed three new members to its editorial team. Including the head of publications, the staff now totals seven. The next phase of restructuring, focusing on sales and

marketing, is set to take place in 2024.

In 2023, a new academic series titled "Turkish and Ottoman Studies: History, Society and Culture" was launched in English. The first three books published in the series are Halil İnalcık's *The Ottoman Empire*, Suraiya Faroqhi's *Surviving Istanbul*, and Talat S. Halman's *Yunus Emre*. This new series, which has already garnered considerable attention in academic circles, will see three more books published in 2024. The bilingual (English-Turkish) children's book series launched in 2023 has been met with great



PARTNERSHIP
WITH OXFORD
UNIVERSITY
PRESS AND
CAMBRIDGE
UNIVERSITY
PRESS

Koç University Publishing has begun translating 15 titles from Oxford University Press's "A Very Short Introduction" series and 21 titles from Cambridge University Press's "Understanding Life" series.

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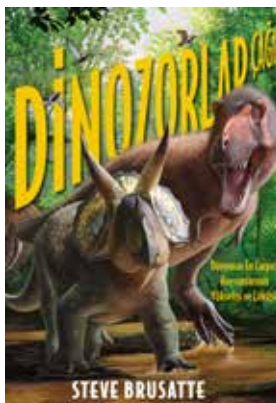
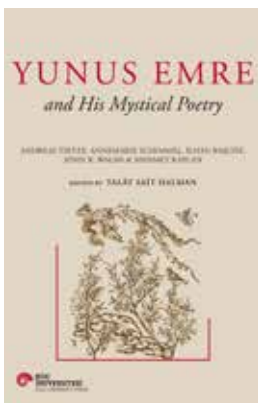


enthusiasm. Koç University Publishing is the first publishing house in Turkey to systematically publish books for children in this format. In addition to the 8 bilingual books that have already been released, another 40 or so more are ready for publication and will be included in the catalogue in 2024.

While the February earthquakes did cause delays in the publication of books already in the pipeline, the acquisition of new publishing rights continued without letup last year. Notably, the

exclusive Turkish publishing rights for Cambridge University Press's new "Understanding Life" series were secured, and the translation of all 21 books in the series is already underway. Additionally, the Turkish publishing rights for 15 books in Oxford University Press's "A Very Short Introduction" series were acquired, and their translations have commenced.

The final stages of editing were reached for 104 adult/academic books. These are slated for release in 2024 and the following years.



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**INTERNATIONAL
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**CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL
PROGRAM AT K-5 LEVEL**



KOÇ SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

The Koç School was initially founded as a high school by the Vehbi Koç Foundation in 1988. In 1998, it added an elementary school within the framework of the eight-year education program made compulsory by the Turkish Ministry of Education (MEB). Within only a few years, The Koç School became one of the most prominent schools in Turkey. With the introduction of the so-called “4+4+4 system” announced by the MEB in 2012, it continues to provide education as a K12 school composed of primary, middle, and high schools. The Koç School’s academic team is composed of local and international teachers, and its bilingual educational programs enhance its global perspective and culture. From kindergarten to Grade 12, The Koç School aims to enhance the intellectual and personal qualities of its students, raising global citizens who are self-confident, ethical, and responsible and who

have leadership qualities. The Koç School is an Accredited International Baccalaureate World School, as well as a member of the Educational Collaborative for International Schools (ECIS) and the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), USA. As of the 2023-2024 academic year, the Cambridge International Program has started to be implemented at the K-5 level. The program, which has been prepared in accordance with the identified themes, aims to help students learn the concepts of communication, research, analysis, evaluation, reflection and cooperation. Furthermore, our school has been following the Eco-Schools Program. The program, which is implemented to teach environmental awareness, environmental management and sustainable development in preschool, primary and middle schools, aims to familiarize our students with environmental issues through its participatory approach.

2,293 STUDENTS

Primary School	489
Middle School	756
High School	1.048
Total Number of Students	2,293

339 TEACHERS

Local	286
International	53
Total Number of Teachers	339

**154 ADMINISTRATIVE
EMPLOYEES**

KOÇ SCHOOL IN 2023

MAIN ACTIVITIES

2023 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY

Koç School's 31st High School Graduation Ceremony was held with great enthusiasm on June 19th at the AD Hall after a three-year hiatus. The graduation of the 240 Koç students who successfully completed their high school education was celebrated with the attendance of 1,200 guests including Ms. Semahat Arsel, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Vehbi Koç Foundation, Mr. Oğuz Toprakoğlu, General Manager of Vehbi Koç Foundation, Ms. İpek Kırış, Ms. Caroline Koç, teachers, and parents.

In the graduation ceremony, Ms. İpek Kırış, 2002 alumni and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of The Koç School, and Ms. Zeynep İnanoğlu Özdemir, 1995 alumni, gave inspiring speeches to the entire Koç School family, and the Class of 2023 Orchestra performed the song "Biz Bu Kadarız" with an energetic performance; they mesmerized everyone in the hall and provided a meaningful and unforgettable musical experience.

2023 GRADUATES

High School Class of 2023 graduates, who were accepted to prestigious schools from all over the world and made our school proud by earning high scholarships, received a total of 995 acceptances from nearly 250 universities in 14 countries. 178 of the graduates, who received a total of USD 1,898,176 in annual scholarships from universities abroad, decided to continue their education at an overseas university. Among the graduates who took the Higher Education Institutions Examination (YKS), 60 of them ranked in the top 10,000. Graduates who were placed in universities in Turkey received a total scholarship of TL 5,861,767 per year.

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

According to the results of the High School Entrance Exam (LGS), student enrollments to Koç High School were completed in the 1% to 0.01% percentile range for the 2023-2024 academic year.

995 ACCEPTANCES

High School Class of 2023 graduates received a total of 995 acceptances from nearly 250 universities in 14 countries.

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KOÇ SCHOOL IN 2023 | MAIN ACTIVITIES



NASA SCIENCE TRIP

Our grade 8 students who participated in the NASA Science Trip had the opportunity to make unforgettable observations and experiences in many different fields with the rich content of the trip. They had the opportunity to get to know the rockets produced at the Kennedy Space Center of NASA's National Aeronautics and Space Administration, to experience the rocket launch experience in the Apollo 8 launch room, to see the Atlantis Space Shuttle, which carried out 33 space missions and traveled 200 million km, and to see the Saturn V rocket used in NASA's Moon missions Apollo and Skylab programs.



VEHBI KOÇ COMMEMORATION DAY

The founder of the Koç Group, Mr. Vehbi Koç, was commemorated with respect and longing in the ceremonies held at the Primary, Middle and High Schools on the 27th anniversary of his passing. Our students watched the presentations about the life of The Koç School's founder Mr. Vehbi Koç and the innovations he brought to our country. At the commemoration ceremony, where Nevzat Basım, the author of the book, "Who is Vehbi Koç?" was the guest, Koç Schoolers had the opportunity to listen to a life devoted to creating value for our country from the author whose book they had read.



ONWARD IN UNITY AND SOLIDARITY

In the aftermath of the earthquake that not only devastated a region but also affected the entire country, The Koç School focused on ensuring the health and well-being of the school community while dedicating its competencies and allocating its resources for the right places by owning the slogan, "The Onus is on Us!". Both The Koç School and the members of the school community worked in solidarity and launched campaigns to lend a helping hand to the people in the affected region.



MARCH 18TH ÇANAKKALE VICTORY

March 18th Çanakkale Victory and Martyrs' Day was celebrated with a ceremony attended by The Koç School students and teachers. On the 108th anniversary of the Çanakkale Victory, it was once again emphasized that all our heroes who made Çanakkale impassable were commemorated with gratitude, that the sacrifice, courage, solidarity, and struggle shown by our ancestors during the Çanakkale Battles continue today as they did then, and that we can overcome all difficulties as a nation.



A DAY IN ÇATALHÖYÜK: FAIRY TALE DIORAMA WORKSHOP

An interactive fairy tale narration fictionalized based on the first city plan of the history of Çatalhöyük was held with our Grade 3 students, and then A Day in Çatalhöyük: Fairy Tale Diorama Workshop took place with each of our sections separately. During this workshop conducted under the theme of "Venue, Space and Structure" in cooperation with İdil Bilgin Education and Culture Consultancy, daily life in the Neolithic Age was depicted and those learned through the fairy tale were animated by means of a diorama.



APRIL 23RD NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND CHILDREN'S DAY

On the 100th anniversary of the foundation of our Republic, we celebrated April 23rd National Sovereignty and Children's Day with enthusiasm at our School Campus with our students, teachers and parents. On this festive day presented as a gift to all the children of the world by the Great Leader Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of the Republic of Turkey, our students carried out various activities throughout the week and student works reflected the meaning and importance of the day. Our students performed their drama, dance, and band performances on stage.

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KOÇ SCHOOL IN 2023 | MAIN ACTIVITIES



WORLD THEATER DAY

A theater play titled "Toy Story" was staged for all primary school grade levels at Mehmet Yurdal Hall on Monday, March 27th, within the scope of World Theater Day.



17TH SEVGI GÖNÜL ART NIGHT

After a 3-year hiatus, a total of 118 students (79 high school students and 39 middle school students) presented their musical performances with the theme "Revived Musicals at the Museum" at the Sevgi Gönül Art Night held on Friday, May 26th. Moreover, 173 students exhibited their visual arts works that they had been working on throughout the year.



30TH CAREER DAY "IMPACTFUL CAREERS, VALUE FOR THE FUTURE"

Our school organizes "Career Day" every year in order to support our students in making conscious professional choices. Organized by The Koç School High School Guidance and Psychological Counseling Department, the 30th Professions Day was held on April 12th-13th this year with the philosophy of 'Impactful Careers, Value for the Future'. With the participation of our graduates, parents, academics, and industry experts, the 30th Career Day was completed with the presentation of 46 different fields in 65 sessions, 83 speakers and 11 universities.





MAY 19TH COMMEMORATION OF ATATÜRK YOUTH AND SPORTS DAY

We celebrated the May 19th Commemoration of Atatürk Youth and Sports Day, which was presented to the youth by the Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, with great excitement and enthusiasm. Within the scope of the activities on the 104th anniversary of May 19th Commemoration of Atatürk Youth and Sports Day, ceremonies and activities were held in primary, middle and high schools.



16TH SUNA KIRAÇ INTER HIGH SCHOOL SHORT STORY CONTEST

Many students from The Koç School, High School and throughout Istanbul participated in the 16th Suna Kiraç Inter-High School Story Competition, whose theme this year was "soil", the most important element that nourishes, glorifies, and revives humanity. The winners received their awards on May 10th.



MUSTAFA V. KOÇ STORY AND OPINION WRITING CONTEST

The Mustafa V. Koç Story and Opinion Writing Contest was organized this year with the theme of "respect". The awards were presented to grade 7 and 8 students from all middle schools across Istanbul in the story category and to grade 7 and 8 students from The Koç School in the opinion writing category at a ceremony held on June 8th.

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RAMFEST AND RAMFEST JR.

After a year of fun and learning, the traditional Ramfest was celebrated with culture and art in all three schools in June. It was full of music concerts, illustration workshop, bust making, manga drawing workshop, accessory making with shrinking paper, cup and tattoo design, marbling art, t-shirt, stone and face painting, as well as various workshops and digital art and yummy art activities. At the festival, Koç schoolers once again experienced having fun and learning together as a community towards the end of the academic year.





KINDERGARTEN END OF YEAR SHOW

During the first year of their educational journey at The Koç School, our kindergarten students learned about respect, cooperation and a spirit of curiosity and grew up. At the end of this process, our students came together with our teachers and their families and stood as the stars of the stage with their dance, music and drama performances.

THE KOÇ SCHOOL STUDENT MEANING AND PURPOSE RESEARCH RESULT PUBLISHED IN HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW.

The results of the 'Koç School Purpose at School Research' initiated by Harvard University, The Human Flourishing Program researchers Matthew T. Lee, Dr. Ayşe Yemişçigil and Koç School and supported by the Vehbi Koç Foundation were published in the Harvard Business Review. The research, which examines the factors that play a role in students' determination of a life purpose that is beneficial for themselves and society, and their well-being, was conducted with The Koç School high school students during the 2021-2022 academic year.



ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE KOÇ SCHOOL

On Thursday, 21 September 2023 we celebrated the 35th Anniversary of The Koç School with our school community. The Koç School, which aims to be a pioneer in the field of education since the day it was founded, continues on its path to raise individuals who are lifelong learners and accept the guidance of reason and conscience, with its deep-rooted history, strong academic programs and teaching staff.



KOÇ SCHOOL

KOÇ SCHOOL IN 2023 | MAIN ACTIVITIES



INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANING DAY ACTIVITY

Our students from grades 10 and 11 participated in a coast cleaning activity on September 16th Saturday at Kadıköy Moda coast. 50 Koç High School students and 3 Biology Teachers participated in the International Coastal Cleaning Day activity. After the introductory games organized by TURMEPA officials who organized the event, garbage was collected in groups by dividing into 5 groups: 50 kg glass, 40 kg plastic, 20 kg metal, 10 kg paper and non-recycling materials- most of them were cigarette butts-were about 17,500.



HAPPY OCTOBER 29TH, REPUBLIC DAY!

On 29 October 2023, we celebrated the 100th anniversary of our Republic with a ceremony at school with Koç School students, teachers, parents, and colleagues. In order to carry the memories of the 100th anniversary of the Republic into the future, selected works and photographs from all levels were put in a time capsule and buried in the garden of our school to be opened in 15 years. In addition, within the scope of these activities, the 100th Year Republic Tree was planted on our school campus together with our students, teachers, and colleagues.



THE KOÇ SCHOOL EXPLORES ITS NATURE.

With the contributions of TEMA Foundation experts, a study was conducted at the school to map tree, shrub and shrub species and a Koç School Survey Map was prepared. With this map, it was determined that there are 182 plant species and a total of 13,708 trees, shrubs, and bushes in our school. The trees to be labeled were identified according to the map and 215 labels were prepared to be hung on campus.

EUROPEAN CODE WEEK

Code Week, which aims to make coding and digital literacy fun and attractive for everyone and is carried out across Europe to support children's coding skills, took place between October 7th-22nd. The national theme of this year's Code Week 2023 was "100th Anniversary of our Republic". Different coding activities were held in Information Technologies (IT) and Software courses and in the foyer area for two weeks.



NOVEMBER 10TH ATATÜRK COMMEMORATION DAY

Ceremonies commemorating the Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk were held in Primary, Middle and High Schools.

KOÇ SCHOOL

KOÇ SCHOOL IN 2023 | MAIN ACTIVITIES



25TH AUTUMN TEACHERS CONFERENCE - ATC

More than 40 teachers and administrative staff attended the 25th Autumn Teachers Conference held on 14 October 2023.



WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS 2023

Koç Scholars Academy completed the World Scholars Cup Tournament of Champions 2023 with great success. We had a tremendous performance in Writing category, placing 4th worldwide and 1st and 4th individually in the European region. Koç School also won the title of European regional champion.

KOÇ SCHOOL'S PUBLICATIONS

Throughout the 2022-2023 academic year, The Koç School student magazines featuring authentic works of students, namely Koçi, Epic Authors, Tohum, Edge Steam, Felsefe, Ekvator, Koç Science Cope, LP Magazine, Boyut, Anonim, Era and Psychology Magazine, and the institutional magazine Voice, monthly published Koç Bulletin and KoçWins covering students' achievements, as well as the parent bulletins published monthly by the Primary and Middle Schools' GPC Department, have all continued to circulate.



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KOÇ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL IN NUMBERS

357 INPATIENT ROOMS



55 INTENSIVE CARE UNITS



44 CHEMOTHERAPY UNITS



220.000 M² THE HEALTH
SCIENCES CAMPUS



- SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
- SCHOOL OF NURSING
- RESEARCH LABORATORIES
- RAHMI M. KOÇ ACADEMY OF INTERVENTIONAL MEDICINE, EDUCATION, AND SIMULATION



KOÇ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AT A GLANCE

Koç University Hospital was founded as a research and teaching hospital in September 2014. The hospital has a total capacity of 357 single inpatient rooms, 55 intensive care units, and 44 chemotherapy units. The Health Sciences Campus, established on an area of 220,000 m², includes the School of Medicine, the School of Nursing, research laboratories, and the Rahmi M. Koç Academy of Interventional Medicine, Education, and Simulation. Boasting an innovative approach and a dynamic team meeting North American standards, the Health Sciences Campus aims to contribute to the education of qualified human resources for the healthcare industry.

SINCE 2014

Koç University Hospital was founded as a research and teaching hospital in September 2014.

KOÇ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL IN 2023 MAIN ACTIVITIES

KOÇ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL "PEDIATRIC BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT CENTER" OPENED.

Koç University Hospital opened the "Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Center" within the Department of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology. The "Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Center", which was launched to provide special treatment for pediatric patients awaiting bone marrow transplantation in Turkey, offers detailed analysis and therapeutic methods for many conditions ranging from leukemia to autoimmune diseases with a multidisciplinary approach.

Koç University "Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Center", which has a special ward with 10 beds ready for bone marrow transplant treatment, benefits from multidimensional perspectives on the treatment process with the support of healthcare professionals such as dietitians, physical therapists, clinical psychologists, art therapists, as well as doctors and nurses. Thus, the medical teams of the unit prioritize strengthening the morale and motivation of both children and their families while protecting the health of children with integrated treatment methods.

SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR PEDIATRIC PATIENTS AWAITING BONE MARROW TRANSPLANTATION

The "Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Center" was launched to provide special treatment for pediatric patients awaiting bone marrow transplantation in Turkey.

KOÇ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

KOÇ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL IN 2023 | MAIN ACTIVITIES



KOÇ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AND BIONTECH SIGN A NEW COLLABORATION FOCUSED ON THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER.

Koç University Hospital, which has a Clinical Research Unit and Turkey's first high-risk drug research center "Phase 1 Clinical Research Center" approved by the Turkish Medical Devices and Pharmaceuticals Authority, has established a strategic collaboration with BioNTech. In this way, Koç University Hospital, which has accelerated its research and development efforts in the fight against cancer, and BioNTech, one of the world's leading developers of mRNA and immunotherapy technologies, aim to bring mRNA immunotherapies (immunotherapy) to patients in Turkey in line with the patient potential in clinical studies and healthcare services.



KOÇ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL HOSTED JIM CLARAHAN FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS.

Koç University Hospital, in collaboration with "KAÇUV" (Hope Foundation for Children with Cancer), "Oncology Mothers" and "Umuda Pedal", hosted Jim Clarahan, "RSM US LLC Senior Partner" and founder of "Ride 4 Dray" initiative on 4 July 2023. The "Drysonate Children's Cancer Research Fund", which Clarahan established in 2019 in honor of his grandson Dray, who was diagnosed with a rare brain tumor at the age of 1 and struggled with this disease for about 4 years, aims to provide income to children's cancer foundations. For this purpose, Jim Clarahan, who has traveled to 25 countries with his motorcycle and stopped at 11 children's hospitals and cancer centers to raise awareness and funds, made his first stop in Turkey at Koç University Hospital.

MEDICAL SEMINARS AND EVENTS

In 2023, 12 physical, 2 online and 7 hybrid seminars and events were organized at Koç University Hospital.

- **January 09** | Neurosurgery Meetings | Hybrid
- **January 10** | French Lape Hospital Meetings - 1 | Physical
- **January 24** | Neurology Seminar Series | Online
- **March 08** | World Kidney Day | Physical
- **March 08** | Urooncology Meeting | Physical
- **March 10** | Neurology Seminar Series | Online
- **March 13** | Neurosurgery Meetings | Hybrid
- **March 14** | Art and Art Therapy in Crisis | Physical
- **April 01** | Advanced Thyroid Ultrasonography Course | Physical
- **April 11** | French Lape Hospital Meetings - 2 | Physical
- **April 18** | Forensic Medicine Seminar | Physical | Hybrid
- **May 08** | Neurosurgery Meetings | Hybrid
- **May 11** | French Lape Hospital Meetings - 3 | Physical
- **June 12** | Air Pollution and Cardiopulmonary & Sleep Disorders | Hybrid
- **June 13** | French Lape Hospital Meetings - 4 | Physical
- **June 17** | Metastatic Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Multidisciplinary Meeting | Physical
- **July 04** | Ride 4 Dray | Physical
- **October 14** | Current Advances in Gastrointestinal System Cancers | Physical
- **November 06** | Neurology Seminar | Hybrid
- **November 08** | Organ Transplant Week Event | Hybrid
- **November 08** | Neurosurgery Meeting | Physical
- **November 09** | Pathology Meeting | Physical
- **November 14** | Diabetes Day Event
- **November 30** | New Horizons in Epilepsy
- **December 18/20** | ISRS Istanbul

ANKARA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE VEHBI KOÇ EYE HOSPITAL

The Vehbi Koç Eye Hospital, which was founded in 1967 as part of Ankara University's School of Medicine Department of Ophthalmology and underwent a large-scale renovation in 2007, has been supported regularly by the Vehbi Koç Foundation. The hospital serves approximately 300 patients a day in its outpatient clinics. Approximately 70 eye surgeries are performed every week at the hospital. It has also been offering ESASO (European School for Advanced Studies in Ophthalmology) accredited post specialization courses for ophthalmologists since 2012 with the support of the Vehbi Koç Foundation.

