

Editor's Note:
The 1st Symposium of the Foreign Languages in the Aegean Region

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The Symposium of the Schools of Foreign Languages in the Aegean Region, which was held for the first time this year, was held on October, 14 2022 on Manisa Celal Bayar University Şehit Prof. Dr. İlhan Varank Campus.

Attending the opening ceremony of the meeting, Manisa Celal Bayar University Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Ataç stated that the event serves as a bridge for the Schools of Foreign Languages and aims to revive communication and interaction between units. It was also emphasized that the theme of our Symposium is to enable foreign language schools to share information about “good practices” in various units and thus to develop these practices. Rector Ataç, who stated that it is important to share the process and operation carried out in different universities with other universities in order to ensure the sustainability of development and progress in education, was with the participants throughout the Symposium.

Symposium President and Manisa Celal Bayar University School of Foreign Languages Director Prof. Dr. Pınar Güzel Gürbüz, in her opening speech, emphasized the importance of such a symposium, the first of which was held within the School of Foreign Languages of MCBU. She stated that this symposium, in which the experienced instructors in English language education from different universities came together and shared their experiences, projects and studies in the field, contributed considerably to both professional development and educational processes, and that further inter-university dialogue was also ensured at the symposium.

Afyon Kocatepe University, Aydın Adnan Menderes University, Pamukkale University, Kütahya Dumlupınar University, Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University, Uşak University, İzmir Institute of Technology, Ege University, Dokuz Eylül University, İzmir Bakırçay University, İzmir Democracy University, İzmir Katip Çelebi University, İzmir University of Economics, and Yaşar University were invited to the event.

Session moderators Assist. Prof. Dr. Donald Staub, Assist. Prof. Dr. Esin Çağlayan, Lect. Nilgun Iner, Lect. Özge Coşkun Aysal, Lect. Asu Pınar, and Lect. Seden Önsoy led fruitful concurrent sessions on “Accreditation Processes, Curriculum Development, Professional Development, Leadership and

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Management, Common Compulsory Courses, Assessment and Evaluation and Administrative Affairs and Student Affairs". During the sessions, identified topics were discussed and good practices were shared by the participants. After the sessions, the participants evaluated issues such as the difficulties encountered in the field and possible solutions, and a road map proposal for the field of foreign language education was presented for future planning.
