

Staff Activities



Dr. Mehmet Fevzi Ünal from the Department of Mechanical Engineering gave a presentation on “Aerospace Engineering” to the students of Eyüboğlu Educational Institutions at “Career Days-2016” on March 4, 2016.



Dr. Erhan Erkut from the Department of Industrial Engineering gave the following speeches/presentations,

- On “Entrepreneurship” at Uludağ University, Bursa on March 15, 2016.
- On “Modeling with Excel” to the students of Ün Okulları at MEF University on March 16, 2016.
- On “Reflections on 30 Years of Teaching” at TED University, Ankara on March 17, 2016.
- Entitled “Succeed Together” at Middle East Technical University, Ankara on March 18, 2016.
- On “Career Planning” to the students of Maya Okulları on March 18, of Ün Koleji & Mürüvvet Evyap Koleji on March 21, of Uğur Koleji & Florya Koleji on March 23, and of Maltepe Koleji on March 24, 2016.
- On “Entrepreneurship as Career” at Medipol University, İstanbul on March 25, 2016.
- On “The Future of Higher Education” at Istanbul Technical University on March 28, 2016.



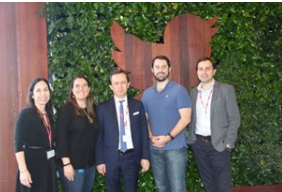
Dr. Erhan Erkut also was interviewed by Talk with Academicians on “Entrepreneurship” live on Periscope TV on March 24, 2016.

Conferences



Dr. Muhammed Sahin and **Dr. Derin Ural** from the Department of Civil Engineering attended the “American Council on Education - ACE 2016 Conference” in San Francisco, USA. MEF University had a Focus Zone presentation on “**Flipped Learning: Innovation in Educating Generation Y and Z Students**” on March 13, 2016. The session was sponsored by Blackboard and Pearson Publishers.

Cooperations



Dr. Muhammed Sahin and **Dr. Derin Ural** from the Department of Civil Engineering, and **Ash Erinc**, the Director of Corporate Relations of MEF University held meetings with TWITTER leadership in San Francisco, USA on March 15, 2016. Items discussed included possible partnership for disaster preparedness in Turkey.



Dr. Muhammed Sahin, **Dr. Derin Ural**, and **Ash Erinc** also held meetings at the Google Headquarters in California, USA on March 15, 2016. Topics discussed included initiating a pilot program for 3-D virtual reality programs at K-12 schools in Turkey, initiating joint Coursera courses, and piloting the use of Google Chromebook in Turkey.

Cooperations



Dr. Muhammed Şahin, **Dr. Derin Ural**, and **Ash Erinc** met with senior leadership of Penn State University, USA on March 17-18, 2016. The MEF University delegation met with the Civil Engineering Department Chair, Dean of the College of Engineering, Vice Provosts, Provost, and President. Discussions were held on 3+2 engineering partnerships, as well as student exchange from Penn State University.



Dr. Derin Ural met with **Dr. Jean Pierre Bardet**, Dean of the Engineering School at the University of Miami, in Miami Florida, and **Dr. Özcan Özdamar** from the Department of Biomedical Engineering of the University of Miami on March 18, 2016. Fruitful discussions were held, to initiate 3+2 international programs between the University of Miami and MEF University engineering programs.



Dr. Muhammed Şahin from the Department of Civil Engineering, **Dr. Erhan Erkut** from the Department of Industrial Engineering and **Dr. Murat Tarmçılar**, the Rector of TED University, Ankara signed a “Flipped Learning Knowledge Sharing Agreement” between MEF University & TED University on March 30, 2016.

Projects



The project entitled "Geo-materials and Sustainability in Turkey: Determining the Expansive Behavior of Steel Slag Using Various Experimental Methods" by **Dr. İrem Zevnep Yıldırım** from the Department of Civil Engineering has received full support from The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) within the scope of 2232-Reintegration Research Fellowship Program. The aim of this program is to encourage successful Turkish researchers living abroad to return back to Turkey, and to provide support for their studies in Turkey.

Visits



Dr. Muhammed Şahin from the Department of Civil Engineering visited New York Institute of Technology, USA which is a 3+2 partner of MEF University on March 21, 2016.

Faculty Seminars



MEF University hosted the ASCE İstanbul Chapter Seminar Presentation entitled “Impact of Choice of Constitutive Models on Model Results” by Sergei Terzaghi, Director of Arup, Australian Geotechnical Skills Leader on March, 21 2016. **Dr. Derin Ural**, **Dr. İrem Zevnep Yıldırım**, **Dr. Gökçe Tönük**, and **Dr. Alper Yıkıcı** from the Department of Civil Engineering organized the event in cooperation with ASCE İstanbul Officers.



Dr. Mert Özkaya presented a seminar entitled "Software Architectures" on March 7, 2016. **Dr. Mert Özkaya** received his B.S. degree in Computer Engineering at Bilkent University, Turkey, in 2009. He received his M.S. degree in Computer Science at the University of Essex, UK in 2010 as the top-ranked student and his Ph.D. degree in Computer Science from City University London, UK in 2014. His Ph.D. was funded by a European research project called IOT@Work, where he carried out studies in the field of Software Architectures & Formal Analysis of Systems. **Dr. Özkaya** is currently an assistant professor at the Department of Computer Engineering of Istanbul Kemerburgaz University, Turkey.

Department Meetings



The Department of Civil Engineering organized an informative get together event (a pizza social) with the faculty and prep-class Civil Engineering students on March 9, 2016. Students were informed about the summer internships and academic excellence requirements for 3+2 Programs while they were having pizza for lunch. Mutual expectations were discussed and the students' questions were answered by the faculty members.

Student Group



Civil Engineering Student Group of MEF University prepared a poster for ASCE İstanbul Chapter Seminar. The poster was officially used in dissemination of the event and praised by the presenter, Sergei Terzaghi, during his seminar.

Faculty Introductions



Dr. İrem Zevnep Yıldırım from the Department of Civil Engineering, attended a panel discussion and introduced the Faculty of Engineering and Department of Civil Engineering to the students of Çamlaraltı Koleji, İzmir on March 23, 2016.



Dr. Duygu Taş introduced the Department of Industrial Engineering to the students of Pertevniyal Lisesi on March 10, 2016.