HAYDARPAŞA NUMUNE HOSPITAL VEHBI KOÇ EMERGENCY MEDICAL CENTER

Founded in 1985 with the support of the Vehbi Koç Foundation, the Haydarpaşa Numune Hospital Vehbi Koç Emergency Medical Center underwent a major overhaul in 2015 to meet increasing demand. The center has been supported consistently by the Vehbi Koç Foundation. It is able to serve a great number of patients simultaneously thanks to its interior layout that is able to cater to different needs and is considered one of Turkey's best-organized emergency wards.

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VEHBİ KOÇ FOUNDATION AMERICAN HOSPITAL IN 2023

MAIN ACTIVITIES

AMERICAN HOSPITAL RECEIVES "GOLD CERTIFICATE" IN "PERSON CENTERED CARE".

The American Hospital, which offers a healing, transparent, compassionate and holistic environment where patients receive quality care by finding ways to benefit from the cooperation between patients, relatives and healthcare professionals with "Person Centered Care", was awarded the "Gold Certificate", the highest level of achievement, by the international certification organization "Planetree" with this understanding.

OUR "REVERSE MENTORING" PROGRAM WINS "PLANETREE INNOVATION AWARD".

American Hospital ranked first in the "Planetree - Innovation in Person Centered Care Award" with its "Reverse Mentoring/Reverse Mentoring" program. The American Hospital continues to work for a better future in healthcare and to keep the values of "People-Centered Care" alive with patients, relatives and healthcare professionals.



VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION AMERICAN HOSPITAL AT A GLANCE

The hospital was first founded in 1920 as the Constantinopolis American Hospital and was acquired in 1995 by the Vehbi Koç Foundation to serve as a non-profit private hospital. The Vehbi Koç Foundation American Hospital has always aimed to provide the highest international standards with its healthcare personnel, medical technologies, and administrative systems. It has also been playing a key role in the development of Turkey's healthcare system.

AMERICAN HOSPITAL IN NUMBERS

218 INPATIENT ROOMS



32 INTENSIVE CARE UNITS



161 OUTPATIENT CLINICS



12 OPERATION ROOMS



SERVING İSTANBUL AND TURKEY FOR 103 YEARS

Vehbi Koç
Foundation
American Hospital
is the heir of the
Constantinopolis
American Hospital
originally founded
in 1920.

AMERICAN HOSPITAL RECEIVES 4TH AWARD AT "THE ONE AWARDS".

American Hospital won first place for the 4th time in the "Private Healthcare Institutions" category at the 9th "The ONE Awards Integrated Marketing Awards" held this year.

AMERICAN HOSPITAL NAMED "MOST ADMIRE COMPANY".

In the "Most Admired Companies" survey prepared by Capital magazine for 22 years and conducted with the intense participation of representatives of the business world, American Hospital succeeded in becoming the most admired company.

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION AMERICAN HOSPITAL

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION AMERICAN HOSPITAL IN 2023 | MAIN ACTIVITIES



CONTEMPORARY İSTANBUL

As a "Health Partner", ambulance support accompanied by a paramedic was provided at Contemporary Istanbul Bloom, held at Lütfü Kırdar Convention and Exhibition Center between 31 May and 4 June 2023, and at Tersane Istanbul between 26 September and 1 October 2023.

İSTANBUL FOUNDATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (İKSV)

As a "Service Health Sponsor", ambulance support accompanied by paramedics was provided at festivals organized by İKSV in different fields such as music, film and theater.

- 42nd Istanbul Film Festival
(7-18 April 2023)
- 51st Istanbul Music Festival
(1-17 June 2023)
- 30th Istanbul Jazz Festival
(7-19 June 2023)
- Traveling Salon
(29-30 June 2023)
- 27th Istanbul Theater Festival
(25 October - 25 November 2023)



THE BODRUM CUP

The Bodrum Cup, the largest sailing festival in the Mediterranean, brought together maritime and sailing enthusiasts from all over the world in Bodrum for the 35th time this year. As it has been for 5 years, this year, American Hospital supported "The Bodrum Cup", which took place between 2-21 October 2023, as the "Platinum Sponsor". As the title sponsor since 2018, American Hospital received an award at the award ceremony of "The Bodrum Cup" held at Ağanlar Shipyard.

BUSINESS TENNIS CUP

American Hospital continued to support the "Business Tennis Cup" Tournament as the "Health Sponsor" with the same enthusiasm for 9 years. Between 30 May - 11 June 2023 and 2-16 September 2023, the hospital provided ambulance support as the "Health Sponsor". Koç Healthcare tennis team took part in the tournament and finished 3rd in the "Business Tennis Cup 2023".



MEDICAL SEMINARS AND EVENTS

In 2023, 9 seminars and events were held at the American Hospital, 2 physical and 7 hybrid structures.

- **January 15** | Prenatal Screening of Congenital Heart Diseases | Physical
- **February 23** | Intensive Care Istanbul - 1 | Hybrid
- **April 27** | Intensive Care Istanbul - 2 | Hybrid
- **May 08** | Intensive Care Istanbul - 3 | Hybrid
- **April 02** | Genital Aesthetics Course | Hybrid
- **May 17** | TAKD Marmara Regional Meeting | Hybrid
- **June 21** | 6th Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery Congress | Hybrid
- **September 21** | Patient Safety Week Panel | Hybrid
- **November 20** | Demographic Decline in Developed World and Implications for Fertility Preservation | Physical

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BODRUM AMERICAN HOSPITAL IN 2023

MAIN ACTIVITIES

BODRUM AMERICAN HOSPITAL HOSTED PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH A MUSEUM VISIT AND HAND HYGIENE TRAINING.

Bodrum American Hospital, Turkey's first "Museum Hospital", which fulfills its responsibility towards society by supporting environmental, cultural and historical projects to add value to social life as well as its pioneering role in the field of health since its establishment, hosted primary school students within the scope of the "Health Generations Start with Us" project in cooperation with the Directorate of National Education and DenizTemiz Derneği/TURMEPA Bodrum Branch.

The students, who visited the museum area and learned about the mosaics at Bodrum American Hospital, which protects and exhibits the historical artifacts of the Late Roman Period, were given hand hygiene training by the infection nurse of Bodrum American Hospital. After being informed about environmental and coastal cleanliness by the DenizTemiz Derneği/TURMEPA, the students had a pleasant conversation with Dr. Şahin Ünal, Deputy Chief Physician of Bodrum American Hospital. A total of 187 students from TED College, Umurca Primary School, Atatürk Primary School, Güler Mustafa Kızılağaç Primary School, Konacık Cahit Özvezneci Primary School, Dr. H. Mümtaz Ataman Primary School, Şehit Serkan Göker Primary School and Hüseyin Boyacı Primary School have been trained so far.

BODRUM AMERICAN HOSPITAL AT A GLANCE

The Bodrum American Hospital opened in 2019 following extensive improvements and renovation work. It offers services in all fundamental branches, has 29 patient beds, and provides various ambulatory care services, as well as high-tech diagnostic and laboratory services. In total, there are 25 outpatient clinics, 15 ICU beds, 3 operation rooms, a cardiovascular surgery unit, angiography, chemotherapy, and a medical oncology treatment unit.

BODRUM AMERICAN HOSPITAL IN NUMBERS

29 PATIENT BEDS



15 ICU BEDS



25 OUTPATIENT CLINICS



3 OPERATION ROOMS



MEDICAL SEMINARS AND EVENTS

Bodrum American Hospital organized 8 physical activities in 2023.

- **March 16** | Museum Hospital Student Tours | Konacik Cahit Ozvezneci Primary School | Physical
- **May 06** | Dr. Şahin Ünal 11th Solo Painting Exhibition Opening | Physical
- **June 09** | Museum Hospital Student Tours | Umurca Primary School | Physical
- **May 26** | Museum Hospital Student Tours | Dr. H. Mümtaz Atamn Primary School | Physical
- **June 06** | Museum Hospital Student Tours | Şehit Serkan Göker Primary School | Physical
- **June 15** | Museum Hospital Student Tours | Hüseyin Boyacı Primary School | Physical
- **September 19** | Medicine and Art Meetings | Zülfü Livaneli - Dr. Şahin Ünal / "Republic and Culture from Yesterday to Today" | Physical
- **Novgember 07** | Medicine and Art Meetings | Associate Professor Dr. Kemal Göl / "Tunceli with Photographs" | Physical

MUSEUM HOSPITAL

Bodrum American Hospital is Turkey's first "Museum Hospital".

BODRUM AMERICAN HOSPITAL HOSTED DR. ŞAHİN ÜNAL'S "11TH PERSONAL PAINTING EXHIBITION" IN THE MUSEUM AREA.

The "11th Personal Painting Exhibition" of Dr. Şahin Ünal, Deputy Chief Physician of Bodrum American Hospital, curated by Amelie Edgü and set up in the museum area of Bodrum American Hospital, met with art lovers. In Dr. Şahin Ünal's exhibition, a selection of paintings by 22 world-renowned artists inspired by the motto "Respect First" was presented.

MEDICINE AND ART MEETINGS

Doctors and artists known for their valuable work in the field of arts came together with healthcare professionals at the "Medicine and Art Meetings" event held twice this year at Bodrum American Hospital.

On Tuesday, 19 September 2023, Zülfü Livaneli was hosted by Assistant Chief Physician Dr. Şahin Ünal and a pleasant conversation was held on "Republic and Culture". On Wednesday, 8 November 2023, Associate Professor Doctor Kemal Göl, a doctor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, discussed Tunceli and its history under the title of "Tunceli with Photographs". These enjoyable events, which took place in the garden of Bodrum American Hospital Villa Office in the atmosphere of mutual conversation, were highly appreciated.

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AMERICAN OUTPATIENT MEDICAL CENTER AT A GLANCE

The American Outpatient Medical Center is located on the Anatolian side of Istanbul and has been affiliated with the American Hospital since 1997. It has 33 examination rooms, a clinical laboratory, a medical imaging facility, an in-vitro fertilization center, a physiotherapy and rehabilitation clinic, and a health and wellness clinic, as well as 2 operating rooms and 17 observation beds.



AMERICAN OUTPATIENT MEDICAL CENTER IN NUMBERS

17 OBSERVATION BEDS



33 EXAMINATION ROOMS



2 OPERATING ROOMS



AMERICAN OUTPATIENT MEDICAL CENTER IN 2023 MAIN ACTIVITIES

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CLINIC

While the American Outpatient Medical Center "Healthy and Good Life Clinic" continues to organize special health programs according to needs by identifying health risks through personalized examinations and examinations, the number of "Healthy and Good Life Clinic" patients continue to increase day by day.

From the Nutrition and Diet Department of the American Medical Center. Dyt. Simal Deniz from the Nutrition and Diet Department of the American Medical Center, the 8 healthy recipes in the book were turned into videos and shared on Koç Healthcare social media accounts. The "Healthy and Delicious Recipes" video series published on YouTube and Instagram platforms received great acclaim.

VETAMERICAN

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VETAMERICAN AT A GLANCE

Launched in 2023 under the Koç Healthcare brand, VetAmerican Pet Hospital aims to provide high-quality healthcare to our beloved pets. Employing a team of seasoned vets and state-of-the-art technology, the hospital strives to create a trusting and caring environment for pets and their owners alike.

Just like human healthcare facilities that continuously evolve by reviewing and evaluating their outcomes, VetAmerican is dedicated to delivering standardized, comprehensive care and treatment to our cherished pets.

With an indoor area of 7,500 m², VetAmerican is one of the largest private animal hospitals in Europe, bringing together cat and dog treatment

areas under one roof; 16 examination rooms, two of which are emergency, 2 imaging rooms, 1 imaging center, 4 operating rooms, 39 infection areas, 2 outpatient clinic areas and 1 dialysis room. VetAmerican, which has 442 bed capacity, 109 of which are ICU cabins, devices and facilities such as Radiotherapy (LINAK), MRI, Computed Tomography, Scopy, Digital X-ray, ESWL (stone crushing) designed for animals, endoscopy, arthroscopy, PCR, offers Radiotherapy services to all of Turkey and neighboring countries with LINAK technology for the first time in Turkey. VetAmerican works for the health of our friends as a corporate organization that questions itself and improves itself with quality standards, where the duties and responsibilities of its large staff of veterinarians who are experts in their fields are clear, the results are shared with the patient.

ONE OF EUROPE'S BIGGEST

Boasting 7,500 m² of indoor space, VetAmerican is one of the biggest privately-owned animal hospitals in Europe.

VETAMERICAN IN 2023

MAIN ACTIVITIES

VETAMERICAN ANIMAL HOSPITAL OPENED.

VetAmerican Animal Hospital, which focuses on animal health, will serve for the first time under the roof of a health institution in Turkey and aims to pioneer in the field of veterinary health services with its modern technology and approach, opened its doors.

The opening ceremony of VetAmerican Animal Hospital was attended by Koç Holding Honorary Chairman and Board Member Rahmi M. Koç, Koç Holding Board Member İpek Kırar, Koç Holding CEO Levent Çakıroğlu and Koç Healthcare (Vehbi Koç Foundation Healthcare Institutions) CEO Dr. Erhan Bulutcu, as well as Istanbul Governor Davut Gül, Istanbul Metropolitan Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu, Kağıthane District Governor Niyazi Erten, Kağıthane Mayor Mevlüt Öztekin and Istanbul University Cerrahpaşa Rector Prof. Nuri Aydın.

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION HEALTHCARE INSTITUTIONS JOINT PROGRAMS



100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR REPUBLIC CELEBRATED WITH ENTHUSIASM.

With the awareness of the greatest legacy entrusted to us by the Great Leader Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the 100th anniversary of our Republic was celebrated with enthusiasm, accompanied by a marching band. Hundreds of red and white balloons were released into the sky at the American Hospital, Bodrum American Hospital, American Outpatient Medical Center and Koç University Hospital after a moment of silence and the reading of the National Anthem, followed by speeches by the chief physicians emphasizing the meaning and importance of the Republic. Accompanied by the marching band, the 100th anniversary of our Republic was greeted with enthusiasm, spilling out onto the streets with the participation of all our teammates.

KOÇ HEALTHCARE

"TURKEY'S FIRST DIGITAL HEALTH INSURANCE" FROM KOÇ HEALTHCARE AND AXA SİGORTA

"Digital Health Insurance", a first in Turkey, was launched in cooperation with Koç Healthcare and AXA Sigorta. Bringing digitalization in medicine to the insurance sector, Koç Healthcare and AXA Sigorta launched the "remote medical examination" period, where insured individuals can be examined at any time and from anywhere without going to the hospital.

With the "AXA Digital Health Insurance", inpatient treatments are provided on-site at all health institutions covered by the private health insurance contracted by AXA Insurance,

while outpatient treatments are provided with the opportunity to be examined online with the digital examination device "TytoCare" offered with the policy. For heart, lung, ear, nose and throat disorders and skin problems, doctors at the American Hospital and Koç University Hospital can remotely examine the ear, nose and throat area with the "TytoCare" Digital Examination Device, measure fever, pulse and heartbeat, and provide examination services at international standards.

"KOÇ HEALTHCARE APP" REVAMPED.

"Koç Healthcare Application" has been renewed by expanding the scope of online services with new features.

The updated "Koç Healthcare Application" enables users to make online appointments, undergo video examinations, access tests and reports, download health records to devices, purchase service packages, and complete payment processes for hospital procedures through the application. In addition, the "Koç Healthcare Application" enables patients to follow all developments related to their own and their families' health through a single application, set reminders for medications, use Tele Health services 24/7 and access remote health services if needed.



KOÇ SAĞLIK YANIMDA: TYTOCARE

"KOÇ SAĞLIK YANIMDA" RECEIVES AWARD.

Koç Sağlık Yanımda received the "Most Successful Remote Healthcare Services Organization of the Year" award at the "Social Responsibility in Health Awards" organized annually by "Health Volunteers-Turkey". On Tuesday, 3 October 2023, our CEO Dr. Erhan Bulutcu was presented with the award at the Award Ceremony held at Liv Hospital Vadi Istanbul Conference Hall. Koç Sağlık Yanımda continues to contribute to the development of remote healthcare services and show leadership in this field.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

BICYCLE TOUR ACTIVITY

The "Breast Cancer Awareness - Bicycle Tour Event", which was realized within the scope of "Breast Cancer Awareness Month", was held with an intense participation for the 3rd year in a row. Participants pedaled a total of 7 kilometers in the event, drawing attention to the importance of early diagnosis in breast cancer. On Sunday, 15 October 2023, Koç Healthcare employees supported cycling groups and walks during the awareness event. The cycling group set off from Bostancı İsbike in the morning and pedaled until Fenerbahçe Orduevi. The final of the tour took place at Şaşkınbakkal Skating Rink. While the participants drew the attention of the people around them with their pink t-shirts and pink balloons tied to their bicycles, information about breast cancer was shared in the brochures distributed..

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS CONFERENCE

Koç Healthcare organized a special "Breast Cancer Awareness Conference" for Zeytinburnu Municipality employees under the leadership of Associate Professor Dr. Ece Dilege with Zeytinburnu Municipality during "Breast Cancer Awareness Month". In the content of the conference, many important points were emphasized to raise awareness about breast cancer. At the conference, our assistant doctors explained how to perform "breast self-examination", one of the methods of breast cancer detection and diagnosis, while Dietitian Meltem Yılmaz Çan shared "the importance of nutrition in cancer treatment".



SUPPORT
WITH 102
HEALTHCARE
PROFESSIONALS

Vehbi Koç
Foundation
Healthcare
Institutions
provided
Healthcare support
to the region with
102 healthcare
professionals
notified to the
Ministry of Health.

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION HEALTHCARE INSTITUTIONS JOINT PROGRAMS

HEALTH SERVICES AND PRACTICES DURING DISASTERS

Vehbi Koç Foundation Healthcare Institutions took immediate action following the earthquake in and around Hatay in February, which deeply affected the whole of Turkey. Healthcare support was provided to the region with 102 healthcare professionals notified to the Ministry of Health. The return of the employees, who were summoned and their duty locations were determined in coordination with AFAD and the Ministry of Health, was also planned by the Ministry of Health by terminating their duties as the need arose. All health workers were sent to the disaster area equipped with medicines/materials and equipment for their own use.

A total of 72 earthquake victims who have already been referred to our institutions have been treated by our health institutions, with the real need for the treatment and follow-up of the injured in our institutions.

During this period, "Psychological Counseling", "Pediatrics", "Internal Medicine", "Nutrition Counseling" and "General Medical Counseling" services were offered to Koç Group employees and their first-degree relatives through the Koç Sağlık Yanımnda application free of charge and without any limitations.

Increases in "infectious diseases" can be observed after earthquakes and similar major disasters, as well as traumas in children and adults. Training videos on this subject were prepared and broadcasted on our social media channels.

INPATIENT FOLLOW-UP ASSISTANT: "GENAI"

The American Hospital has integrated a smart assistant powered by artificial intelligence into its healthcare system in order to minimize the risks of error and provide healthcare services at the highest standard while making the most effective use of healthcare professionals' time.

In "GENAI", the artificial intelligence assistant, which greets doctors when they log in to the patient card, provides effective and efficient inpatient follow-up and effective time management opportunities for doctors by clinically analyzing patient-related data and presenting reports.

2023 MEDICAL CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

In 2023, Koç Healthcare held a total of 3,170 medical meetings, 869 online and 2,301 physical, as well as 38 seminars and events, 3 online and 35 physical.

KOÇ HEALTHCARE | MEDICAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Gastrointestinal System Cancers Meeting | Online
- Multidisciplinary Cancer Meeting | Hybrid
- Breast Cancer Meeting | Hybrid
- Urological Cancers Meeting | Online
- Thyroid Diseases and Endocrinology Council | Online
- Multidisciplinary Pediatric Tumors Meeting | Hybrid
- Interstitial Lung Diseases Meeting | Online
- Hematology - Pathology Meeting | Online
- Muscle Diseases Council | Hybrid
- Neuromuscular Genetics Council | Hybrid
- Cardiovascular Surgery Meeting | Online
- Medical Oncology Meeting | Hybrid
- Pediatric Neuroorthopedics Council | Online
- Dermatology Department Meeting | Online
- Pediatric Allergy Laboratory Meeting | Online
- Mortality and Morbidity Meetings | Hybrid
- Anesthesia Meeting | Online
- Indication Meeting | Online
- Neurology Seminar Program Meeting | Online
- Anesthesia Meeting

KOÇ HEALTHCARE | SEMINARS AND EVENTS

- 12 May 2023 | Nurses Day Berat Ceremony | Physical
- 15 October 2023 | Breast Cancer Cycling Event | Physical

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KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING IN 2023

MAIN ACTIVITIES

KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING CONTINUES TO TRAIN CLINICAL MENTOR NURSES.

"Mentor Nurse Training" was held on 25-27 January 2023 by Koç University School of Nursing to train "mentor nurses" who will guide students in clinical practice settings to provide a more efficient and safe teaching environment. This year a total of 22 nurses participated in the training, including nurses from the state hospitals where Koç University nursing students visit for clinical practice. 149 nurses have been provided free mentor nurse training since 2016.



KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING AT A GLANCE

The history of the School of Nursing, Turkey's first private health education institution, dates back to the Admiral Bristol School of Nursing, which was established in 1920 under the auspices of the American Hospital and supported by the US government until 1957. It was incorporated into the Vehbi Koç Foundation in 1995 and, under the leadership of Semahat Arsel, underwent a total restructuring in collaboration with Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing to become part of Koç University in 1998 to offer a 4-year nursing degree. In the 1998-1999 academic year, the School of Nursing started to provide nursing education as a Health College of Koç University, which became the College of Nursing in 2005, and then the School of Nursing in 2016 with the decision of the Council of Ministers. The School of Nursing continues its education and training activities with its academic staff at the Health

Sciences Campus honored to have more than 100 years of nursing education experience and continues to train the nurses who will guide the future. Koç University School of Nursing is the first and only internationally accredited nursing school in Turkey, accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Koç University Health Sciences Campus, with its state-of-the-art physical infrastructure, nursing curriculum prepared with a global perspective, and AIMES laboratory and simulation center, increase the interdisciplinary education opportunities offered to students every year in cooperation with Koç University Hospital and other Vehbi Koç Foundation Healthcare Institutions and public institutions. The School of Nursing also develops scientific evidence that improves the quality of healthcare services through quality research outputs. Through its Ph.D. program, Koç University School of Nursing trains leader nurses and strong academicians.

THE NURSES WHO WILL GUIDE THE FUTURE

With its more than 100 years of nursing education experience, the School of Nursing trains the nurses who will guide the future.

KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING AND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE STUDENTS TOOK COURSES THROUGH INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION APPROACH.

Interprofessional Education was offered to the School of Nursing and Medicine students to gain competencies such as communication, teamwork, professional role/responsibility, and decision-making skills. Interprofessional Education Workshop was held by the students and faculty members of both the School of Nursing and Medicine at Rahmi M. Koç Advanced Interventional Medicine, Training and Simulation Center (RMK AIMES) on 11 April 2023, within the



framework of the simulation scenario titled with "Patient with Gastrointestinal System Bleeding" developed under the leadership of the School of Nursing faculty members, Dr. Pelin Karaçay and Dr. Fahriye Oflaz.

KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING (KUSON)

KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING IN 2023 | MAIN ACTIVITIES



ERASMUS FACULTY EXCHANGE - EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY CYPRUS

European University Cyprus faculty member Dr. Maria Prodromou visited the School of Nursing on 10-12 April 2023 as part of the Erasmus+ Mobility Exchange Program. During her visit, Dr. Prodromou held a workshop on stress management for mental health students in the Nursing Ph.D. Program and Undergraduate Program students, and also met with faculty members and discussed future research activities in "Crisis Response" and exchange program activities.

KOÇ UNIVERSITY AND VKF HEALTH INSTITUTIONS NURSES WEEK SYMPOSIUM

The Nurses Week 2023 Symposium was held with the theme of "Our Nurses, Our Future" by Koç University School of Nursing, Semahat Arsel Nursing Education, Practice and Research Center (SANERC), and VKF Health Institutions. Approximately 400 participants from several countries such as Mexico, the United States, Cyprus, Somalia, Ireland, Spain, Egypt, France, Chile, Tanzania, Italy, and Turkey attended the online symposium.

Semahat Arsel, the Chair of the Board of Directors of Vehbi Koç Foundation and founder of SANERC, who participated in the Nurses Week Symposium, expressed her pleasure to be together with nurses at this event by emphasizing the problems related to the nursing workforce and working conditions all over the world. She also stated her satisfaction with the fact that nurses continue to provide the best service by using all their strengths and making efforts to improve themselves.

President of the International Council of Nurses (ICN), Dr. Pamela F. Cipriano, Kent State University Emeritus Professor Dr. Ruth Ludwick, Vice President of Turkish Nurses Association Prof. Hülya Bulut and Koç University Hospital Nurse Nazmiye Köseoğlu attended the event as speakers, and the conference titled "Global Health and Nursing: Our Nurses, Our Future" and the panel "Our Nurses, Our Future: Current Situation and Suggestions" were held by the speakers.



Prof. Ayiße Karadağ, Dean of Koç University School of Nursing and Board Member of SANERC, made the opening speech of the symposium and thanked all the nurses who worked devotedly during the pandemic and in the devastating earthquake that shook Turkey deeply on 6 February 2023. She stated that she is also proud of the nurses in Turkey and drew attention to the responsibilities that nurses take in healthcare services all over the world. Prof. Karadağ also pointed out the harsh working conditions, doing overtime, being obliged to care for more patients than they can provide safe and qualified care, exposure to violence, lack of a career plan in the field, and the fact that master's and doctoral graduates and certified colleagues are not employed considering the degree they have, and emphasized that the absence of regulation on the salaries of nurses, like all healthcare workers, causes them to face exhaustion, despair and the problem of leaving their jobs and even their countries. For these reasons, she made recommendations for governments to invest heavily in nursing education, and enhance the working conditions and personal benefits of nurses.

President of the International Council of Nurses (ICN), Dr. Pamela F. Cipriano emphasized the global problems that threaten today's healthcare system. Mentioning the health problems that affect human life more than ever due to climate change, Dr. Cipriano also stated that urgent actions are necessary to increase the number of healthcare workers all over the world and to achieve stable growth in this field. Dr. Cipriano concluded her speech with ICN's global call for greater value and investment in the nursing profession for a sustainable future in healthcare.

In the panel titled "Our Nurses, Our Future: Current Situation and Suggestions" Kent State University Emeritus Professor Prof. Ruth Ludwick presented on the nursing profession and current situation in the USA, Vice President of Turkish Nurses Association Prof. Hülya Bulut spoke on the current situation of nurses in Turkey and Koç University Hospital Nurse Nazmiye Köseoğlu made a speech on the views from the nursing field.

"OUR NURSES, OUR FUTURE"

The 2023 Nurses' Week event, themed "Our Nurses, Our Future," saw 400 virtual attendees participate in the online celebration.

KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING (KUSON)

KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING IN 2023 | MAIN ACTIVITIES



KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING HOSTED THE STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS OF INCARNATE WORD UNIVERSITY (USA, TEXAS) FEIK SCHOOL OF PHARMACY, AND ILA FAYE MILLER SCHOOL OF NURSING

A group of 50 students and faculty members of Incarnate Word University Feik School of Pharmacy and Ila Faye Miller School of Nursing in Texas, USA visited Koç University School of Nursing on 19 May 2023. After faculty member Dr. Pelin Karaçay informed the visitors about the School of Nursing and the nursing profession in Turkey and answered their questions, the group visited the faculty building, AİMES skills and simulation laboratories, and a clinic at Koç University Hospital. Moreover, possible future collaborations were also discussed with the visitors.



THE 13TH TRADITIONAL AND 3RD INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SYMPOSIUM OF KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING WAS HELD WITH THE THEME OF "CREATING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE IN THE 21ST CENTURY WITH NURSING STUDENTS"

Koç University School of Nursing Student Symposium was held on 31 May 2023, hosted by Koç University School of Nursing students with hybrid and international participation. In the event, held with the theme of "Creating a Sustainable Future in the 21st Century with Nursing Students", senior students presented the results of their projects that drew attention to the health problems of the society. An international student from the University of Split (Croatia) also attended the symposium as an invited speaker. Koç University School of Nursing students and representative students from other nursing schools in Istanbul attended the symposium face-to-face, and approximately 350 participants joined the symposium online.

GRADUATION CEREMONY AT KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

At the Koç University Graduation Ceremony held on 24 June 2023, 30 students, who began studying in 2019 and completed their courses in nursing, graduated from Koç University School of Nursing and stepped into their careers.



KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING REMAINS THE TOP CHOICE FOR STUDENTS WITH HIGH SCORES

Koç University School of Nursing continued to admit students with the highest scores among 177 Nursing Undergraduate Programs in the 2022-2023 Academic Year Higher Education Institution Exam. The majority of 45 nursing candidates admitted to our school this year chose Koç University School of Nursing as their top preference.

KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING (KUSON)

KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING IN 2023 | MAIN ACTIVITIES

KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING MET WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

Koç University School of Nursing held the Partners' Feedback Meeting on 4 August 2023, for the 2022-2023 academic year. During the meeting, feedback from the representatives of the partner institutions was received on whether the outputs of the Koç University School of Nursing Undergraduate Program meet the needs of the field, the experiences of the School of Nursing students regarding their clinical practices in the institutions, and their opinions, perceptions, and expectations about the School of Nursing students and graduates. Training and executive nurses from the institutions, where our students do their internship, such as Bakırköy Prof. Mazhar Osman Mental Health and Neurological Diseases Training and Research Hospital, Nene Hatun Family Health Center, Koç University Support Center for Disabled Children and Their Families, Koç University Hospital (KUH), a patient who received treatment at KUH as a community representative and a student representative of the School of Nursing attended the meeting.



KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING SOPHOMORE STUDENTS WORE WHITE COATS

On 3 October 2023, sophomore nursing students donned their white coats at a ceremony before beginning their first nursing practice courses. Sophomore students take practice courses at the Rahmi M. Koç Advanced Interventional Medicine, Training and Simulation Center laboratories and Koç University Hospital at the Health Sciences Campus.



KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING SUPPORTS FACULTY MEMBERS AND GRADUATE STUDENTS TO MEET WITH INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCED EDUCATORS AND RESEARCHERS

Koç University School of Nursing hosted Prof. Amir Vahedian-Azimi, a faculty member in the Nursing Faculty, Baqiyatallah University of Medical Sciences, Tehran-Iran, from 30.09.2023 to 12.10.2023. During his visit, Prof. Vahedian-Azimi held a seminar on “A Systematic Analysis of Qualitative Research” for faculty members and Ph.D. students, counseling for doctoral students on research subjects, and meetings with faculty members on joint research and project topics. Prof. Vahedian-Azimi also presented an online webinar titled “Future Trends in Nursing Research; “How to Be Prepared”, which was accessible to researchers in Turkey and abroad.



KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING FACULTY MEMBERS AND STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE SCIENCE FAIR

On 18 October 2023, faculty and students from Koç University School of Nursing participated in the Science Fair at Koç University Rumeli Feneri Campus, showcasing their prepared studies through fun events, experiments, and scientific activities. The poster presenting studies on

“Usage and Examples of Artificial Intelligence and Wearable Technology in Healthcare Services” prepared by undergraduate program students Ömer Faruk Uyun and Elif Doğan, under the supervision of Prof. Fahriye Oflaz, and “The Effect of Biofeedback-Based Virtual Reality Game on Pain, Anxiety, and Fear During Port Catheter Needle Insertion in Pediatric Oncology Patients” prepared by Ph.D. program student and Teaching Assistant Eyşan Hanzade Umaç, under the guidance of Asst. Prof. Remziye Semerci, attracted significant attention.



KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING (KUSON)

KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING IN 2023 | MAIN ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS AND PROJECTS OF KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

Prof. AyiŖe Karadağ attended The EWMA Teacher Network meeting at the Ewma Wound Management Congress held in Milan representing Turkey (3-5 May 2023).

Assoc. Dr. Gülcan Bağcivan has been elected to the Board of Directors of "The European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS)" (2023-2029).

Assoc. Dr. Gülcan Bağcivan's project titled "Evaluation of the Effectiveness and Usefulness of Corset Use in Patients Receiving 5-FU Treatment with Continuous Infusion: A Feasibility Study" has been accepted for support under the TUSEB Group A R&D Projects Support Program.

Assoc. Prof. Gülcan Bağcivan and Asst. Prof. Remziye Semerci's project titled "The Effect of Cold Therapy on the Level of Vincristine-Induced Peripheral Neuropathy: A Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial" has been selected for the Sigma Theta Tau International Research Grant.

Faculty Member Dr. Pelin Karaçay was the Spring 2023 recipient of the Koç University Outstanding Teaching Award.



Faculty Member Dr. Remziye Semerci was awarded for her project titled "The Effect of Interactive Robots on Anxiety, Mobilization, and Parental Satisfaction in the Postoperative Period in Children: A Randomized Controlled Study" at the Leman Birol and İnci Erefe Project Awards held in İzmir by the Turkish Nurses Association İzmir Branch and Katip Çelebi University Nursing Department on 12 May 2023, and also awarded the first prize for the oral presentation of her research titled "Reducing Pain and Anxiety in

the Blood Collection Unit: The Effect of Child-Friendly Design" at the 45th Pediatrics Days and 24th Pediatric Nursing Days held in Istanbul from 25-28 April 2023. In addition, Dr. Semerci's project titled "Design and Development of a Mobile Chemotherapy Drug Guide for Oncology Nurses; A Feasibility and Effectiveness Evaluation Study" has been accepted for support under the TÜBİTAK 3501- Career Development Program, and also her project titled "Multi-modal Wearable System Development for Vital Sign Monitoring" has been selected within the scope of "The Koç University Seed Research Fund Program".



The project titled "The Effect of Biofeedback Based Virtual Reality Game on the Level of Pain, Fear, and Anxiety During Port Needle Placement in Pediatric Oncology Patients," supervised by **Asst. Prof. Remziye Semerci** and conducted by **Teaching Assistant Eysan Hanzade Umac**, has been accepted within the scope of the TÜBİTAK 1002-B Rapid Support Module, and also, they became finalists in "The TEKNOFEST Technology Competition for the Benefit of Humanity" with their project "BioVirtual Breathing."

The project titled "Games Designed with Augmented Reality on the Social, Emotional and Moral Development of Secondary School Students" by Koç University School of Nursing **Undergraduate Program students**, supervised by **Asst. Prof. Remziye Semerci**, has been accepted in the first term of the 2209-A University Students Research Projects Support Program. The program is carried out by the TÜBİTAK Scientist Support Programs Directorate (BİDEB).

Asst. Prof. Seda Karakaya Çataldaş has been awarded the Sigma Foundation for Nursing, Dr. Martha Pitel Global Nursing Research Grant with her project titled "Exploring Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices of Healthcare Providers in Addressing the Care Needs of Individuals who identify as LGBTQIA+: A Mixed-Method Study".

Asst. Prof. Seda Güney's project titled "The Effect of Aged Simulation Suit on Nursing Students' Empathy, Attitudes and Willingness to Care for Older Adults" was accepted in the KOLT Teach, Research, and Publish category.

FACULTY MEMBERS OF KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING VISIT FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

Asst. Prof. Seda Güney, Asst. Prof. Tuba Şengül, and Asst. Prof. Ayda Kebapçı visited different universities and research centers in Germany and the USA within the scope of the Koç University Visiting Scholar Program and initiated various research projects.



During her visit to The German Center of Neurodegenerative Diseases in Germany from 7 June to 12 July 2023, Asst. Prof. Seda Güney attended various working group

meetings and collaborated with faculty members and doctoral students on future projects. Dr. Güney has been also conducting a study titled "Everyday Living Preferences of Turkish-Origin People with Dementia and their Caregivers in Germany: An Exploratory Research" along with the researchers at the visited center.

Asst. Prof. Tuba Şengül visited the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing in Sacramento, California, United States of America, from 12 July to 15 September 2023. During her visit, she served as the guest editor of a special issue entitled "Wound Care and Management: Exploring the Latest Advancements" for the Journal of North American Advances in Wound Care and Wound Management. This issue featured 16 lead authors and she also served as a peer-reviewer for the Journal "Wound Management & Prevention." In addition, Dr. Şengül conducted the studies titled "A Comparative Analysis of Skin Lesions and Hospital-Acquired Pressure Ulcers/Redness in Covid-19: A Retrospective Study in the First Year

of the Pandemic," "Best Practices for Pressure Injury Treatment and Prevention at Discharge from the Hospital," and "A Comparative Study of Pressure Mapping in Children" along with the researchers at the visited university. They are currently working on the study "Understanding the Readiness of US and Turkish Nurses for Permanent, Autonomous, and Patient-Centered Monitoring Systems for Pressure Ulcer Prevention."



During her visit to the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Center College of Nursing in Colorado, USA, from 26 July to 20 September 2023, Asst. Prof. Ayda Kebapçı collaborated with the researchers on a project titled "The Effect of Smart Glass on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Simulation Performed by Nursing Students: A Randomized Controlled Study."



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SANERC IN 2023

MAIN ACTIVITIES

FIRST INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP WAS HELD IN TURKEY.

Interprofessional education is a new concept for healthcare professionals in Turkey, and due to challenges such as separate timing and collaboration, it has not been adequately included in undergraduate and graduate curricula. Therefore, for the first time in Turkey, the SANERC organized an Interprofessional Education Workshop online on 27 July 2023, with the participants 60 healthcare professionals in seven regions of Turkey. The workshop aimed to increase awareness about integrating interprofessional education into pre- and post-graduate training programs in Turkey, by increasing healthcare professionals' knowledge and skills, and contributing to the creation of sustainable programs. The program featured internationally recognized speakers in the interprofessional field (Dr. Andreas Xyrichis from King's College London, UK; Dr. Allison Shorten, Director of the University of Alabama at Birmingham Office of Interprofessional Curriculum, USA; Dr. Toshinori Shimoi from the Education Research Center at Chiba University, Japan) along with expert speakers from Turkey who shared their experiences.



SUPPORTING THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF GRADUATE NURSES

Semahat Arsel Nursing Education, Practice and Research Center (SANERC), which was established to contribute to the competence of graduated nurses in Turkey to be capable of making change, continues to support the professional development of nurses with the understanding of lifelong learning and equal opportunity in education. In 2023, SANERC organized a total of 13 training programs, 2 recertification exams and 1 workshop. The training programs reached a total of 286 health professionals, mostly nurses.

SANERC AT A GLANCE

Koç University Semahat Arsel Nursing Education, Practice and Research Center (SANERC), was established with the mission of developing creative educational models and providing best practices in post-graduate nursing education to contribute to the development of the nursing profession in our country, is the first post-graduate education and research center established for health professionals in Turkey. SANERC, which conducts its training according to ANCC accreditation standards, supports nursing research that develops evidence-based and clinical practices, and publishes books and journals, has been leading continuous education in nursing in Turkey since 1992.

THE FIRST AND ONLY IN TÜRKİYE

SANERC is the first and only internationally accredited postgraduate education and research center for healthcare professionals in Turkey.

ANNC ACCREDITATION RENEWED.

Following the report and virtual visit, SANERC was re-accredited by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), one of the world's longest-established accreditation bodies, on 24 March 2023 for a period of 4 years, the longest accreditation period that can be obtained, until 31 March 2027. Thus, the quality of SANERC's continuing education programs for healthcare team members, especially graduate nurses, has been internationally approved for the third time. SANERC first received ANCC accreditation on 25 November 2010, and today it maintains its status as the only internationally accredited center in Turkey and the region.



DIABETES EDUCATION NURSING CERTIFICATION TRAINING PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH WAS HELD.

SANERC, one of the two centers authorized by the Ministry of Health in Turkey, conducted the Diabetes Education Nursing Training Program between 18 September and 13 October 2023.

COLLABORATION WITH THE TURKISH HEART FOUNDATION

As part of the activities for Turkish Heart Week, in collaboration with the Turkish Heart Foundation, the SANERC provided Basic Life Support Training for the 12th time to the most successful 22 nursing students in their final year from Nursing Faculties. The course opening was attended by Kenan Güven, the President of the Turkish Heart Foundation, and Gülsevım Çeviker, former Director of Amiral Bristol.

BASIC ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHY COURSE HAS BEEN MOVED TO AN ONLINE PLATFORM.

The Basic Electrocardiography course, consisting of 9 episodes and 18 videos provided to healthcare professionals, has been moved to the Edx platform. The course, which has been in production for about a year, commenced on 6 November 2023, with 26 participants.

KOÇ UNIVERSITY SEMAHAT ARSEL NURSING EDUCATION, PRACTICE AND RESEARCH CENTER (SANERC)

NURSING RESEARCH PROJECTS COMPLETED AND SUPPORTED BY THE VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION IN 2023

In 2023, 25 project applications were received, and 4 projects were found worthy of support. In addition, 3 projects accepted in 2022 have been completed.

Project Number	Project Name	Project Owner	Status
2022.2	The effect of menstrual hygiene education for adolescents with autism	Asst. Prof. Meltem Mecdi Kaydırak	Completed
2022.3	The effect of using virtual reality goggles on anxiety of breast cancer patients during radiotherapy	Prof. Ayla Gürsoy	Completed
2022.7	The effect of transition to adulthood education program (YEGEP) given to mothers with mentally disabled children on family quality of life and perceived stress level	Assoc. Prof. Ayfer Aydın	Completed
2023.2	The effects of mindfulness-based meditation and yoga on stress, self-esteem, body perception and sexual adjustment in mastectomized breast cancer patients	Asst. Prof. Semra Eyi	Completed
2023.6	Development of a mobile application for the care of children with gastrostomy and the effect of the application on gastrostomy complications, parents' care burden, self-efficacy and anxiety levels	Prof. Emine Efe	In progress
2023.9	The effect of mandala art and value clarification based on Watson human care theory on anxiety and emotional state of parents of children with cancer	Assoc. Prof. Sevcan Atay Turan	In progress
2023.21	The effect of a decision support system for symptom self-management on symptom management, quality of life and unplanned hospital admissions in non-hodgkin's lymphoma patients	Prof. Hicran Bektaş	In progress



PUBLICATIONS

Journal of Education and Research in Nursing is a scientific, open-access, online-only periodical published in accordance with independent, unbiased, and double-blinded peer-review principles. The journal is published quarterly in March, June, September, and December. In 2023, JERN published 47 original research and 12 review articles in 4 issues.



