

Staff Activities



Dr. Muhammed Sahin, from the Department of Civil Engineering, gave the opening speech of [EDK16](#) on December 9, 2016.



An Interview with **Dr. Muhammed Sahin** was published in Sözcü Newspaper on December 29, 2016.



Dr. Mehmet Fevzi Ünal, from the Mechanical Engineering Department, visited Mersin University between 25th and 28th of December 2016 for an external evaluation as a member of a team of 5 from different universities. The Higher Education Quality Council of Turkey has launched a new initiative for external evaluation of Turkish universities' processes for continuous improvement of quality, after five consecutive years of their self evaluation, and Mersin University has been among the first 20 universities.



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

- “Entrepreneurship” to the students of Enka Okulları on December 2, 2016.
- “Career Planning” to the students at Beşiktaş Kariyer Günleri on December 14, 2016.



Dr. Erhan Erkut moderated Junior Achievement Entrepreneurship Conference at Robert College on December 22, 2016.



The article “[Problemleri Birlikte Çözmek](#)” of **Dr. Erhan Erkut** has been published in Al Jazeera on December 15, 2016.



Erkut: 'PISA'da daha da gerileyeceğiz'



PISA 2015 evaluations of **Dr. Erhan Erkut** was published in Posta, [Milliyet](#) and [Hürriyet](#) Newspapers.

Publication



The book entitled “The Flipped Approach to Higher Education” of **Dr. Muhammed Sahin**, from the Department of Civil Engineering, and **Dr. Caroline Fell Kurban**, the Director of the Center of Excellence in Learning and Teaching, has been published.

Conference



The paper entitled “Advances on Laser-Generated Surface Acoustic Wave-based Characterization of Thin Films and Skin Tissues” was presented by **Dr. Dante Dorantes**, from the Department of Mechanical Engineering, at the ‘2nd Caparica Christmas Conference on Sample Treatment’ held in Caparica, Portugal, on December 5th–7th, 2016.

Cooperation



Dr. Muhammed Şahin, from the Department of Civil Engineering, and **Dr. Mehmet Fevzi Ünal**, from the Department of Mechanical Engineering, signed a 3+2 Agreement with Penn State University on December 23, 2016.

Student Group



The annual elections for the Civil Engineering Student Group at MEF University was held on December 1, 2016 with the supervision of the Faculty Advisor **Dr. İrem Zeynep Yıldırım**, from the Department of Civil Engineering. Based on the election results, Kaan Bilgin will serve as the President, Burak Öztürk, Umut Şen and Tolga Atalay will serve as the Vice Presidents, Serkan Katılmış will continue to serve as the Treasurer, and Altuğ Düzdiker will serve as the Secretary. Namık B. Akın, Bora Güzel, Deniz Duran, Rengin S. Can, Ayşe Karoğlu, Seda Altıntop, Mert Koraltan, Esat Saldıran, Şükrü Mert Dizer, Buse Yücel, Ömer Akyurt and Koray Yüzbaşı will serve as Event Officers of the Group. Congratulations to all of the candidates for participating the elections!

Faculty Introductions



Dr. Hande Küçükaydın introduced the Department of Industrial Engineering to the students of Beşir Balcıoğlu Anadolu Lisesi on December 12, 2016.

Dr. İrem Zeynep Yıldırım introduced the Department of Civil Engineering to the students of Beşir Balcıoğlu Anadolu Lisesi on December 12, 2016.

Dr. Şuayb Arslan introduced the Department of Computer Engineering to the students of Saint Benoit Lisesi on December 14, 2016.

Dr. Semra Ağralı introduced the Department of Industrial Engineering to the students of MEF Okulları on December 15, 2016.

Dr. Hande Küçükaydın and Emre Altunbaş, from the Department of Industrial Engineering, introduced the profession of Industrial Engineering and studying Industrial Engineering to the students of Enka Okulları on December 15, 2016.

Department Seminar



Chamber of Civil Engineers (İMO), İstanbul Section President, Mr. Nusret Suna made a presentation to Freshmen Civil Engineering Students, about civil engineering profession, civil engineering education and İMO, in the Introduction to CE Class, on December 20, 2016.

Faculty Seminars

Vahid Akbari presented a seminar entitled “Multi-vehicle Arc Routing Problems to Restore Post-Disaster Network Connectivity”. Vahid Akbari has received his PhD in the Industrial Engineering and Operations Management program at Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey in October 2016. He received his B.Sc. degree in Industrial Engineering at Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran in 2012. His current research interests include mathematical programming, heuristic methods and algorithms, network models and optimization with applications in disaster management and logistics.