

THE NEWS ON THE CONFERENCE

The conference titled "International Talented/Gifted Conference: New Approaches and Educational Implementations" is one of the events planned under the European Union ERAMUS+KA 2 project named "Strategies for Talented and Gifted Pupils' Teachers", project number 2015-1-TR01KA20J-02I420. It was planned in this event to focus on various themes about the education of gifted/talented children, to share international studies and the experiences of subject area experts, and to give an insight to teachers, parents, institutions and researchers who educate these children. The conference was held between 4-7 May 2017, and the host university was Gazi University. The main theme of the conference was determined as "New Approaches and Educational Implementations". Opening speech was made by the project coordinator Prof. Dr. Esra Ömeroğlu, faculty member of Gazi Education Faculty. Many local and foreign listeners participated in the conference.



Figure 1. Project Coordinator Prof. Dr. Esra Ömeroğlu

Prof. Dr. Ayşegül Ataman, Prof. Dr. Uğur Sak, and the Ministry of National Education representatives attended the conference as guest speakers. On the first day of the three days event, in addition to opening speeches two speeches were made by Prof. Dr. Ayşegül Ataman, "Problems and solutions in the education of gifted children", and by Dr. Jitka Fortikova from Czech Republic, "Young talented learners and technology".



Figure 2. Prof. Dr. Ayşegül Ataman



Figure 3 Dr. Jitka Fortikova

On the first day, the Ministry of National Education representatives also gave information about the current situation regarding the gifted children in Turkey. This information was followed by paper presentations.

The second day of the conference started with the Prof. Dr. Uğur Sak's speech titled "A multiply effect in the development of superior ability". Subsequently, Dr. Patrizia Granata from Italy and Elxan Beylerov from Azerbaijan shared their knowledge with the attendants through their presentations titled "The world of gifted children" and "On the history of working with talented children in Azerbaijan". Following the presentations of the speakers, paper presentations were started.



Figure 4. Prof. Dr. Uğur Sak

On the last day of the conference, paper presentations were made and then the conference ended with the evaluation meeting.

Within the scope of the conference, 93 papers were presented after the referee's evaluation. The paper presentations lasted three days and these presentations were made in sessions constructed by theme.

The themes of the sessions were determined according to conference themes as follows;

- Education of gifted/talented
- Use of technology in education
- Teacher training
- The history of gifted/talented
- The attitudes of gifted/talented people
- Current issues
- Identification of gifted/talented children
- The post graduate researches on gifted/talented concept
- The teacher, student and parents' opinions towards gifted/talented concept
- The education of gifted/talented students in science classes
- The education of gifted/talented students in social sciences
- Best practices in gifted/talented education
- Parenting education
- The problems

In addition to the attendees who submitted and presented proceedings, more than 300 listeners took advantage of the speeches made at the conference and the academic studies presented.



Figure 5. Dr. Patrizia Granata



Figure 6. Prof. Dr. Elxan Beylerov