SANERC TRAINING PROGRAMS

The training programs carried out by SANERC in 2023 are listed below:

Name of Educational Program	Date	Participant Number	ANCC Credit *
Educator Nurse Training Program (Face to Face)	9-13 January 2023	17	38
Simulation Training Course (Online)	1-3 March 2023	23	15
Wound Care Course (Online)	7-9 March 2023	18	16
Stoma and Wound Care Nursing Certification Training Program (Face to Face)	3 April -17 May 2023	18	240
Basic Life Support Course (Face to Face)	2-3 May 2023	22	12
Pediatric Palliative Care Nursing Course (Online)	22-24 May 2023	27	21
Basic Life Support Course (Face to Face)	30-31 May 2023	9	12
Intensive Care Nursing Recertification Exam (Face to Face)	7 June 2023	2	2
Stoma and Wound Care Nursing Recertification Exam (Face to Face)	9 June 2023	13	2
Interprofessional Education Workshop (Online)	27 July 2023	60	7
Diabetes Education Nursing Certification Training Program	18 September - 13 October 2023	8	160
Educator Nurse Training Program (Face to Face)	23-27 October 2023	16	27
Basic Electrocardiography Course (Edx)	6 November - 6 December 2023	26	20
Intensive Care Nursing Training Program (Edx)	2023	6	16
Intensive Care Nursing Certification Training Program (Face to Face)	20 November-29 December 2023	7	240
Basic Level Oncology Nursing Course	6-8 December 2023	14	20
Total	16	286	848

(*) 1 ANCC Credit = 1 Hour

JERN Issues	Type of articles
March 2023	12 articles have been published (8 original research, 4 review)
January 2023	15 articles have been published (14 original research, 1 review)
September 2023	16 articles have been published (12 original research, 4 review)
December 2023	16 articles have been published (13 original research, 3 review)

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VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION CULTURAL PROJECTS

ONE OF TURKEY'S FIVE LARGEST ANCIENT CITIES

The Vehbi Koç Foundation and Tofaş Turkish Automobile Factory have supported the excavations carried out in Hierapolis since 2005.



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ISTANBUL BIENNIAL

The Istanbul Biennial is Turkey's most comprehensive international contemporary art event and has been organized by İKSV since 1987. Koç Holding and the Vehbi Koç Foundation have supported the Istanbul Biennial since 2007. While maintaining the development of the art environment in Turkey, these two institutions aim to make culture and art accessible to everyone, especially the youth, at higher levels every year. Accordingly, they have decided to extend the 2007-2026 sponsorship of the Istanbul Biennial until 2036.



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CONTEMPORARY ART EVENT





PAMUKKALE HIERAPOLIS ANCIENT CITY EXCAVATIONS

The Vehbi Koç Foundation and Tofaş Turkish Automobile Factory have supported the excavations carried out in Hierapolis, one of Turkey's five largest ancient cities and included in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1988, since 2005. An international team of approximately 70 people, mainly from Italy and Turkey, including archaeologists, architects, restorers, and experts, takes part in the works carried out under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and Denizli Governorate and with the primary sponsorship of Tofaş. Among the most critical works unearthed in Hierapolis so far are the Antique Theatre, Necropolis, Hot Springs, Great Church, San Filippo Matrium, Frontinus Gate, Gymnasium, Temple of Apollo, and Pluto's Gate (Plutonium). Pamukkale Hierapolis Ancient City welcomes an average of 1.8 million visitors per year.



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ELEGANCE FROM PAST TO FUTURE WOMEN'S COSTUME FROM THE LATE OTTOMAN EMPIRE TO THE EARLY REPUBLICAN ERA

Sadberk Hanım Museum celebrated the centenary of the Turkish Republic with an exhibition about women and fashion. Entitled "Elegance from Past to Future: Women's Costume from the Late Ottoman Period to the Early Republican Era", the exhibition was held in the mansion that was formerly Abdülmecid Efendi's summer residence. The exhibition will be available for visitors from 29 October 2023 to 19 May 2024.

The exhibition was organized with the encouragement of Ömer M. Koç, the Chair of the Board of Koç Holding and the support of the Vehbi Koç Foundation and Koç Holding. In

addition to exhibits from the Sadberk Hanım Museum Collection, the display also includes objects from the Rahmi M. Koç Museum, İnönü Foundation, Mutlu İlmen, Ayfer Neyzi and Yapı Kredi Bank collections.





SADBERK HANIM MUSEUM AT A GLANCE

The Sadberk Hanım Museum was initially founded to exhibit the private collection of Sadberk Koç, wife of Vehbi Koç; it was opened on 14 October 1980 in the Azaryan Mansion in Sarıyer, Istanbul, and the adjoining Sevgi Gönül Wing, acquired in 1983 and subsequently restored, opened in 1988. Its inventory of over 20,000 items includes archaeological artefacts of Anatolian cultures and civilizations from the 6th millennium BC through the Byzantine era, as well as Islamic artefacts, predominantly from the Ottoman period, such as woven textiles, garments, embroideries, manuscripts, and ceramics. Along with its permanent collection, temporary exhibitions and exhibition catalogues introduce its rich collections to the public. Educational programs for children also constitute an essential part of the museum's activities.



Elegance from Past to Future: Women's Costume from the Late Ottoman Empire to the Early Republican Era
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Design: Yeşim Demir Pröhl

The "Elegance from Past to Future" showcases the evolution of women's costumes in Turkey. It highlights the period when women from palace circles and city elites began adopting European fashion trends during the 19th century and how this transformation gained momentum with the proclamation of the Republic. The show examined women's changing role in modern society and the rights they acquired. In allusion to the centenary of the Republic, 100 objects were featured in the exhibition, which consisted of bridal outfits, special occasion and evening wear, outdoor wear, riding outfits, bags, shoes and accessories such as parasols. Exhibits also included an oil painting by Osman Hamdi Bey that illustrates fashionable outdoor wear in the late Ottoman period. Entitled "Women out Walking," the painting belongs to the Yapı Kredi Bank Collection.



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Visitors enter the building, passing through a red curtain hanging over the doorway. The moment they set foot in the entrance hall, the visitors encounter elite Ottoman women dressed with superb elegance, as they would have looked in their palaces and mansions. The first exhibit is the wedding dress belonging to Şehsuvar Hanım, the wife of Abdülmecid Efendi, followed by a series of resplendent wedding outfits that reveal the influence of European fashion. The next room is devoted to costumes worn by women at palace gatherings and other special occasions, accompanied by music with rhythms inspired by classical Turkish music and images on a long reflective surface that recreate the atmosphere of the time.

As reforms gathered momentum in the 19th century, the Ottoman elite began to imitate European manners and customs, which is clearly visible in women's fashion. Women of the Ottoman royal family were among the first "modern" women to select designs from European fashion magazines for their dressmakers to copy. As we know from their labels, all these magnificent garments were made of expensive silk fabrics by French dressmaking ateliers in Cairo or Greek dressmakers in

Istanbul. The foremost source of information about costume in the late Ottoman period is the autobiography of the poet and composer Leyla Saz, so it was a delightful surprise to see one of her palace outfits, with the insignia of a decoration presented to her by the sultan, and her harmonium. A song for which she wrote both the music and lyrics play in the background. In another part of this section, visitors could see examples of feraces and çarşafs worn by Istanbul women when visiting parks such as Gökusu and Sâdâbâd or out walking in Sultanahmet Square, as depicted in Osman Hamdi Bey's painting. These examples reflect the changes in fashion and the position of women in society that were taking place at this period.

The upper floor is devoted to Charleston-style garments of the 1920s and ensembles worn in the years following the proclamation of the Republic. As on the ground floor, the route begins at the heart of the building and carries





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visitors first to a re-creation of a Republican Ball, where fashionably dressed women dance to the music of the era. In this section, the most elegant outfits belonged to Atatürk's wife, Latife Hanım. In the next section are outfits worn by Mevhibe İnönü and Afet İnan at receptions and other special occasions. Clothes worn by women who represented modern Turkish women in the eyes of the world, who attended receptions given in honor of foreign statesmen, who gave talks on the subject of women's suffrage, and who were free to ride horses and engage in other sports, reflect the new ideals disseminated from Ankara. Nine outfits, as well as bags and shoes belonging to Mevhibe İnönü, have been loaned from the İnönü Foundation and brought to Istanbul from the İnönü's home in Ankara. One of the most interesting outfits in the exhibition was designed by Mustafa Kemal himself for his adopted daughter Afet İnan to wear when she was giving a public lecture on women's suffrage.

A special section, curated by Bahattin Öztuncay, is devoted to the founder of the Republic, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. It includes signed photographs of Atatürk from the Ömer M. Koç Collection and garments and personal possessions from the Sadberk Hanım Museum and Rahmi M. Koç Museum collections. In this last and evocative section, visitors can see a

replica of Atatürk's tailcoat, which is preserved in the Anıtkabir Museum in Ankara, made by the Beylerbeyi Sabancı Institute of Development Studies in Istanbul.

The exhibition catalogue, published in Turkish and English, is designed by Yeşim Demir Pröhl. In her introduction, Hülya Bilgi discusses the Sadberk Hanım Museum Costume Collection and explains the stages of preparing the "Elegance from Past to Future" exhibition. Dr Elif Mahir Metinsoy's essay examines the changes in women's societal roles, the evolution of fashion, the social consequences of these and how women expressed themselves through fashion from the late Ottoman to Republican eras. Prof. Dr Murat Metinsoy views the Turkish women of the Republican period, who engaged in every aspect of life, as the "mirror of the Republic, and in his essay, discusses the pioneering roles of Latife Hanım, Mevhibe İnönü and Afet İnan, whose garments were exhibited together for the first time. The catalogue was written by Dr Şebnem Eryavuz and is arranged according to the exhibition sections under six different headings: "Bridal Outfits", "Dressing for Special Occasions", "Street Dress", "Special Occasion Wear in the 1920s and 1930s", "Everyday and Sports Wear", and "Ever Elegant - Atatürk's Private Possessions". The graphic design of the book was created by Yeşim Demir Pröhl.



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ADORABLE & PRECOCIOUS: CHILDREN'S COSTUMES IN THE SADBERK HANIM MUSEUM COLLECTION

A selection of children's garments dating from the Late Ottoman and Early Republican eras in the Sadberk Hanım Museum Collection has been exhibited at the museum in celebration of the centenary of the Republic of Turkey between 20 November 2023 and 30 June 2024. Curated by Dr Lale Görünür, senior curator of textiles in the museum, and coordinated by Hülya Bilgi, the Sadberk Hanım Museum Director, the exhibition highlighted the importance given to children in the family, society and traditions through the children's clothing collection of the museum in the late Ottoman Empire and the early years of the Republic. The selected garments, most of which were worn on special occasions, were presented in an exhibition layout designed by Dr Umut Durmuş and gave visitors insight into the rites of passage in children's lives.

Although children's garments and accessories form a relatively small category in the Sadberk Hanım Museum Collection, they are of considerable importance in terms of their diversity. Uniforms whose original owners

are not known for certain but are thought to have been made for young Ottoman princes, ceremonial uniforms known as istanbulin, girls' dresses made of various fabrics and adorned with lace, embroidery and decorative trimmings, circumcision capes made of embroidered felt, and baby's dresses were included in the exhibition. In addition to garments and parasols, some of which were made for young Ottoman princesses, a variety of slippers, shoes, and boots worn by children of different ages widened the scope of the exhibition. In this way, the exhibition presents a comprehensive panorama of children's fashion over this period.

The 72 objects from the museum collection selected for this exhibition throw light on both society and fashion during the period, clearly revealing European influences on the way children were dressed.

The presentation was designed to reflect the colorful fairy tale world behind the serious looks of children posing with miniature versions of adult clothes that we see in black and white photographs. The design of the showcases, which resemble small stages where little actors appear in their costumes, attracts the attention of young visitors as well as adults and encourages

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Adorable & Precocious: Children's Costumes in the Sadberk Hanım Museum Collection

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Design: Burak Şuşut



them to learn about the social life of the period, the view of children, traditions and rituals that accompanied them.

The exhibition also looked at how Western travelers viewed childhood in Ottoman society. In particular, a sixteenth-century travel account entitled *Les quatre premiers livres des Navigations et Peregrinations Orientales* by Nicolas de Nicolay and Léon Davent is a significant source of information about childhood in the Ottoman Empire as seen through the eyes of European travelers. Three different editions of this travelogue from the Ömer M. Koç Collection, one with the original parchment binding, were included in the exhibition.

The care lavished on children in the Late Ottoman and Early Republican periods was examined under several main themes. Traditions and celebrations relating to birth in the Ottoman period are represented by a variety of artefacts, such as a cradle, baby bed linen, and jugs used for sherbet offered to visitors who came to congratulate the new mother. Another theme is the ceremony known as the Amen Procession or *Bed'i Besmele*, which was held when children started school at the age of 4 or 5. This custom was represented by special outfits worn by

school children, embroidered juz pouches used to hold Koran fascicles, alphabet books and silver reading pointers for following texts. Circumcision is another tradition that played an important role in Ottoman society and was visualized by circumcision capes dating from the late 19th to early 20th centuries. We are proud to present an exhibition of items from our modest but distinguished collection of children's garments to celebrate such a significant occasion as the centenary of the Republic. Our collection continually grows with new acquisitions of outstanding examples, many of which are donated and preserved with the most excellent care in our museum.

Articles by Dr. Şebnem Eryavuz, Havva Furat Ay, Makbule Merve Uca and the curator Lale Görünür published in the exhibition catalogue view children and childhood from different perspectives and examine the various stages and rituals in a child's life from birth to their school years. This book provides an in-depth picture of how the diverse aspects of childhood in Ottoman society were reflected in material culture and visual media and the factors that shaped children's costumes.

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CHERISHED ISTANBUL

The "Cherished Istanbul" exhibition was held at the Galata Greek Primary School from 24 May to 3 December 2023, in collaboration with the Athanasios and Marina Martinos Foundation (AMMF) based in Athens and the Vehbi Koç Foundation. Co-curated by Dr. Fani-Maria Tsigakou, formerly of Benaki Museum in Athens, now art consultant to AMMF, and Hülya Bilgi, the director and senior curator of the Sadberk Hanım Museum (SHM), and coordinated by Makbule Merve Uca, curator of SHM, the exhibition featured Istanbul-themed paintings from the AMMF collection and a selection of ecclesiastical silvers and mother-of-pearl objects produced at workshops in Istanbul over the same period from the Sadberk Hanım Museum Collection. This special exhibition was organized in honor of the opening of the restored Galata Greek Primary

School. The building's restoration project was carried out by Ark Construction, a Koç Group company.

The 34 paintings from the AMMF collections reveal the fascination of European artists with Istanbul, while the silver and mother-of-pearl objects record how the city was a source of artistic creativity that gave rise to works of spectacular craftsmanship. The works by European painters such as Amadeo Preziosi, Joseph Schranz, Michel-François Prévault, Clara Barthold Mayer, Louis Lottier, Anton Ignaz Melling, Louis-François Cassas, Thomas Allom, Alfred-Marie-Joseph de Courville, Antoine-Laurent Castellan, and Konstantin Kapıdağlı bring to life the captivating panorama of the magnificent Istanbul in the 18th and 19th centuries, while the objects that were produced



for churches in the city during the same period reflect its cosmopolitan character. Viewed in unison, these two groups of objects that share the Istanbul theme convey to the visitor the splendor, multifaceted aspect, and lure of Ottoman Istanbul. This combination further reinforced the prestigious position of Istanbul in the international cultural world.

Among the works of art produced in Istanbul and whose artistic creativity was inspired by the city are graceful examples of silverware and objects inlaid with mother-of-pearl that formed a significant part of the ecclesiastical objects used in church ceremonies in Istanbul. The exhibition featured 25 ecclesiastical objects from the SHM collections, displaying the heights achieved by Ottoman craftsmen and reflecting the city's cosmopolitan nature. The glittering silver objects

and wooden boxes decorated with mother-of-pearl and ivory inlay were produced in Istanbul's workshops between the 18th and early 20th centuries with their magnificent craftsmanship and powerful spiritual significance. They consist of liturgical objects used during mass (patens, chalices, Eucharistic bread containers, rosewater sprinklers) and diverse containers and votive objects used in other religious ceremonies. Most of the silver objects are stamped with the tuğra mark. Made to meet the needs of Ottoman Christian communities, they were designed to synthesize styles with various origins by master silversmiths of different faiths working in Istanbul.

Hülya Bilgi and Dr. Fani-Maria Tsigakou co-authored the bilingual exhibition catalogue, which has the same title as the exhibition.



Cherished Istanbul

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THE AROMA OF THE BOSPORUS: TURKISH APPLIED ARTS IN THE COLLECTION OF THE STATE HERMITAGE MUSEUM

Hermitage Museum | 16 November 2023 -
28 January 2024

The Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg organized an exhibition focusing on Ottoman Turkey on the occasion of the centenary of the Republic of Turkey. An embroidered hammam towel dating back to the early 19th century belonging to the Sadberk Hanım Museum Collection has been exhibited within the scope of this exhibition.



ON THE SPOT: PANORAMIC GAZE ON ISTANBUL, A HISTORY

Suna and İnan Kiraç Foundation Pera Museum |
26 October 2023-18 August 2024

The exhibition entitled "On the Spot: Panoramic Gaze on Istanbul, a History", held at the Suna and İnan Kiraç Foundation Pera Museum, evaluates the history of representation of Istanbul with new perspectives through panoramic paintings and photographs. Sadberk Hanım Museum contributed to this exhibition by loaning two objects from the Ottoman period. An embroidery depicting a panorama of Istanbul on silk weaving dating from the late 18th century to the early 19th century and a steel tray with a panorama of Istanbul produced at the end of the 19th century meet with visitors at the Pera Museum within the scope of this exhibition.



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LEARNING PROGRAMS

The Sadberk Hanım Museum's 2023-2024 studies of the learning program for primary and secondary school students started in September. In the "Welcome to the Museum! Discover, Learn, Enjoy" learning program, museum experts give children basic information about culture, cultural heritage, conservation, museology and social sciences. The archaeological artefacts and works of art in the museum collection introduce important periods, events and societies from Anatolia's thousands of years of cultural history and its immediate surroundings. With the narrations made under themes such as images and symbolism from ages ago, production and consumption practices, trade and shopping, beliefs and rituals, aesthetics and functionality, children are presented with examples of Anatolia's multi-layered history, cultural accumulation and heritage that have survived to the present day. The museum tour is followed by discussions in which children share their views and artistic reinforcement activities such as posters, collages, mosaics, sculptures and decorations they participate in. The program, which aims to increase the knowledge and awareness of the young generation about the history of civilization and art, cultural assets, the environment they live in and the importance of their protection in the museum environment, will continue to be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays between 10.00-12.00 and 13.00-15.00 throughout the year.



COLLOQUIUM

Sadberk Hanım Museum received 69 pieces of weaving from the Murat Megalli Collection with a protocol signed with The George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum on 23 May 2017. The museum received the donation on 27 July 2027, and registered it in its inventory. The restoration work was started subsequently and completed in February 2019. The process was reported to the GWU Textile Museum. Based on this collaboration between the two institutions, SHM contributed to the "Prayer and Transcendence" carpet and ritual covers exhibition held at The George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum by sharing professional experiences. The exhibition, which was open to visitors between 18 February and 1 July 2023, offered the opportunity to trace the purpose and iconography of prayer rugs from all over the Islamic world, as well as designs in the Jewish tradition, in a comparative way. The exhibition, which consists of 20 carpets from the 16th to the 19th centuries from five collections, namely the Textile Museum Collection, Harvard Art Museums, Cincinnati Museum of Art, Metropolitan Museum of Art and Markarian Collection, was also enriched with academic activities organized with the support of our museum. Within the scope of the exhibition, a two-day colloquium called "Prayer Carpets Colloquium" was held on 21-22 March 2023, in cooperation with GWU Textile Museum and SHM, where international academics and museum professionals evaluated prayer rugs in their sacred context and with the participation of more than 500 people. SHM director Hülya Bilgi presented a paper titled "The Multi-Layered Architecture of a Spiritual Journey on Anatolian Prayer Rugs" with Prof Dr. Turgut Saner (ITU) in the colloquium.

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20 CARPETS SPANNING 16TH- 19TH CENTURIES

The museum's professional experience was instrumental in shaping the "Prayer and Transcendence" exhibition showcasing carpets and ritual fabrics at the Textile Museum.



<https://museum.gwu.edu/prayer-and-transcendence>



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The award was given to the museum in recognition of its ongoing collection efforts, state-of-the-art technical infrastructure, adherence to current conservation techniques and practices, and exemplary projects.

