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#### STUDY ABROAD SERIES: HIGHER EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA

ITU International Office has initiated a Study Abroad Series, presenting our students and scholars education and research opportunities in specific countries. The first of these seminar series started with Australia, in light of the ANZAC centenary, to be commemorated between 2001-2018.

In cooperation with the Australian Consulate-General and Australian Trade Commission, ITU hosted the Consul-General Mr. Lino Strangis and representatives of universities from; University of Sydney, University of Wollongong and Swinburne University of Technology.

The seminar was composed of 2 parts: First part was a roundtable discussion in the morning on partnership development between universities. Representatives from Boğaziçi, Koç, Yıldız Teknik and Özyeğin were present and contributed to the discussions.

The morning session commenced with welcome speeches delivered by ITU Dean of International Education Prof. Dr. Yılmaz Akkaya and Consul-General Mr. Lino Strangis. In his speech, Prof. Dr. Akkaya stated that internationalization should follow a bottom-up process by developing focus areas in partnership development and including not only students but also attributing scholars an active role.

Consul-General Mr. Lino Strangis emphasized ITU's reputation and indicated the willingness to foster student and scholar exchanges. Mr. Strangis has attributed significance to the 100th year of Australia-Turkey relations and expressed his wishes to modernize relations with Turkey by exchanging academic and research capacities in higher education.

Later, Mr. Strangis met with Rector Prof. Dr. Karaca, where he outlined further steps to develop structured and long term partnership with universities in Australia.

During the afternoon session, Mr. Feras Sallan, representative of University of Sydney and Mr. Hal Evcan, representative of Wollongong University met up with ITU students and scholars. Our students had the opportunity to obtain detailed information on post-graduate studies, amongst other fundamental information.

The seminar attracted a remarkable audience composed of students and scholars.

The International Office would like to put forward their appreciation to all those involved in the organization of this fruitful event.



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