V. International Educational Technology Symposium Was held in Sakarya University Between 21 – 23 September 2005

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V. International Educational Technology Symposium was held in Sakarya University held between 21 – 23 September 2005 by cooperation with Eastern Mediterranean University, Louisiana State University, Governors State University and Ohio University, and TOJET (The Turkish Online Journal of Educational Technology) journal, at Sakarya University Campus. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aytekin ISMAN who was conference coordinator and Editor in chief of TOJET spoke at the opening ceremony of symposium. His speech was related to diffusion of distance education and diffusion of usage educational technology. And then Prof. Dr. Mehmet DURMAN who is Rector of Sakarya University, talked about a applications of Distance Education which is applied by Sakarya University and educational technology applications in Tukey. His Speech is here:

Dear Guests

Welcome to the "5th International Educational Technology Conference IETC/EGİTEK 2005. It is an international educational activity for academics, teachers and educators. This conference is now a well known educational technology event and the number of paper submissions and attendees increase every year.

This year, IETC-2005 received 268 applications. The conference academic advisory board accepted 209 applications.

IETC-2005 promotes the development and dissemination of theoretical knowledge, conceptual research, and professional knowledge through conference activities, the conference proceeding book, and the Turkish Online Journal of Educational Technology (TOJET). Its focus is to create and disseminate knowledge about the use instructional technology for learning and teaching in education.

The main theme of IETC-2005 is distance education. Distance education is a delivery system of teaching and learning, when the teacher and the student are separated by physical distance and time, using alternative media resources when students and instructors have difficulties of establishing face-to-face communication. In distance education, instruction delivery between tutors and student is done by using different delivery systems such as computer mediated communication systems, video tapes, printed material, cassettes, and instructional television. With the developments in the Internet and global network system, the universities immediately took the advantage of using World Wide Web to deliver the instruction to almost any node in the world, regardless of the physical distance and time.

The main aims which should sought by almost all institutions offering distance education are how affective the given program is and whether it is a sufficient replacement to the traditional face-to-face education. During the IETC-2005 will be discussed these aims by presenters, panels and keynote speakers.

The first, second and fourth of "The International Educational Technology Conference (IETC)" were held by Sakarya University in Turkey, the third one in the Eastern Mediterranean University in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, and the fifth one again in Sakarya University in Turkey.

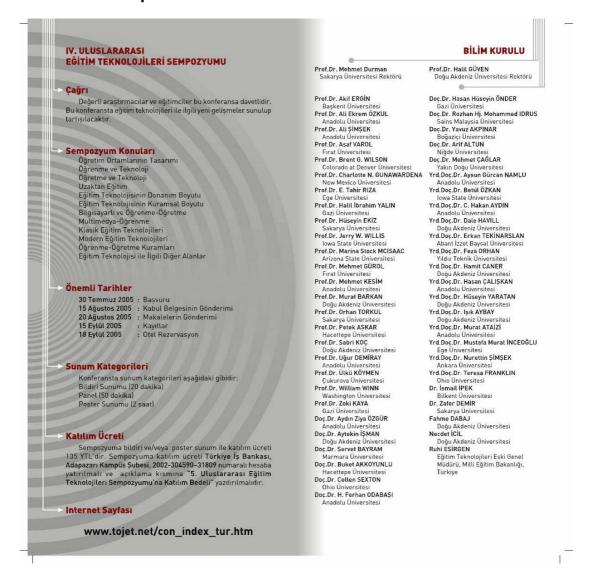
Without the authors and receivers, IETC 2005 would, of course, have been impossible. We would like to sincerely thank all of you for coming, presenting, and joining in the academic activities. We would also like to thank all of those who contributed to the reviewing process of the "IETC 2005" conference papers, which will be also published in TOJET. And finally, we would like to thank Sakarya University (Turkey), Eastern Mediterranean University (TRNC), Louisiana State University (USA), Ohio University (USA), Governors State University (USA) and The Turkish Online Journal of Educational Technology (TOJET) for successfully organizing and hosting "IETC 2005" in Sakarya, Turkey.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a pleasant stay in Sakarya-Turkey and safe return back home. I hope that IETC 2005 will be a meeting you will pleasantly remember.

Assis. Prof. Dr. Hüseyin YARATAN who is the head of Educational Science spoke in spite of Rector of Eastern Mediterranean University talked about coming years' symposium and he

told coming symposium will be held at Eastern Mediterranean University in Northern Cyprus. He declared deadlines of symposium as can be seen below:

Abstract Submission 1 December 2005
Author Notified 2 January 2006
Full Text Submission 1 March 2006
Early Registration 21 March 2006
(after this date late registration is possible with higher fee)
Hotel Reservation 3 April 2006
Conference 19 – 21 April 2006



Totally 330 authors send their abstract to symposium science committee for evaluating. And 185 of them were accepted and presented at the symposium. 5 Keynote speakers talked at symposium in Conference HALL 1. And their topics are:

- Distance Education in Sakarya University, Orhan Torku, 21/09/2005
- Distance Education, Antonis Lionarakis, 21/09/2005
- From Facilitation to the Transformation of Learning: From Pedagogy to Technology, Rozhan Idrus, 21/09/2005-14:00 HALL
- Distance Education, Ülkü Köymen, 22/09/2005 HALL 1
- Dance with Ethics for Distance Education Ugur Demiray, 22/09/2005
- Distance Education, Antoniette J. Munjewerf, 23/09/2005 HALL 1

- > A New Perspection in Distance Education, Ruhi Esirgen, 23/09/2005
- 9 Panel was conducted and specialists were spoken at that panel. 81 Proceedings which were presented at symposium was related to Educational Technology. Panelists are:
 - Zeki Kaya
 - **➢** Guclu Yavuzcan
 - ➤ Mahmut İzciler
 - Zeki Kaya
 - Mehmet Demir
 - > Isık Aybay
 - Ugur Demirav
 - > Aytekin İşman
 - > Arif Altun
 - > Fahme Dabaj
 - ➢ Gülsevil Turan,
 - Mehmet Çağlar
 - **≻** Hale Künüçen
 - > Namzi Ulutak
 - Mehmet Kesim
 - > Dursun Gökdag
 - Ali Simsek

54 of them was related to Web Technologies, 26 of them were related Educational Sciences and 24 of them were related other issues. And 107 proceedings were presented in Turkish and 78 proceedings were presented in English.

In additional, more than five people participated to the symposium from different countries. Besides at first nights of symposium welcome party was held and at this party presenters and audiences were met and they talked about new projects.