SPEECHES BY SADBERK HANIM MUSEUM CURATORS

Sadberk Hanım Museum Director Hülya Bilgi attended the 6th International Sevgi Gönül Byzantine Studies Symposium on 22-24 June 2023. Bilgi presented a paper entitled "The Place and Importance of Private Museum Collections in Byzantine Studies". The Byzantine collection of the Sadberk Hanım Museum developed under the leadership of Sevgi Gönül, who was the chairperson of the executive committee of the Sadberk Hanım Museum from its establishment in 1980 until 2003 when she passed away, has gained a unique place in terms of its contribution to Byzantine studies. In her speech, Hülya Bilgi emphasized the contribution of the Sadberk Hanım Museum Byzantine Collection to Byzantine studies. The Byzantine works exhibited together with the Anatolian cultures before and after them highlight unification, ownership and coexistence with a conscious narrative and fiction. In this context, she accentuated the importance of museums, whose role in shaping society is undeniable, in explaining the cultural heritage to the community with a holistic and correct message. She also evaluated Byzantine and Post-Byzantine artefacts in the Sadberk Hanım Museum Collection regarding context, identity, representation, historical continuity and cultural encounters.

Makbule Merve Uca, the art historian at the Sadberk Hanım Museum, attended the International Congress of Turkish Arts (ICTA) held in Warsaw between 18-23 September 2023 and presented her paper entitled "Concept Behind the New Sadberk Hanım Museum". The congress, held in different cities every four years since 1959, is the most comprehensive program that brings together young researchers, doyen academics, and experts working on this subject and promoting Turkish Art in the international community. In her speech at the panel of the congress devoted to museum studies, Uca evaluated the motivation of the Sadberk Hanım Museum to move to a new campus and the factors that shaped the concept design of the new museum.

VKV SADBERK HANIM MUSEUM WAS DEEMED WORTHY OF THE SPECIAL AWARD OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND TOURISM OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

VKV Sadberk Hanım Museum opened in 1980 and was deemed worthy of the 2023 Ministry of Culture and Tourism Special Award, considered the most prestigious award in Turkey in its field. The Ministry has given awards to institutions that have carried out successful works in culture, art, and tourism every year since 1979. This year, the Association for the Anatolian Handicrafts Conservation and Development Association (ANELSANDER) and the İbrahim Alimoğlu Music Museum were also recognized alongside the SHM. In addition to its rich collection that sheds light on the thousands of years of culture and art history of Anatolia, VKV Sadberk Hanım Museum, which stands out with its successful works on the restoration and conservation of ancient artefacts, was deemed worthy of the Ministry's 2023 Special Award, mainly thanks to its years of experience in these two fields, its technical infrastructure, the contemporary techniques it has applied and the exemplary projects it has implemented.

SADBERK HANIM MUSEUM ANNUAL

The Sadberk Hanım Museum Annual resumed publication in 2023.



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The Palmet, an academic periodical published by the Sadberk Hanım Museum, ceased publication after five issues between 1997 and 2004. The journal will be available to readers again at the end of 2023, entitled Sadberk Hanım Museum Annual, with the encouragement of the chair of the museum's executive committee, Mr Ömer Koç.

The papers presented at the symposium on the representation of Turkey in the "1932 Vienna - 700 Years of Turkish Art" exhibition, which was organized on 16-17 November 2022 with the support of Prof. Dr Turgut Saner (ITU) in cooperation with the two institutions, the Sadberk Hanım Museum and the Austrian Cultural Office, were published as a special issue of the annual (VI). The publication was supported by other academic studies supporting the subject in addition to the papers presented at the symposium. A total of 14 articles examines the young Republic of Turkey's connection with the Ottoman and Seljuk pasts in arts and the issue of modern art production in the first decades of the Republic in realms of "representation", "education",

and "promotion". Sadberk Hanım Museum Annual VI has been revived with content befitting the centenary of the Republic of Turkey. Among the authors of this special issue are Assoc. Prof. Ceren Göğüş, Ayşe Dilsiz Hartmuth, Prof. Tarkan Okçuoğlu, Makbule Merve Uca, Dr. Ayşe Aldemir, Prof. Turgut Saner, Prof. Burcu Pelvanoğlu, Merve Özkılıç, Işıl Çakan Hacıbrahimoğlu, Dr. Müge Arseven, Dr. Zeynep Simavi, Seydanur Özcanlı, Ayşenaz Sönmez and İrem Altıntaş.

The Sadberk Hanım Museum Annual will be published annually in autumn as a bilingual volume in Turkish and English. After the relatively voluminous "Republic" issue in 2023, the annual is expected to appeal to academic circles in as much thematic unity as possible with three to five invited articles. Among the most important contributions of the upcoming issues are the evaluation of artefacts in the archaeology, decorative arts, and textile collections with new perspectives. With the resumption of the annual, both the Sadberk Hanım Museum and the relevant academic circles have gained another qualified publication.

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A subsidiary of the Vehbi Koç Foundation, Arter was opened in 2010 with the aim of providing a sustainable infrastructure to produce and exhibit contemporary art at its building on İstiklal Street, Beyoğlu. Arter moved to its new home in Istanbul's Dolapdere district in 2019, the year also marking the 50th anniversary of the Vehbi Koç Foundation. At its new building, designed by Grimshaw Architects, Arter presents an ever-expanding range of programs including exhibitions from, but not limited to, its collection, as well as performances and events across multiple disciplines.

ARTER IN 2023 MAIN ACTIVITIES

Over the course of 2023, Arter organized 6 new exhibitions with artworks both from and outside of its collection and sustained its commitment to promoting the visibility of contemporary art by offering a diverse range of performances, talks, workshops, and publications. In 2023, Arter provided venue for various events, including Yapı Kredi's Afife Theater Awards Press Conference, International Hrant Dink Award Ceremony, Boğaziçi European School of Politics, border_less Artbook Days, Show of Hands Improvisational Music Festival, Tonedmelisma Music Festival, DenizBank VoiceUp A Capella Festival, International Improvised Dance Festival, and the Akbank Jazz Festival. Within the scope of 'Saturday Late at Arter with Paribu', Arter extended its visiting hours until midnight and hosted several events, including Bilgi New Music Festival concerts, Fringe Istanbul performances and MUBI film screenings, as well as organizing a series of interpretation events, children's workshops and guided tours.

MonDes Global became the newest corporate member of Arter Together, the membership program initiated by Arter with the aim of creating a community that gathers, shares experiences, and flourishes through art.

6 NEW EXHIBITIONS

In 2023, Arter organized 6 new exhibitions with artworks both from and outside of its collection.

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I'm A Fish With Legs,
2023
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ARTER RECEIVES LEED GREEN BUILDING CERTIFICATION

Arter's building, designed under the leadership of Grimshaw Architects, was awarded the LEED Gold Certification by the US Green Building Council (USGBC) based on its compliance with specific criteria, such as the use of sustainable materials, implementation of environmentally conscious construction techniques, minimizing of electricity and water consumption, adherence to accessibility principles, and effective waste management.

Fusun Onur
Retrospective,
Ludwig Museum, 2023
Photographs: Aljaz Fuis



FÜSUN ONUR RETROSPECTIVE HELD COLLABORATIVELY BY MUSEUM LUDWIG AND ARTER

The Fusun Onur retrospective, a collaborative exhibition organized by Ludwig Museum and Arter, was opened in Cologne, Germany on 16 September 2023. Curated by Barbara Engelbach (Ludwig Museum) and Emre Baykal (Arter), the exhibition presented a comprehensive overview of the artist's six-decade-long practice and featured a large number of works from different periods, including 17 works loaned from the Arter Collection.



ARTER COLLECTION AT INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

Founded in 2007, Arter Collection has grown to include more than 1,400 contemporary works of art and has loaned 161 works to 79 institutions as of 2024. In 2023, aside from those loaned for the Füsun Onur retrospective exhibition held at Museum Ludwig in collaboration with Arter, Altan Gürman's "Composition No: 3" was exhibited at the Pyramid Art Gallery, Can Altay's "Deposit (Spring Deficit, after Dubai, after Hammons, and after the Politics of White Noise)" at the Öktem

Aykut Gallery, Ahmet Doğu İpek's "Black Water Records - Days" at İmalat-hane, Mehtap Baydu's "Cocoon" at Kunsthalle Emden and Städtische Museen Heilbronn, Handan Börüteçene's "Two Bedroom Flat: Peace / Dining Room" and "My Mother's Show" at Salt Beyoğlu, and Nam June Paik's "Zenith" at Museum Ostwall. A selection of works by Ayşe Erkmen, Nevin Aladağ, İnci Furni, Sai Hua Kuan, and Volkan Aslan from the Arter Collection were also loaned to be exhibited at The Koç School as part of a collaboration between two institutions.



CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT AT ARTER

Melih Fereli OBE passed on his position as the Director of Arter, a role he had held since the institution's establishment, to Emre Baykal, the Chief Curator of Arter, as of 31 December 2023. Melih Fereli has served as the culture and arts consultant of the Vehbi Koç Foundation since 2005, and held the position of Founding Director at Arter for the past 13 years. Throughout this period, Fereli has curated numerous exhibitions

and played an active role in efforts to promote the development and continuity of contemporary art in Turkey, alongside his significant contributions to the Vehbi Koç Foundation and Koç Group.

Emre Baykal, who had joined Arter's team as Exhibitions Director and Curator in 2008 and served as Chief Curator between 2016 and 2023, officially assumed the position of Director at Arter as of 1 January 2024.

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IN ITS OWN SHADOW

Curators: Emre Baykal, Gizem Uslu Tümer
Date: 19 October 2023-14 April 2024

Artists: Hüseyin Bahri Alptekin, Mirosław Bałka, Pedro Barateiro, Michał Budny, Hera Büyüktaşçıyan, Jae-Eun Choi, Cevdet Erek, Terry Fox, Hreinn Friðfinnsson, Bilge Friedlaender, Deniz Gül, Mona Hatoum, Rolf Julius, Nadia Kaabi-Linke, Šejla Kamberić, Borga Kantürk, Mohammed Kazem, Inge Mahn, Ferhat Özgür, Seza Paker, Pinaree Sanpitak, Chiharu Shiota, Yaşam Şaşmazer, Hema Upadhyay, Nika Zupančič

Drawn from the Arter Collection, the group exhibition focused on thematic dualities such as inside and outside, public and private, presence and absence, memory and oblivion, void and body, as well as the grey areas that arise from the interplay among these notions.



PASSAGE, NURİ KUZUCAN

Curator: Nilüfer Şaşmazer
Date: 1 June 2023-4 February 2024

Featuring a selection of Nuri Kuzucan's earlier and new productions within a site-specific architectural setting, the exhibition comprised works that revolve around dualities such as chaos and order, light and shadow, emptiness and fullness, surface and depth, interior and exterior.

ENDLESS, SARKIS

Curator: Emre Baykal
Date: 4 May 2023-3 March 2024

The exhibition, which spans a wide period of time in Sarkis' production from the 1980s to his installation "Respiro" (2015), stimulated new relationships among works produced in different mediums while expanding their distinctive memories on a new journey in the exhibition space.

NEW PATHWAYS IN CONTEMPORARY ART

LARGE DE VUE, ELINA BROTHERUS

Curator: Emre Baykal

Date: 16 March 2023-17 September 2023

Bringing Elina Brotherus' photographic series "Large de Vue: Hommage à Erik Satie" from the Arter Collection together with a selection of her more recent video works, the exhibition provided an overall view of the artist's practice by placing particular emphasis on the relations her works forge with art history, music, and sound.



I SOMETIMES IMAGINE I'M A FISH WITH LEGS, EVA KOŤÁTKOVÁ

Curator: Eda Berkmen

Date: 2 March 2023-17 September 2023

The exhibition, which presented Eva Koťátková's works encompassing different mediums such as drawing, collage, photography, video, performance, and sculpture, examined the disposition of individuals within social structures, as well as the institutional frameworks that enable the presentation of artworks.



I AM STILL ALIVE, CENGİZ ÇEKİL

Curator: Eda Berkmen

Date: 9 February 2023-22 October 2023

The most comprehensive exhibition of Cengiz Çekil, one of the pioneers of conceptual art in Turkey, provided an in-depth look at the artist's practice from the early 1970s to his death in 2015 by featuring a wide selection from his works created around concepts such as time, repetition, energy, resistance, and ritual.



ARTER

ARTER IN 2023 | MAIN ACTIVITIES | EVENTS |



Interpretation Event: "Outside the Lines of Reality"
Övül Ö. Durmuşoğlu and Eda Berkmen
25 May 2023
Photograph: Sena Nur Taştekné



Michael Gordon: Timber [Tini]
sa.ne.na
New and Newest Music Festival
11 May 2023
Photograph: Sena Nur Taştekné

LEARNING PROGRAM

Throughout the year 2023, Arter's Learning Program continued to realize adult and children's workshops, interpretation events, and exhibition tours around current exhibitions.

Led by Merve Ünsal, the seminar series titled "Production, Exhibition and Documentation Practices in Contemporary Art" emphasized the diverse roles which can be undertaken by artists in the context of contemporary art as a means to reflect on such issues as the creation of artworks, textual production and exhibition practices.

Learning Program not only helped shed light on numerous layers of Cengiz Çekil's life and art through the interpretation events titled "Archive, Document and Artist", "Amongst Artists: Studio as a Space for Learning" and "Beyond Time", but also hosted Borga Kantürk, Elina Brotherus, and Sarkis as part of the artist talks series initiated in 2023.

The second edition of the Arter Children's Festival, which took place between 1-3 September under the theme "The World and I", encouraged children to explore our relationship to the world, other living beings, and nature through art.

A new online exhibition titled "Locus Solus: On Different Ways of Nature" was launched on Arter's Google Arts & Culture page to celebrate International Museum Day.

EVENTS PROGRAM

Arter's Event Program started its 2023 season with the performance "Good-Bye Paradise?" which featured a series of musical interventions performed on the spatial structures of the Arter building by Earport - a collaborative duo consisting of Gerhard Stäbler and Kunsu Shim.

The 2023 events went on with the fourth edition of the New and Newest Music Festival, organized under the artistic direction of Matthias Osterwold. The festival hosted the premieres of compositions and performances by numerous artists, including Gordon Monahan, Onur Türkmen, sa.ne.na, Steamboat Switzerland and Saadet Türköz.

In 2023, Arter presented various other events, including Earport's "AtemWende" (BreathTurn), inspired by Sarkis' solo exhibition "ENDLESS", and Can Memişoğulları's "Noise and Dirt", a sound performance focusing on Cengiz Çekil's artistic approach.

NURİ KUZUCAN: PASSAGE

Edited by: Nilüfer Şaşmaz, Süreyya Evren

Design: Ayşe Bozkurt

Published in the context of Nuri Kuzucan's solo exhibition, the book titled "Passage" opens with an extensive conversation between the curator of the exhibition, Nilüfer Şaşmaz, and the artist. Alongside the conversation which offers various reflections on Kuzucan's life and his artistic inclinations, the publication also compiles newly commissioned essays by Duygu Demir, Tarkan Okçuoğlu, Asuman Suner, and Hakan Tüzün Şengün.



EXHIBITION GUIDES

In 2023, Arter continued to prepare exhibition guides which were offered to visitors in both printed and digital formats. Bringing together diverse materials such as curatorial texts, floor plans, and artwork information, as well as lists of exhibition-related publications accessible from the Arter Library, these comprehensive booklets remained a vital resource frequently consulted by visitors.



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EXHIBITIONS I

I AM NOBODY. ARE YOU NOBODY TOO?

Meşher hosted "I am nobody. Are you nobody too?", a group exhibition exploring the themes of the ancient Greek myth of Echo and Narcissus relating the story of unrequited love. The exhibition was on view from 14 September 2022 to 12 February 2023. Curated by Selen Ansen, the show brought together artworks that reinterpret the ancient themes of reflection, resonance, and

transformation through the lens of contemporary artistic and social dynamics. "I am nobody. Are you nobody too?" featured nearly 120 works by 44 artists from Turkey and abroad. In addition to the works on loan, the exhibition showcased original pieces in various mediums produced specifically for the show with the support of Vehbi Koç Foundation. Meşher's "I am nobody. Are you nobody too?" exhibition set a new post-pandemic record for single-day attendance.

<https://www.meshher.org/sergiler/ben-kimse-sen-de-mi-kimsesin>



MEŞHER AT A GLANCE

Located in Meymenet Han, a historical landmark building on İstanbul's iconic İstiklal High Street, Meşher is an expansive exhibition venue spanning 800 square meters across three floors. It opened its doors to the public in September 2019. Since then, Meşher has welcomed visitors with a vibrant program of free exhibitions, events, and guided tours, embracing both contemporary and classical art as well as research-based themes. Open Tuesday to Sunday from 11:00 to 19:00, Meşher offers an enriching cultural experience for all.

MEŞHER IN 2023

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Meşher hosted three exhibitions in 2023:

- "Ben Kimse. Sen de mi Kimsesin?" / "I am nobody. Are you nobody too? (14 September 2022 to 12 February 2023)
- "Işığın Peşinde" / "Drawn to Light", John Craxton (5 April 2023 to 23 July 2023)

"Göz Alabildiğine İstanbul: Beş Asırdan Manzaralar" / "İstanbul as far as the eye can see: Views across five centuries" 20 September 2023- 29 September 2024)

In addition to the exhibitions, Meşher has also hosted a variety of events for all ages and produced original podcasts to complement its cultural offerings.



Drawing inspiration from Emily Dickinson's poem "I'm Nobody! Who are you?", the exhibition mirrored the cyclical and repetitive patterns of mythological narratives, offering visitors a space in which to reflect on the interconnectedness of countless selves, desires, stories, images, and lived experiences. In this immersive exhibition, visual, auditory, and tactile elements converged, offering visitors a chance to explore the multifaceted relationships between body and voice, sound and image, self and other, human and non-human, and the material and immaterial worlds.

THREE EXHIBITIONS

Meşher hosted three exhibitions in 2023.

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ARTISTS OF THE EXHIBITION "I AM NOBODY. ARE YOU NOBODY TOO?"

Marina Abramović, Erol Akyavaş, Dieter Appelt, Koray Arış, Eylül Aslan, Levent Aygöl, Mehtap Baydu, Deniz Bilgin, Handan Börüteçene, Elina Brotherus, Betty Bui, Claude Cahun, Aslı Çavuşoğlu, Laurence Demaison, Lee Friedlander, Ryan Gander, Nan Goldin, Jessica Harrison, Camille Henrot, Charles Holland & Elly Ward, Talbot Hughes, John Isaacs, Fatoş İrwen, Gizem Karakaş, Nermin Kura, Marcantonio Raimondi Malerba, Bevis Martin & Charlie Youle, Radenko Milak, İz Öztat, İz & Ra, Evan Penny, Gerhard Richter, Necla Rüzgar, Stéphanie Saadé, Fabrice Samyn, Jenny Saville & Glen Luchford, Yusuf Sevinçli, Yaşam Şaşmazer, Ayça Telgeren, Defne Tesal, VOID.

<https://www.mesher.org/sergiler/drawn-to-light>



JOHN CRAXTON: DRAWN TO LIGHT

From 5 April to 23 July 2023, Meşher hosted a landmark exhibition celebrating the life and work of British artist John Craxton (1922-2009), marking the first time his art was presented in a solo show in Turkey. Curated by Ian Collins, the artist's biographer and friend, "John Craxton: Drawn to Light" presented a selection of works spanning Craxton's long career.

The exhibition featured nearly 200 of Craxton's diverse works, including oils, acrylics, and watercolors, drawings, prints, book designs, a monumental tapestry, and even personal belongings. The exhibition showcased a joyful and creative life, transitioning from the darkness of war to light, and from monochrome to vibrant colors. In the exhibition space, visitors even encountered one of Craxton's beloved classic motorcycles, a symbol of his adventurous spirit.



The "John Craxton: Drawn to Light" exhibition featured 44 works from the Ömer Koç Collection, the number of whose artworks by Craxton is second only to those owned by the John Craxton Estate. The exhibition was further enriched by photographs of the Turkish Aegean by American photographer Robert McCabe and by images from London-born painter Nicholas Moore's trip to Istanbul with Craxton.



ISTANBUL AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE: VIEWS ACROSS FIVE CENTURIES

Meşher's "İstanbul as far as the eye can see: Views across five centuries" exhibition, which opened its doors on 20 September 2023, continues to welcome visitors. Co-curated by Şeyda Çetin and Ebru Esra Satıcı, Bahattin Öztuncay served as the show's consultant. Featuring a selection of rare works from the Ömer Koç Collection, the exhibition encompasses the period from the 15th century to the early 20th, during which İstanbul served as the Ottoman capital. The exhibition, a comprehensive visual record of the city, showcases more than 100 items, ranging from paintings and engravings of expansive İstanbul vistas to rare books and albums, panoramic photographs, and "Souvenir de Constantinople" artifacts.

The exhibition showcases a wide array of creators from ship captains and travelers to soldiers and ambassadors, from authors to painters and photographers, and from architects to city planners. The works, produced by Westerners for various reasons, sometimes political or military, sometimes aesthetic, embrace a wide range of technical disciplines. Accompanying the images, which offer glimpses into the diplomatic relations, urban-landscape transformations, multicultural textures, and social life of their



era, are excerpts from contemporary written sources. These excerpts create an opportunity for dialogue between the perspectives of their Western creators and the artistic productions of 19th and early 20th century Ottoman and Turkish literature. Instead of offering another romanticized portrayal of the city, the exhibition encourages an exploration of İstanbul's diverse narratives and varied depictions. Spread across all three storeys of Meşher's exhibition space, the exhibition interweaves the diverse narratives of İstanbul's five centuries like links in a chain, while also referencing similar themes across different floors.

Having opened on 20 September 2023, "İstanbul as far as the eye can see: Views across five centuries" will continue to welcome visitors until 29 September 2024.

<https://www.mesher.org/sergiler/istanbul-tr>



MEŞHER

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EVENTS FOR ADULTS

As it greeted 2023, the Meşher *"I am nobody. Are you nobody too?"* exhibition curated by Selen Ansen, was entering its final two months. In January and February, three podcasts associated with the show were released: *"I'm nobody: Emily Dickinson"* (Yusuf Eradam and Şeyda Çetin), *"I'm nobody: Echoes of those left behind"* (Defne Tesal, Yaşam Şaşmaz, Sena Özçiftçi), and *"I'm nobody: Two roses"* (Selen Ansen and Fatih Özgüven).

With the inclusion of the weekly guided exhibition tours, these adult-oriented events achieved an overall 94% attendance rate.

In the opening week of the *"John Craxton: Drawn to Light"* exhibition, a screening of the film *"John Craxton: A Life of Gifts"* was followed by a Q&A session with curator Ian Collins and film producer Anwen Hurt. *"A Life of Gifts"* continued to be screened once a month for the remainder of the show.

Three curator-led tours of the exhibition were conducted by Ian Collins in April, May, and July; four linocut printing workshops led by Özge Enginöz were also held in June and July.

With the inclusion of the weekly guided exhibition tours, these adult-oriented events achieved an overall 80% attendance rate.

The *"İstanbul as far as the eye can see: Views across five centuries"* exhibition was featured in a presentation as part of The Metropolitan

Museum's *"Islamic Art in Solitude"* lecture series. Nilüfer H. Konuk, Şeyda Çetin, Esra Satıcı, and Professor Zeynep Çelik led their audience through the exhibition, highlighting key themes and works in a roughly thirty-minute presentation that was followed by a Q&A session.

Five guided tours were organized on the occasion of Teachers' Day.

With the inclusion of the weekly guided exhibition tours, these adult-oriented events achieved an overall 97% attendance rate.

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

Taking inspiration from the artists' works featured in the *"I am nobody. Are you nobody too?"* exhibition, Meşher hosted three workshops for children: *"Colorful motifs in my window: Stained glass workshop"*, *"Pictures from squares: Pixel workshop"*, and *"Mythological character creation workshop"*. The workshops saw a participation rate of over 50%. These workshops achieved an overall attendance rate of more than 50%.

As accompaniments to the *"John Craxton: Drawn to Light"* exhibition, a series of children's workshops was conducted: *"I tell stories through stones: Mosaics workshop"* and followed by shirt and flowerpot painting workshops. These workshops achieved an overall attendance rate of more than 90%.

Inspired by the artworks in the *"İstanbul as far as the eye can see: Views across five centuries"* exhibition, Meşher hosted several workshops: two *"Panorama workshops"*, two *"Mapping workshops"* designed to teach children the language, drawing techniques, and interpretation of maps, and a *"Viewing box workshop"* in which participants created a stage by combining perspective drawings in the form of an accordion, using viewing boxes, also known as three-dimensional books.

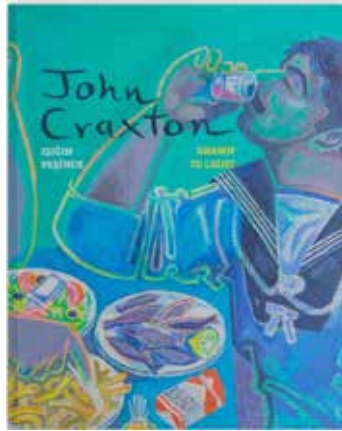
I PUBLICATIONS I

I AM NOBODY. ARE
YOU NOBODY TOO?

Published in separate Turkish and English editions, the “I am nobody. Are you nobody too?” exhibition catalogue was intended to extend and enrich the conversations initiated by the show itself while creating new ones as well. Departing from the conventional exhibition catalog format, this 319-page publication not only reveals the historical underpinnings of the show but also explores the themes of reflection, resonance, self, nobody, and the other, creating bridges between the past and present. Compiled by the exhibition’s curator, Selen Ansen, and Meşher curators Ebru Esra Satıcı and Şeyda Çetin, the publication’s visual and textual resources include essays written specifically for the show by Cana Bostan and Fatih Özgüven, as well as material translated into Turkish for the first time.

JOHN CRAXTON:
DRAWN TO LIGHT

Published in Turkish and English, the 259-page bilingual “John Craxton: Drawn to Light” exhibition catalogue presents a captivating narrative of the artist’s life and creative evolution. The catalog opens with a foreword by Ömer Koç and features the essay “Journey to Joy” by the exhibition’s curator, Ian Collins. In this essay, the author explores Craxton’s energetic life and artistic practices in the Aegean, highlighting his numerous trips to Istanbul.

İSTANBUL AS FAR AS
THE EYE CAN SEE:
VIEWS ACROSS FIVE
CENTURIES

Published in Turkish and English, this 289-page bilingual exhibition catalog highlights the diversity of depictions of Istanbul through contributions from experts in the field. Essays for the catalogue were authored by Sven Becker, Briony Llewellyn, Bahattin Öztuncay, and Claude Piening. The catalog opens with a foreword by Ömer Koç, continues with an introductory essay by curators Ebru Esra Satıcı and Şeyda Çetin, and features a “We, the city of Istanbul, are beautiful” essay by Professor Zeynep Çelik.



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ANAMED RESEARCH PROJECT SUPPORT

ANAMED, the Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations at Koç University, provides support to researchers from Turkey and abroad who are studying the history of Anatolia. ANAMED reached a new milestone in 2023, supporting the greatest number of researchers and projects in a single year since its inception: 50 researchers received financial support or premises access for the conduct of their projects. Last year ANAMED supported a diverse group of researchers: 19 researchers (8 doctoral candidates, 8 postdoctoral researchers, and 3 senior researchers) through its Basic Research Grants program along with 5 researchers through its Joint Research Grants program in collaboration

with the British Institute at Ankara (BIAA), the Suna & İnan Kiraç Foundation İstanbul Research Institute (İAE), the Max-Planck Kunsthistorisches Institut (KHI), and, for the first time, the National Museums in Berlin - Staatliche Museen zu Berlin Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz (SMB - SPK). Following the catastrophic earthquakes of 2023, ANAMED extended support to 19 academics from universities in the affected region, covering their research needs for a full academic year. ANAMED welcomed five new researchers in 2023 to work on two of its own digital social sciences initiatives: "Linking Anatolian Pasts / Anadolu'nun Bağlantılı Geçmişleri," an open-linked data project, and the pioneering "Environmental Archaeology Initiative," the first of its kind in Turkey.



ANAMED AT A GLANCE

ANAMED, the Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, housed in the historic Merkez Han building on Istanbul's Istiklal Street, was founded in 2005 to develop and facilitate research projects dedicated to the history, art, architecture, and archaeology of civilizations in Turkey. As the first local academic research center founded to support scientific research on the history of Anatolia, ANAMED carries out this mission through publications, exhibitions, symposia, and fellowships and library services for doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers.

FIRST OF ITS KIND

ANAMED is the Turkey's first academic research center specifically set up to support scientific research on the history of Anatolia

ANAMED IS SUPPORTING EARTHQUAKE-STRICKEN SCHOLARS WITH FELLOWSHIPS (FESS).

After the devastating earthquakes that shook 11 cities in Turkey on 6 February 2023, ANAMED provided "Fellowships for Earthquake-Stricken Scholars (FESS)" to provide accommodation and a research atmosphere for academics whose lives, and therefore research activities, were disrupted. The 25 academics, consisting of PhD students continuing their thesis studies and faculty members working on unfinished research projects, will be part of our research community for 9 months and the full 2023-2024 academic year.

ENVIRONMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAM

ANAMED's ENVARCH101 and ENVARCH101TR courses (in English and Turkish), offered through Koç University Online Programs every year since 2019, aim to introduce participants to environmental archaeology, including research topics and methods in zooarchaeology, archaeobotany, and bioarchaeology. In the summer semester of 2023, 400 applicants were accepted to and benefitted from the program, including undergraduate and graduate students, museum staff, and teachers from universities all over Turkey.

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COLLABORATION BETWEEN ANAMED AND THE STATE MUSEUMS OF BERLIN WITHIN THE PROJECT "LEGAL-ILLEGAL?"

Koç University's Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED) is hosting two new researchers as part of a project in collaboration with the State Museums of Berlin (Staatliche Museen zu Berlin Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz). The 15-month-long research project will focus on the conditions of excavation and repatriation of archaeological objects from Sam'al, Didyma, and Samarra in the Ottoman Empire in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The Staatliche Museen zu Berlin has been researching the original contexts of its archaeological collections and the conditions under which they were acquired beginning in the sixteenth century, through cross-collection evaluation of primary sources such as objects, purchase records, excavation documents, archival records, auction catalogs, photographs, and research literature. The aim of the project, titled "Legal-Illegal?," will be to trace the path of each archaeological collection item from the date of its discovery to the date of its entry into museum collections.



ANAMED LIBRARY DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The ANAMED Library has prepared a new digital scholarship program open to all researchers in the 2023 fall semester. Within the scope of the program, which is an academic and scientific communication event, workshops about the technology and software most often used in research today were organized, such as "Three-Dimensional Visualization of Spatial Data with QGIS," "The Role of Artificial Intelligence and Remote Sensors in Monitoring Archaeological and Cultural Heritage," and "Git: Managing Versions, Collaborations, and Open Source."

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ILLUMINATING THE FUTURE: THE RECONSTRUCTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE EARLY YEARS OF THE REPUBLIC, 1923-1946

Date: 15 February 2023-28 May 2023

Exhibition Research Team: Tuba Akbaytürk Çanak, Burak Başaranlar, İrem Ünal, Nathalie Defne Gier

Exhibition Design: Naz Uğurlu

The social change pioneered by the Republic was realized through the guidance of science and technology. One of the areas where this reform movement was felt most intensely was higher education. With the advent of the Republic, various new faculties and institutes were established in areas such as agriculture, law, and art. Also, important reforms were carried out in already existing institutions. As the number of faculty members increased, foreign scientists fleeing WWII came to Turkey and contributed to education, influencing scientific training in the first generation of the Republic.

This exhibition highlights a cross-section of innovations in higher education during the early years of the Republic, drawing primarily on the Koç University Suna Kiraç Library archives, the Republic Archives, National Library sources, and documents and visual materials published in national newspapers of the period. The exhibition focuses on structural transformations in higher education institutions between the years 1923 and 1946 and presents a selection of today's fine arts schools, teaching colleges, humanities, and various other institutions of higher education.



THE ODYSSEY OF BYZANTINE STUDIES IN TURKEY

Date: 23 June 2023-31 December 2024

Curator: Koray Durak

Exhibition Editor: Merve Özkılıç

Exhibition Design: Burak Şuşut, Dilara Tekin Gezginti, Duygu Güven

Koç University Sevgi Gönül Center for Byzantine Studies organized the exhibition "The Odyssey of Byzantine Studies in Turkey," curated by Koray Durak of Boğaziçi University on the occasion of the Sixth International Sevgi Gönül Byzantine Studies Symposium. Located in the ANAMED Gallery, the exhibition encompasses a wide variety of subjects, from education to field studies.

The exhibition narrates several themes in a chronological manner and begins with the late Ottoman era, explaining the multicultural nature of Byzantine studies in the period. As the narrative moves forward to the Turkish Republic, the story of the institutionalization of the field unfolds. Designed by Fika's Burak Şuşut, Dilara Tekin Gezginti, and Duygu Güven, "The Odyssey of Byzantine Studies in Turkey" was realized by funding from the Vehbi Koç Foundation and the sponsorship of Arçelik.

The exhibition, which evaluates the current state of Byzantine studies in the first century of the Turkish Republic from a historical perspective, hosts many archival documents presented to the public for the first time.

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18TH INTERNATIONAL ANAMED ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM | ANATOLIAN CORNUCOPIA: DRUGS, ELIXIRS, AND SPICES BETWEEN LEISURE, MEDICINE, AND MORALITY

Date: 7-8 December 2023

The 18th International ANAMED Annual Symposium, "Anatolian Cornucopia: Drugs, Elixirs, and Spices between Leisure, Medicine, and Morality," was convened by Kerem Tinaz and Alexis Wick. Over the course of two days and five sessions, scholars from various countries discussed the history of substances, materia medica, and spices in Anatolia. This history intersects in Anatolia with the production of regional and transregional knowledge, the emergence of new social spaces, political consciousnesses, and commercial habits. The event was open to general participation and was organized in a hybrid format with simultaneous English-Turkish translation.

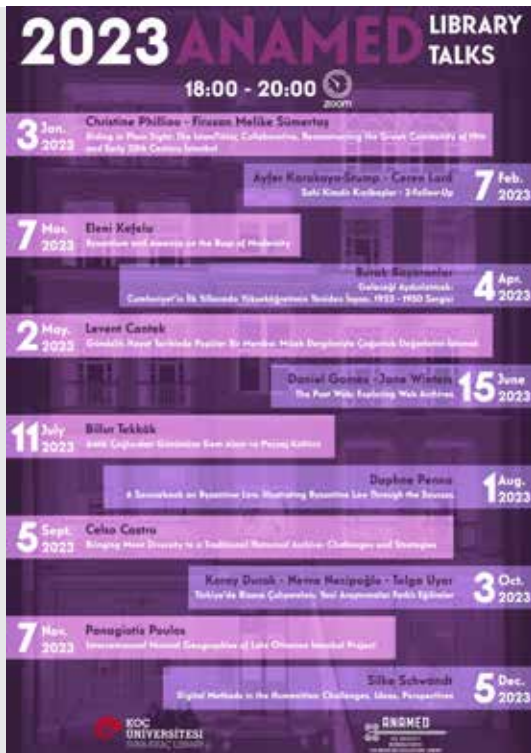
| TALKS |



ANAMED LIBRARY TALKS

ANAMED Library Talks continued with monthly talks in 2023, as in previous years. Thanks to the events, where different projects and new publications of academics from Turkey and abroad were hosted, many people learned more about ANAMED and the ANAMED Library.

In these talks, experts spoke on many topics, such as Byzantine studies in Turkey, the Istanbul Collaborative Project, humor magazines in the history of everyday life, web archives, and digital methods in the humanities, as well as about an exhibition on the construction of higher education in the first years of the Republic (1923-1950), organized in partnership with Suna Kırış Library and ANAMED. Participants contributed with their questions and comments. The 2023 Library Talks have been uploaded to the ANAMED Library SoundCloud and YouTube accounts, allowing participants to watch them again.



ANAMED LIBRARY COMMUNITY LECTURES

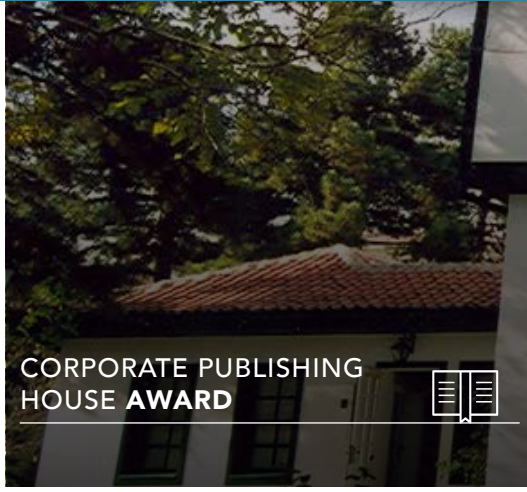
ANAMED Library started a new, open-to-the-public event titled “ANAMED Library Community Lectures” in summer 2023 to increase the dissemination of knowledge between external library members and researchers. Library members who applied to the lecture program had an opportunity to present their scientific outputs, such as articles, books, theses/ dissertations, or projects that they completed using the library collections, and they also shared their library experiences with the community. A total of 5 lectures were held in the second half of the year, including “Promoting Heritage Diplomacy,” “Exhibition of Islamic Art in Turkish Museums,” “Religious Lives of Roman Soldiers in Asia Minor in the Light of Epigraphic Documents,” “Rethinking the Anthropocene,” and “Alphabet Reform Between Turkey, the Soviet Union, and Azerbaijan (1918-1940).”



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VEKAM IN 2023 MAIN ACTIVITIES

Koç University Vehbi Koç Ankara Studies Research Center (VEKAM) completed and celebrated the centennial of the Republic of Turkey with a full year of national and international events (workshops, conferences, exhibitions, training programs, etc.) and publications.

AWARD TO VEKAM PUBLICATIONS

In 2022, VEKAM Publications was deemed worthy of the "Corporate Publishing House Award" by the Economy Newspaper's Book Culture Life Magazine. Prof. Filiz Yenişehirlioğlu, director of VEKAM, has received its award at a ceremony held on 27 November 2023.



10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JOURNAL OF ANKARA STUDIES

The Journal of Ankara Studies, launched by Koç University Vehbi Koç Ankara Research Center (VEKAM) in 2013 on the 90th anniversary of Ankara's becoming the capital, celebrated its 10th anniversary.



VEKAM AT A GLANCE

VEKAM, the Koç University Ankara Studies Research Center, was founded in 1994 in an orchard house in Ankara's Keçiören district, where the late Vehbi Koç resided for most of his Ankara years. VEKAM's objective is to engage in the academic study of social, institutional, and economic history, as well as the culture and cultural heritage of Ankara and its region and to collect information and documents relevant to all research on Ankara. The Ankara Orchard House, one of the last extant examples of traditional local architecture, is located nearby and was restored and opened to the public in 2007. VEKAM has been associated with Koç University since 2014 and organizes a range of activities and events on Ankara studies, including conferences, symposia, exhibitions, publications, and grant schemes.

ANKARA- THEMED EVENTS

VEKAM conducts a range of activities centered around Ankara-themed research, encompassing conferences, symposia, exhibitions, publications, and award programs.

AN EDUCATION PROGRAM TO RAISE AWARENESS OF URBANISM AND CULTURAL HERITAGE AMONG CHILDREN LAUNCHED.

In March 2023, Koç University VEKAM, in collaboration with the Education and Awareness Branch of the General Directorate of Cultural Heritage and Museums of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, launched an education program to raise awareness of urbanism and cultural heritage among children.



ANAMED WAS ON HAND FOR TÜRKİYE'S FIRST-EVER ANTHRODAY EVENTS, JOINING IN THE GLOBAL CELEBRATION OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNDERSTANDING HUMAN SOCIETIES AND CULTURES.

In 2023, VEKAM continued to take part in international days celebrated in Turkey and collaborate with different institutions. As part of AnthroDay Ankara, which was celebrated for the first time in Turkey and took place between 5-7 May 2023, Koç University VEKAM hosted a panel discussion on the anthropology of disasters at Ankara Bağ Evi on 5 May 2023 and hosted a workshop on the production of tools in the stone age on 6 May 2023.

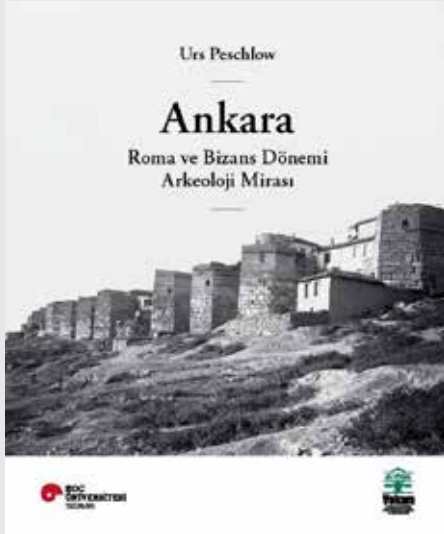
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THE WINNER OF THE VEKAM
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The VEKAM Special Award for Ankara-oriented documentaries and short films, which VEKAM opened in 2020 in cooperation with the Ankara Film Festival committee in order to contribute to urban research by enriching the audiovisual memory of Ankara and its surroundings, has found its winner. Within the scope of the festival, the winner of the VEKAM Special Award of 2023 was Özlem and Can Mengilibörü with their documentary "Laf Aramızda, Engürü Kahve".



VEKAM CONTINUED ITS NEW PUBLICATIONS.

In 2023 VEKAM published; Jansen and Ankara: Correspondence - Plans; Ankara: Roman and Byzantine Archaeological Heritage; Cultural Heritage Studies for Children (0-18) Workshop II: Teacher Based Practices Proceedings; and published the 21st and 22nd issues of the Journal of Ankara Studies. The publications titled Architects Who Left Their Mark in Ankara: Vedat Özsan and An Eyewitness from Anatolia: Mudurnu in the Early Republican Era Through the Lens of Bengüboz, published in 2016, were made available to researchers as open access resources.

VEKAM CONTINUED TO ADD TO ITS LIBRARY AND ARCHIVAL RESOURCES.

VEKAM continued to develop its rich library and archive collections. In 2023, 188 books, 101 of rare Karamanlica books, 288 photographs, 98 postcards, 200 architectural archive materials were included in the VEKAM Library and Archive collection, while the active conservation of 645 piece of archival material was completed.

In 2023, VEKAM continued to develop its rich library and archive collections. While 1,328 books including 101 of rare Karamanlica books, 288 photographs, 98 postcards, 413 architectural pieces and 12,642 slides, 583 negative archive materials were included in the VEKAM Library and Archive collection, the active conservation of 645 piece of archival material was completed.



ACORN SEEDLINGS GROWN AT VEKAM MET WITH STUDENTS.

In collaboration with Koç University VEKAM and TEMA Keçiören Representative Office, acorn seedlings grown at VEKAM met with students in Keçiören and Etimesgut to be planted in school gardens.

VEKAM RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

The research awards initiated by VEKAM in 2015 contribute to the emergence of original research and the supported studies are shared with the interested parties every year. In 2022, the researchers who were awarded the VEKAM Research Award shared their work at an online meeting held on 22 December 2023.

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EXHIBITION | EITHER INDEPENDENCE OR DEATH! ON THE WAY TO THE REPUBLIC

Date: 3-30 October 2023

Koç University Vehbi Koç Ankara Studies Research Center (VEKAM), Collectors Association and Çankaya Municipality, were launched the Either Independence or Death! On the Way to the Republic exhibition on the centenary of the Republic of Turkey. The exhibition, which is prepared chronologically based on historical research, literary texts, memoirs, original documents and photographs of the period, is the largest exhibition of VEKAM and its partner institutions to date in terms of the area it covers and the number of objects. The exhibition sheds light on the Turkish people's National Independence Struggle led by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and his comrades-in-arms, the Kuvayimillîye gangs resisting the occupation, the Turkish youth rushing to the front, the sacrifices of the entire population, including men, women and children from 7 to 70, and the heroism of Turkish soldiers, and the role of Ankara in this struggle. Visitors had the opportunity to experience rare objects, some of which have never been shown in Turkey before. Many everyday objects, copies

of newspapers, unpublished photographs, documents, original records and video and audio recordings from the period was available for the first time. For researchers, the exhibition also accompanied by a thematic library containing over 60 publications on Ankara and the National Struggle. The exhibition, which has featured more than 1200 rare documents, photographs, archives and collections of the Collectors Association, the majority of which belong to Nurhan and Korkut Erkan, with texts prepared by Korkut Erkan. The exhibition included valuable works from institutions and personal collections such as the Ankara The State Museum of Fine Arts, Pera Museum and İstanbul Research Institute, Yapı Kredi Museum, Halûk Perk Research Center, Hisart Living History Museum, METU Society and Science Application and Research Center, Polatlı Historical Sites Promotion Center (POTA), War of Independence Museum (I. Turkish Grand National Assembly Building), Albert Khan Departmental Museum (France) and the American Library of Congress, among other institutions and personal collections. The Turkish Historical Society's documentaries on the National Struggle Period also screened at the exhibition. Those interested in history and art lovers were able to attend various side events such as concerts, conferences, panels and documentary screenings free of charge until October 30th. The exhibition visited in all galleries of Çankaya Municipality Doğan Taşdelen Contemporary Arts Center between 3-30 October 2023.





EXHIBITION | REFLECTIONS FROM GUNDA'S CAMERA (1951-1954)

Date: 5-13 August 2023

Location: Eleni Church, Mustafapaşa-Ürgüp

"Reflections from Gunda's Camera (1951-1954)" exhibition by Koç University VEKAM werebe available to visit in person between 5-13 August 2023 at Mustafapaşa Eleni Church in Ürgüp, as part of the Cappadocia Balloon and Culture Road Festival organized by the R.T. Ministry of Culture and Tourism. The exhibition featured a selection of the photographic negatives taken by Gunda Holzmeister, wife of Clemens Holzmeister who was an important architect , in Cappadocia region between 1951 and 1954.



VIRTUAL EXHIBITION | ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF LEGACY: BENGÜBOZ

Date: 29 September 2023

VEKAM, Bilkom, Mudurnu District Governorship and Mudurnu Municipality launched the exhibition titled "One Hundred Years of Legacy: Bengüboz" on the centennial of the Republic of Turkey and invited its viewers to witness the transformation of an Anatolian town with the Republic through the lens of Ahmet İzzet Bengüboz.

Ahmet İzzet Bengüboz was a Mudurnu countryman who learned the art and technique of photography in a British camp where he was held prisoner during WWI, and who prolificly applied his newfound art upon returning home; of the glass plates he produced mainly between 1923-39, 1004 have survived intact. This special collection of photographs presents the evolution of an Anatolian town's social



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life during the Republican period. The visual heritage left by Ahmet İzzet Within the scope of the project, Bengüboz's archive of 1,004 surviving glass negatives is preserved and 450 photographs selected from the archive are brought to the present day through physical and digital exhibition practices. The photographs exhibited in the project curated by Dr. Ayşe Ege Yıldırım were subjected to digital restoration and colorization using artificial intelligence and innovative methods. The photographs, which were also registered with the NFT infrastructure, were also secured in the digital world. The exhibition, which aims to ensure that Ahmet İzzet Bengüboz's visual heritage reaches wider and different audiences with the power of digital technologies, can be visited in the virtual museum created at www.yuzyillikmiras.com

One Hundred Years of Lagacy: Bengüboz exhibition, which was physically opened in Mudurnu on 28 September 2023 met with Izmir residents between 9-30 November 2023. The traveling Pop-Up Museums created within the scope of the project were moved to various cities such as Ankara (Rahmi M Koç Museum in Ankara) , Istanbul (Rahmi M. Koç Museum in İstanbul and Koç University) and Eskişehir (EsPark Shopping Mall).



EXHIBITION | WORKSHOP, GUIDED TOUR | EUROPEAN HERITAGE DAYS

Date: 16 September 2023

As part of the 40th European Heritage Days and in the context of the centennial celebrations of the Republic of Turkey and the capital city Ankara, the European Union National Institutes for Culture Network (EUNIC) is organized the second edition of the European Heritage Days on 16-17 September 2023, in Ankara.

Under the motto "You Will Fall in Love with Ankara", the event celebrated the rich historical, architectural and artistic heritage of the capital with a set of new and free activities, starting with the guided tour of seven of the European embassies. Over two days, 28 embassies, museums, foundations and associations opened their doors to visitors in an exceptional and/or original way to (re)discover the history of Ankara with guided tours, exhibitions, concerts and tours in the city. The event which is organized by EUNIC and coordinated by Institut français Turkey - Ankara was held in partnership with Ankara Metropolitan Municipality and with the participation of the Embassies of Germany, Belgium, France, Hungary, the Netherlands, Poland, Poland, Switzerland and the European Union delegation; Anatolian Civilizations, Erimtan, Cin Ali, İşbank Economic Independence Museums; Maturation Institute; Ankara Metropolitan Municipality Directorate of Cultural and Natural Assets; Çankaya Municipality; Saint Thérèse Church; Koç University Vehbi Koç Ankara Studies Research Center (VEKAM); İnönü and Sevdâ Cenap Ant foundations; Ankara Chamber of Architects; Ankara Aks, Lavarla and Anatolian Music Cultures Association.

Within the scope of European Cultural Heritage Days and in line with the spirit and collections of VEKAM's Ankara Orchard House, VEKAM featured a mini exhibition on sherbet tradition entitled Sweet Past, Cool Future: The Story of Sherbet, which has played an important role in Turkish culture throughout the ages, a narrated sherbet tasting with the contribution of Ankara Divan Hotel, and a guided tour of the Ankara Orchard House.



WORKSHOP I CULTURAL HERITAGE STUDIES FOR CHILDREN (0-18) IV: FIELD, MUSEUM AND NATURAL HERITAGE EDUCATIONAL PRACTICES

Date: 16-17 November 2023

Since 2019 Koç University VEKAM has been organizing The Cultural Heritage Studies for Children (0-18) Workshop series under the supervision of Assoc. Prof. Çiğdem Maner (Koç University) and Özlem Dengiz Uğur (Architect - Museum Educator) to contribute and support sustainable cultural heritage education in Turkey. The purpose of the workshop series is to provide new perspectives to the ones who have been actively participating in this field by presenting practices both in Turkey and abroad. The fourth workshop of the series held in person, with the support of the German Embassy in Ankara, at VEKAM's Ankara Orchard House (in Ankara) on 16-17 November 2023 with the theme of Field, Museum and Natural Heritage Educational Practices. With the participation of valuable speakers from Germany, Japan, Denmark and Turkey, topics such as child, family, school, teacher trainings, outdoor and indoor trainings, trainings on natural heritage, practical training activities was discussed and the studies carried out in this context were presented to the participants. The two-day long workshop will include model workshops as well to give an idea to professionals to adopt their studies.



EDUCATION I USING PRIMARY SOURCES IN URBAN HISTORY RESEARCH

Date: 12-13 October 2023

VEKAM's successful educational programs continued in 2023 with its "Using Primary Sources in Urban History Research" course emphasizing the critical role of primary sources in urban history studies and equipping researchers with tools, the ability to enhance their historical thinking capabilities, their ability to analyze the interplay of time, space, and human elements, to identify and assess primary sources, and to effectively incorporate them all into their work.



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EDUCATION | COMMUNICATION AND INTERACTION IN CONTEMPORARY MUSEUM PRACTICES

Date: 28 April 2023

Location: Ankara Orchard House

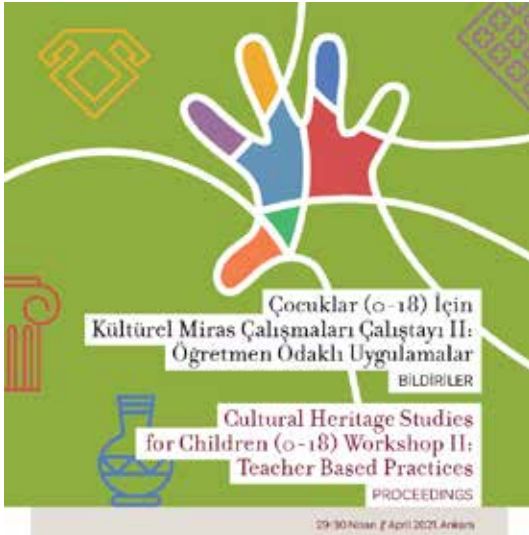
As part of the project “The Role of Museums in Brand Communication: The Case of Ankara” supported by Koç University VEKAM and led by Associate Prof. Burcu Zeybek and Associate Prof. İlknur Doğu Öztürk from Doğuş University and with the support of the Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism, General Directorate of Cultural Heritage and Museums, a communication-oriented training program was planned targeting staff working in the field of visitor interaction in Ankara museums selected based on the number of visitors. The training intended to contribute to and raise awareness among museum employees regarding communication, which plays a significant role in museum activities.

EDUCATION | ANKARA ORCHARD HOUSE SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Ankara Orchard House, one of the unique examples of our cultural heritage with its architecture and collection, which operates within Koç University VEKAM, aims to contribute to the education and learning processes of children by providing urban and cultural heritage awareness and out-of-school learning environments. The joint program with the Education and Awareness Branch of the General Directorate of Cultural Heritage and Museums, which is attached to Republic of Turkey Ministry of Culture and Tourism, hosted 8 school groups from March to November 2023. Museum education was integrated with the presentation on cultural heritage and protection by the team known as “Culture Guardians” as well as hands on learning practices. The program is still ongoing.



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CULTURAL HERITAGE STUDIES FOR CHILDREN (0-18) WORKSHOP II: TEACHER BASED PRACTICES

Prepared by: Çiğdem Maner, Özlem Dengiz Uğur

Publication Year: 2023

The proceedings book prepared by Çiğdem Maner and Özlem Dengiz Uğur intend to contribute and support sustainable cultural heritage education in Turkey. The book consists proceedings of Cultural Heritage Studies for Children (0-18) Workshop II: Teacher Based Practices that was held in 29-30 April 2021, at the premises of VEKAM. The VEKAM workshop centered on the theme of teaching and learning cultural heritage for children. Esteemed academics and specialists shared their unique research and perspectives on the subject. The resulting book will become a valuable methodological resource for those involved in cultural heritage education programs for children.



JANSEN AND ANKARA: PLANS AND CORRESPONDENCE

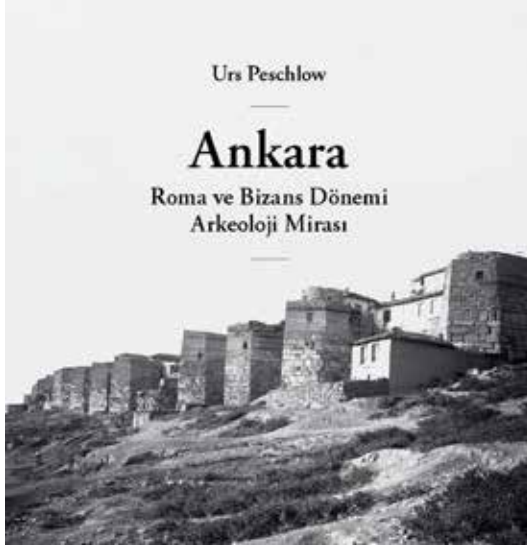
Authors: H. Çağatay Keskinok, Irmak Yavuz Özgür, H. Eren Efeoğlu

Publication Year: 2023

In this book, the correspondence between Hermann Jansen, who undertook the physical planning of the capital, and the Ankara City Development Directorate are compiled along with plans in various scales, sketches and perspective drawings, which were the subject of these correspondence in order to shed light on the preparation and implementation of Ankara's urban development plans in the early Republican period.

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ANKARA: ROMAN AND BYZANTINE PERIOD ARCHEOLOGICAL HERITAGE

Author: Urs Peschlow

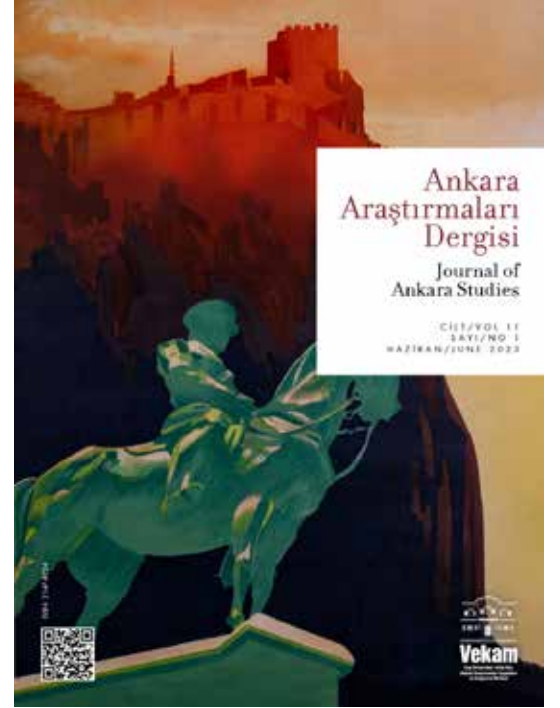
Translation: Deniz Saban

Publication Year: 2023

Written by Urs Peschlow and first published in German in 2015, the book is the most comprehensive work on Ankara regarding archaeology and art history. From antiquity to the present day, Peschlow's book is an art history lesson in which he displays his entire scientific background and presents his research and studies on Ankara.

JOURNAL OF ANKARA STUDIES

The 21st and 22nd issues of the Journal of Ankara Studies, which aims to create a platform for academic studies from different disciplines that reveal new data on Ankara's urban elements through scientific methods and to share these studies with the public, have been published.





TESTIMONY FROM ANATOLIA: MUDURNU IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC, CAPTURED BY BENGÜBOZ

Author: Ayşe Ege Yıldırım

Published in 2015, the book was made available on VEKAM Open Access page in 2023.

Turkey's UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List Mudurnu Historical Ahi City', with its strategic geographical location on the Silk Road, is an important Ahi - artisan city of the Early Ottoman period and a patriotic Republican city.

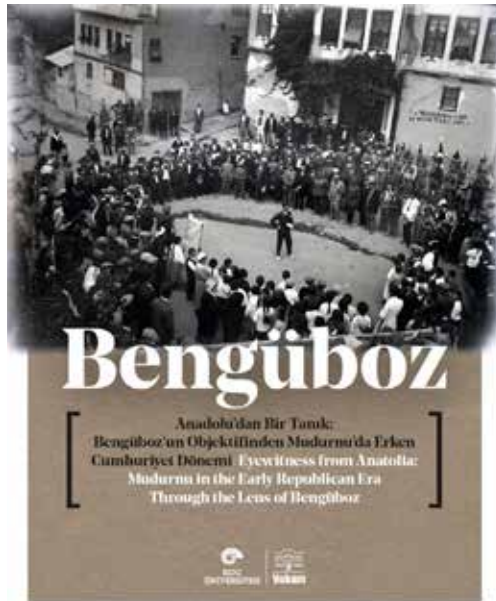
The photographs taken by Ahmet İzzet Bengüboz, who learned photography in a prison camp during World War I, in his hometown of Mudurnu in the 1920s and 30s are a valuable document shedding light on the social life of a period. Especially his directorial attitude in his portraits, his successful compositions of crowded groups and his comprehensive architectural photographs documenting those days of Mudurnu are enough to place Bengüboz, whose name is not found in the history of photography, among the brilliant photographers of that period. This book, nearly 100 years later, presents this special collection of photographs of high historical and artistic value, together with historical information.

ARCHITECTS WHO LEFT THEIR MARKS IN ANKARA: VEDAT ÖZSAN

Editor: Nuray Bayraktar

Publication Year: 2023

The "Architects Who Left Their Marks in Ankara" project was initiated in 2017 in collaboration with Başkent University and Koç University VEKAM and completed in 2020. With the project, which aims to bring to the agenda of the architects who have left important traces in the city, 4 architect/ architect groups that deserve special attention with the residential, public and civil architecture buildings they designed in Ankara were focused on each year, and a total of 14 architect/architect groups were discussed in panels organized. Vedat Özsan, the 4th of the books prepared from the panel contents, is available for open access on the VEKAM website.



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TRANSAREA NETWORK MEDITERRANEAN ARCHEOLOGY (TANMED)

TANMed is an archeology-focused networking project led by the branches of the German Archaeological Institute in the Mediterranean region - Madrid, Rome, Athens, Istanbul, Damascus and Cairo. The project discusses the current situation and future of Mediterranean archeology. It also examines the socio-political, cultural and economic dynamics of the Mediterranean and the discourses produced through the stakeholders in this large geographical region. The first TANMed meeting was held in Rome on 11-12 November 2021. The 2nd TANMed meeting was held in Antalya and hosted by AKMED between 29-31 March 2023. Following the opening speeches of Oğuz Tekin and Felix Pirson, presentations

on interesting topics were given that same day such as "Human and environment interaction in the Mediterranean" (J. Brückner), "Marine archeology" (M. Harpster), "Hellenistic wall paintings" (Th. Lappi), and "Imperial coins of Tyros" (A. Lichtenberger). On March 30th, a trip was organized to the site of Phaselis. It was decided that the 3rd TANMed meeting will be held in Selinunte (Sicilia).





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AKMED, the Koç University Suna & İnan Kiraç Research Center for Mediterranean Civilizations, is chartered to support scientific research aimed at documenting, conserving, and restoring the historical, archaeological, ethnographical, and cultural assets of the Mediterranean world and interpreting its cultural relations. AKMED organizes conferences, summer schools, certificate programs, academic meetings, and exhibitions, publishes books and periodicals, offers scholarship and project support, and implements social responsibility projects.

The Kaleiçi Museum, also within AKMED, is open to visitors every day except Mondays.

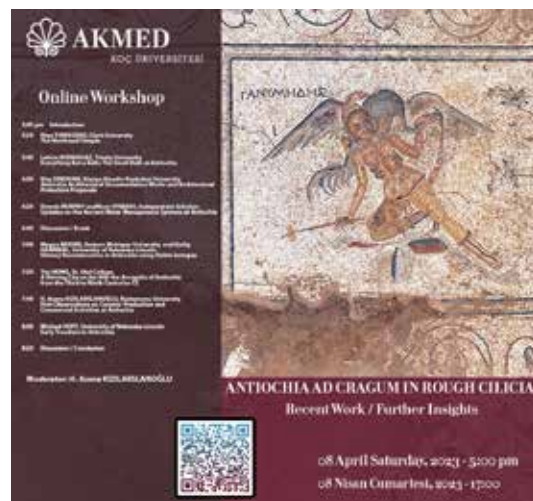
THE MEDITERRANEAN WORLD

AKMED supports scientific studies and research on the history, archaeology, ethnographic, and cultural values of the Mediterranean world.

ANTIOCHIA AD CRAGUM IN ROUGH CILICIA: RECENT WORK - FURTHER INSIGHTS

An online workshop in English was held on April 8th that focused on the recent progress and findings of the excavations which began in 2005 at Antiochia ad Cragum, a city from the Roman era located in western Rough Cilicia. The workshop first highlighted that, while numerous scientific studies have been conducted in the region over the past century, the majority were limited to surface surveys and epigraphic research. No archaeological excavations had taken place until 2005. The speakers explained that since 2005, under the leadership of Michael Hoff, excavations have been carried out to gain insights into the history of this city by employing various historical and scientific methodologies.

The presentations covered various topics, including the temple area in the northeastern part of the city, the bath structure, architecture, water system, dietary habits, acropolis, ceramic production, and observations about the city made by early travelers.



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MELCOM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

AKMED hosted the 44th International Conference of the Middle East Libraries Committee from 25-27 April 2023. The conference was organized in collaboration with the Suna Kiraç Library Directorate at Koç University. Following the opening speeches by AKMED Director Oğuz Tekin, Suna Kiraç Library Director Tuba Akbaytürk, and Melcom President Andreas Drechsler, a total of 25 presentations were delivered during the conference. There were 67 physical attendees from 20 countries, and an additional 20 participants joined online. The conference covered a wide range of topics, including Middle East librarianship, book collection, book trade, publishing, and digital applications in library science, such as archives, documentation, and databases. On the final day of the program, a visit to the ancient city of Perge and the Düden Waterfalls was organized.

THE OTTOMAN WEIGHTS PROJECT

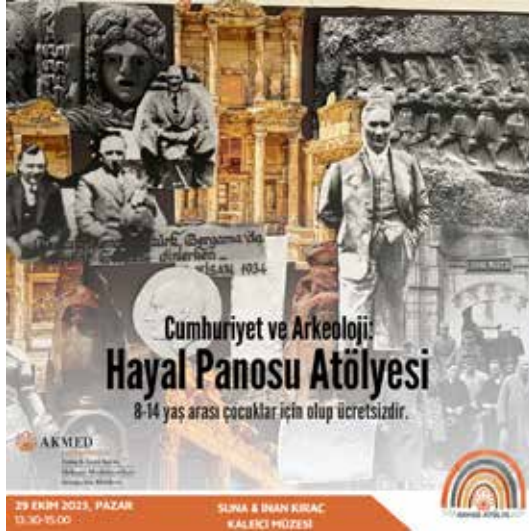
The preparation process for the publication of Ottoman weights from the Pera Museum Anatolian Weights and Measures Collection is ongoing. This year's activities, led by Oğuz Tekin (AKMED) and Yavuz Selim Güler (Pera Museum), continued first at the Pera Museum from on August 28th-31st and then at AKMED on September 18th-20th. The catalog related to the Ottoman period weights in the Pera Museum collection is scheduled to be published in June



2024.

KALEİÇİ OLD TOWN FESTIVAL

Hosted by AKMED, the Kaleiçi Festival, organized for the eighth time by the Municipality of Muratpaşa in 2023, took place from October 26th to 29th. AKMED, which was open to visitors free of charge during the festival, also hosted various



events.

CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH REPUBLIC WITH CHILDREN!

AKMED celebrated the 100th anniversary of our Republic on October 29th with children through a special workshop titled "Republic and Archaeology: Imagination Board Workshop." Led by Özge Yanardağ Koçyiğit and İlkiz Öztürk, the workshop began with a presentation on Turkish archaeology and archaeological excavation sites visited by Atatürk. Following the presentation, we explored the "Animals and Coins Exhibition." After the exhibition tour, participants created their own imagination boards using pre-prepared photos. While constructing their Imagination boards, they used visuals of symbolic architectural elements, sculptures, ceramics, and coins that emphasize archaeological sites.

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AKMED WORKSHOP EVENTS

In 2023, AKMED gathered the “learning in the museum” activities which organized for children within the Suna & İnan Kiraç Kaleiçi Museum under a single roof with the AKMED ATÖLYE label. As AKMED Workshop, we organized 19 workshops in 2023 during the mid-term, semester and summer holidays. The aim of the workshops organized in parallel with AKMED exhibitions and working areas is to transform the Suna & İnan Kiraç Kaleiçi Museum into a living museum, to increase its visibility, and to give children a love of cultural heritage at an early age. Some of the workshops within the scope of AKMED Workshop are as follows:

- Animals and Coins: Images of Animals on Coins from Antiquity to the Present (Children aged 7-10 years)
- Workshop Coordinator: Özge Yanardağ Koçyiğit
- Cultural Heritage and Traditional Antalya House Workshop (Children aged 8-10 years)
- Workshop Coordinator: Özge Yanardağ Koçyiğit
- Animals and Coins “Reflections in Greek and Roman Mythology” Workshop (Children aged 10-14 years)
- Workshop Coordinator: İlkiz Öztürk
- Street Vendors in 19th century Turkey Workshop (Children aged 4-6 years)

- Workshop Coordinator: Özge Yanardağ Koçyiğit
- Termessos Ancient City Workshop (Children aged 11-14 years)
- Workshop Coordinator: Zeynep Yıldız
- Journey to History Workshop (Children aged 7-12 years)
- Workshop Coordinator: Özge Yanardağ Koçyiğit
- Green Planet - Climate Change Children’s Workshop (Children aged 10-14 years)
- Workshop Coordinators: Burcu Topkaya Şeneren and Özge Yanardağ Koçyiğit
- The Story of Theseus the Animal Whisperer (Children aged 7-10 years)
- Workshop Coordinator: İlkiz Öztürk
- Antoni Gaudi and Casa Batlló - European Architectural Movements Workshop (Children aged 8-10 years)
- Workshop Coordinators: Deniz Şenova and Özge Yanardağ Koçyiğit

Additionally, Administrative Affairs and Fellowship Senior Specialist Mrs. Özge Yanardağ Koçyiğit, representing AKMED, attended the “Cultural Heritage Studies for Children Workshop IV: Workshop on Educational Practices in Field, Museum and Natural Heritage Areas” organized by Koç University VEKAM on 16-17 November 2023 and made a presentation on AKMED Workshop activities.



DIGITAL EXHIBITION: "RENAISSANCE DREAMS"

As part of the Antalya Cultural Road Festival organized by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Suna & İnan Kırâç Kaleiçi Museum hosted Refik Anadol's exhibition "Renaissance Dreams" from November 4th to 12th. The exhibition was opened with the participation of Minister of Culture and Tourism Mehmet Nuri Ersoy and his wife Pervin Ersoy, Antalya Governor Hulusi Şahin and his wife Ebru Şahin, and our Director Oğuz Tekin. Approximately 137,500 art enthusiasts visited the exhibition.



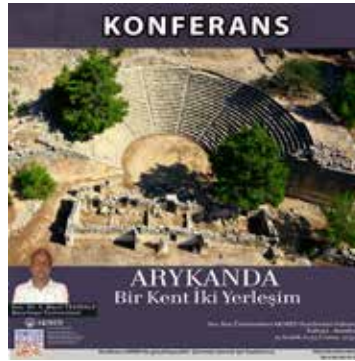
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AKMED conferences, which are one of the most important events in our annual event calendar and are followed with great interest, are now being organized as hybrid conferences in order to reach a wider audience, as a result of the experience gained during the pandemic. Videos of our conferences are posted on our YouTube channel.

- 3 March 2023: Cappadocia from Byzantium to Today and the Changing "Image of Cappadocia" - Assoc. Prof. B. Tolga Uyar
- 17 March 2023: The Süryani between Rome and Persia in Late Antiquity - Faculty Member Dr. Kutlu Akalın
- 14 April 2023: Daily Life in Byzantium - Faculty Member Dr. Siren Çelik
- 25 April 2023: In Light of New Excavations and Research New Findings in the Settlement History of Side - Prof. Feriştah Alanyalı
- 16 April 2023: Kibyra Ancient City and Excavation Works - Assoc. Prof. Şükrü Özudoğru
- 15 April 2023: Arykanda: A City with Two Settlements - Assoc. Prof. V. Macit Tekinalp



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SUMMER SCHOOL ON MONETARY HISTORY AND NUMISMATICS

Date: 19-23 June 2023

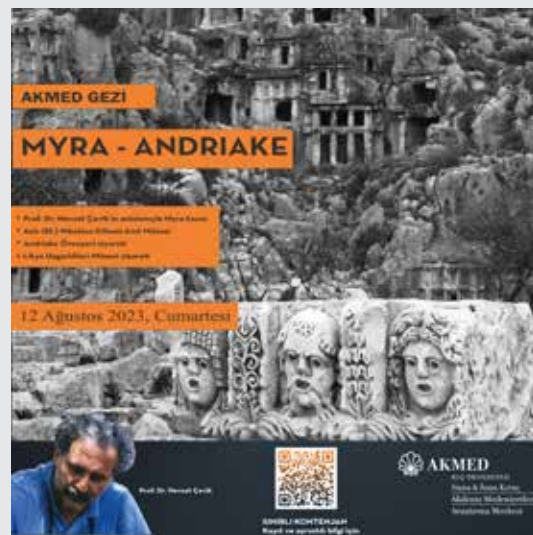
The 7th Summer School on Monetary History and Numismatics, organized by Koç University's AKMED, was successfully conducted online via Zoom from June 19th to the 23rd. The intensive five-day program, led by Oğuz Tekin (AKMED) and Peter van Alfen (American Numismatic Society), had a total of 16 participants from both Turkey and abroad. Aimed at beginners in numismatics, the course provided an introduction to ancient Greek, Roman, and Byzantine numismatics. It offered participants not only basic knowledge in numismatics but also showcased how numismatics can be utilized as a tool in their archaeological, historical, and art historical studies. Certificates of Attendance were awarded to the program's participants upon completion.



AKMED EXCURSION: MYRA & ANDRIAKE

Date: 12 August 2023

Another event series we initiated in 2023 is the AKMED Excursion. The aim of AKMED Excursion is to provide archaeology enthusiasts with the most up-to-date information about ancient cities, archaeological sites, and museums in the Mediterranean region directly from academics. In this context, the first excursion took place on August 12th to Myra and Andriake. Professor Dr. Nevzat Çevik, the excavation director, provided the latest information on the ongoing archaeological excavations in the ancient city of Myra. Additionally, St. Nicholas Memorial Museum, Andriake, and the Museum of Lycian Civilizations were also visited.



KOÇ UNIVERSITY SUNA & İNAN KIRAÇ RESEARCH CENTER FOR MEDITERRANEAN CIVILIZATIONS AND KALEİÇİ MUSEUM (AKMED)

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ARCHAEOLOGY SUMMER SCHOOL: PERGE

Date: 4-9 September 2023

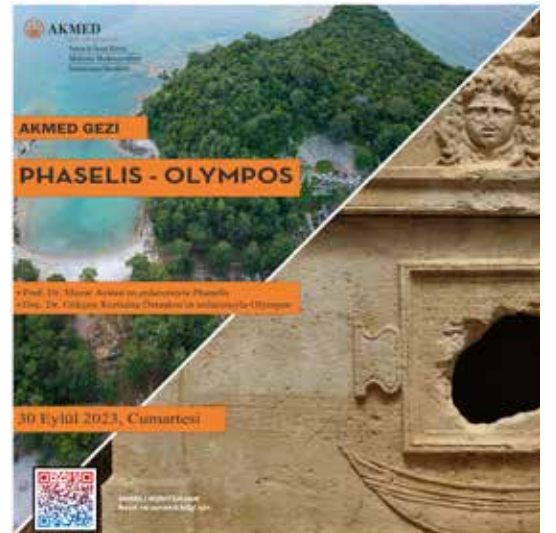
With the permission of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, General Directorate of Cultural Heritage and Museums, the Istanbul University Perge Excavations Directorate and Koç University AKMED organized the Perge Summer School in the ancient city of Perge, located in the Aksu District of Antalya, between 4-9 September 2023. The inaugural AKMED Archaeology Summer School, held this year in the ancient city of Perge, saw the participation of eight undergraduate students studying archaeology / art history in universities in Turkey. During the summer school, theoretical archaeology and excavation practice were taught to the students by Prof. Sedef Çokay Kepçe, Assoc. Prof. Aşkın Özdzibay, Assoc. Prof. Aliye Erol, Asst. Prof. Aytaç Dönmez, Beyza Gülmez, Talat Kuval, Şeyda Sezer, Dilayla Tapunç, Beril Ürek, and Azat Ürek. This program, the first in the Archaeology Summer School series, will be followed by the Ephesus Summer School next year, organized in collaboration with the Ephesus Excavations Directorate.



AKMED EXCURSION: PHASELIS & OLYMPUS

Date: 30 September 2023

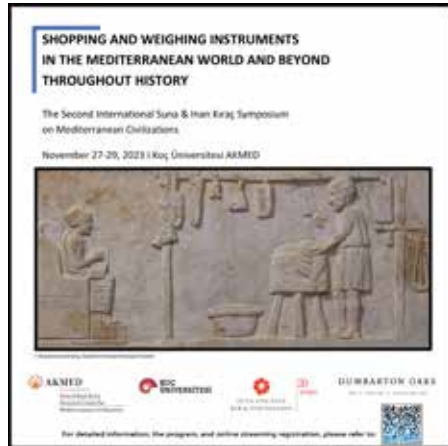
As part of the AKMED Excursion activities initiated last month, the goal is to bring together archaeology enthusiasts with ancient cities, archaeological sites, and museums in the Mediterranean region. In this context, during the excursion held on September 30th, Professor Murat Arslan, the excavation director, discussed the latest developments in the ongoing archaeological research in the ancient city of Phaselis. Additionally, after lunch on the same day, participants heard about the studies in the ancient city of Olympos from the Excavation Director Assoc. Prof. Gökçen Kurtuluş Öztaşkın.



II. SUNA & İNAN KIRAÇ MEDITERRANEAN CIVILIZATIONS SYMPOSIUM: SHOPPING AND WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN WORLD AND BEYOND THROUGHOUT HISTORY

Date: 27-29 November 2023

The second Suna & İnan Kiraç Mediterranean Civilizations Symposium, the first of which was held in 2019, was held between 27-29 November 2023 under the title "Shopping and Weighing Instruments in the Mediterranean World and Beyond Throughout History". The main focus of the symposium, which was attended by 23 academics from six countries, was determined as the cultural, political and economic aspects of shopping practices in Mediterranean cultures. However, scales and weighing scales, as well as the weights and weights used with them, coins, and scenes of shopping on all kinds of works of art were also discussed in the symposium. The proceedings book, which will consist of the full texts of the papers presented at the symposium, is expected to be completed by the end of 2024. On the last day of the symposium, a trip to Perge and Aspendos was organized.



ANTALYA HISTORY, CULTURE AND ARCHAEOLOGY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Date: 18-25 November 2023

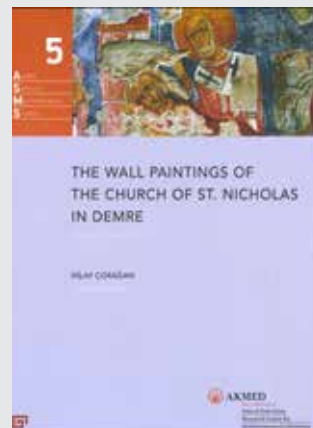
The sixth Certificate Program on the history, culture, and archaeology of Antalya was held from 18-25 November 2023. The program was organized by Koç University Suna & İnan Kiraç Mediterranean Civilizations Research Centre (AKMED) in a hybrid format. The program targets tourism professionals and focuses on the social and cultural life of ancient cities in the region. It provides detailed discussions on the administration, transportation, and ancient structures of the cities, accompanied by visuals. Following the online sessions, visits to Antalya Museum, Perge, and Side were organized.



I PUBLICATIONS I

AKMED's publications for 2023 are listed below:

- ADALYA 26, 2023 (Annual and open access journal)
- ANMED 21, 2023 (Annual and open access e-journal)
- Nilay Çorağan, The Wall Paintings of The Church of St. Nicholas in Demre



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GABAM IN 2023 MAIN ACTIVITIES

6TH INTERNATIONAL SEVGİ GÖNÜL BYZANTINE STUDIES SYMPOSIUM

In 2023, GABAM held 6th International Sevgi Gönül Byzantine Studies Symposium. With the participation of 52 Byzantinists including speakers, moderators and panelists, symposium took 3 days with 10 sessions and a panel all dedicated to explore "A Century of Byzantine Studies in Turkey". Esteemed Ömer Koç gave the opening speech of the symposium held at Merkez Han.

THE ODYSSEY OF BYZANTINE STUDIES IN TURKEY EXHIBITION

In parallel to the symposium "The Odyssey of Byzantine Studies in Turkey" exhibition was opened the first day of symposium 22 June 2023. While celebrating the 100th year of the republic, the exhibition studies the development of Byzantine studies in Turkey with archival materials provided by courtesy of many institutions and individuals. The exhibition can be visited until end of March 2024 at ANAMED Gallery.

DIGITAL PROJECTS

GABAM's "'Being a Byzantinist in Turkey' Oral History Project: The Past, Present and Future of Byzantine Studies in Turkey" has been launched online on 22 June 2023 on GABAM website (<https://gabam.ku.edu.tr/en/research/projects/>)



GABAM AT A GLANCE

Established with the support of Koç University and the Stavros Niarchos Foundation in January 2015 at Koç University's Rumelifeneri Campus, GABAM is the first scientific research center dedicated to Byzantine art history and archaeology to be established in Turkey. GABAM prepares and executes scientific research projects on the history of Byzantine art and archaeology; supports the projects it deems suitable; provides doctoral and post-doctoral research scholarships in the relevant disciplines within Koç University; organizes scientific conferences, symposiums and workshops; publishes scientific literature.

In 2023 the name of the center was changed to Koç University Sevgi Gönül Center for Byzantine Studies.

THE FIRST IN BYZANTINE ART IN TÜRKİYE

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gabam-projects/being-a-byzantinist-in-turkey-oral-history-project/). The Project consists of approximately 100 hours of oral history interviews with 35 individuals who work in the field of Byzantine studies in Turkey.

GABAM also has two ongoing digital projects of which's initial versions can be seen in "The Odyssey of Byzantine Studies in Turkey" exhibition: A visualization of bibliography of Byzantine studies in Turkey based on the raw data collected by Şahin Kılıç for Şahin Kılıç and Buket Kitapçı Bayrı's book Byzantine Studies in Turkey: A Bibliography (19th century-2020) and a map displaying excavations and surveys with Byzantine layers based on 2022 permit lists of the T.R. Ministry of Culture and Tourism. Supported by videos from several excavations. These projects are planned to be updated and to be accessible on GABAM's website.

PUBLICATIONS

GABAM published the book Saint Euphemia and Her Church in Istanbul in early 2023. The Turkish edition of the book was published in late 2022. The volume investigates the Church of Saint Euphemia which was among the important centers of pilgrimage in the Byzantine capital and was restored by funding of Vehbi Koç Foundation. The book explores on the life of the saint and history, architecture and frescoes of her church in Sultanahmet, along with the conservation works on the church and small finds from the site.

The bilingual exhibition book Türkiye'de Bizans Çalışmalarının Serüveni/The Odyssey of Byzantine Studies in Turkey was presented to the participants of the 6th International Sevgi Gönül Byzantine Studies Symposium on the opening day.

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VEHBİ KOÇ FOUNDATION FORD OTOSAN GÖLCÜK CULTURE AND COMMUNITY CENTER IN 2023

The center started with the children's game called "Oyuncu Köpek Mie" at the events in 2023. Then he hosted the theater play "Open Air Cinema" and "Roma'da Bir Cinayet". Also, the center hosted Ekin Deveci's painting exhibition titled "Machina", Neslihan Kıyar's painting exhibition titled "Asylum" and Firdevs Çalışkan's painting exhibition titled "Devinim".



VEHBİ KOÇ FOUNDATION FORD OTOSAN GÖLCÜK CULTURE AND COMMUNITY CENTER AT A GLANCE

The Vehbi Koç Foundation Ford Otosan Gölcük Culture and Community Center has been promoting social and cultural events for the people of the Gölcük region. In addition to its beautiful natural settings, the center's events calendar provides a rich cultural environment with art courses, exhibitions, stage performances, musical activities and personal development courses. The center's classical music recitals, jazz concerts, theater and children's plays, art and other workshops attract an average of 10,000 visitors each month. As the center focuses on community service, all its events and activities are free of charge for all age and social groups.

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL CONTRIBUTION TO GÖLCÜK

The center has been contributing to the social and cultural life of the surrounding region since its inception.





VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION CIVIL SOCIETY PARTNERSHIPS

SOCIAL ENTREPRISE İSTANBUL PROJECT

The Social Enterprise İstanbul Project, aimed at fostering collaboration between social enterprises and the private sector in İstanbul, concluded in July 2023. The project's aim was to create a certification system that would empower social enterprises to measure their own social impact and establish partnerships with private businesses.

The PartnerUp Acceleration Program, a core element of the Social Enterprise İstanbul Project, successfully supported 20 initiatives across various fields. This program was a collaborative endeavor among the Koç University Social Impact Forum (KUSIF), Vehbi Koç Foundation (VKF), and Social Innovation Initiative Association (SIID), backed by the İstanbul Development Agency (İSTKA). Upon completing the social impact management training program and having demonstrated their ability to measure and manage their impact across various levels,

all PartnerUp ventures received a Social Impact Management Certificate at the program's conclusion. The certification program aims to set recognized standards for the data that social enterprises provide to investors. The program, involving 37 private sector organizations, facilitated 12 partnerships between social enterprises and private businesses, all aimed at contributing to specific UN Sustainable Development Goals. The Social Enterprise İstanbul Project also led to the creation of a social impact reporting standard specifically tailored for Turkey. This standard was developed by considering the perspectives of various stakeholders in the social entrepreneurship ecosystem and by drawing on international best practices from organizations like Social Value International, SDG Impact Standards, and the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) Foundation.

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