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## Final Report

General guidelines:

1. Please complete this report in English.
2. This report should be as accurate as possible. You may include additional information, reports, publications, brochures or photos as annexes.
3. The report must be signed by the grantee and WALADU supervisor at the Host University.
4. WALADU supervisor at the Host University will send the report to WALADU Coordination Team.

Staff member's name:

Home University:

Host University:

Senior or Junior Mobility:

*To be completed by the grantee*

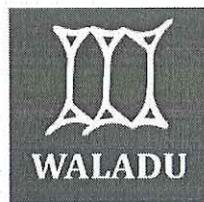
### **1. Objectives and results of the mission**

Please give a brief description of the objectives and quantitative and qualitative results achieved within the mission. The answer should be at least 3000 characters.

### **2. Meetings for sustainability, teaching and internships**

Please describe the meetings realized within the mission with reference to the opportunity of sustainability of the project as well as the improvement of teaching capabilities and internship implementation. The answer should be at least 1000 characters.

18.12.2019: I have met with Dr. Çiğdem Maner. She gave me a tour of the university and introduced me to several units. I got an idea about how Koç University is structured, where units are located and what the idea behind a foundation university in Turkey is.



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At 11 am I had a meeting with the directors of GABAM Prof. Engin Akyürek and Prof. Nikos Kontogiannis. GABAM is a research center for Late Antique and Byzantine Studies, established by the Stavros Niarchos Foundation in Greece/Athens. Prof. Akyürek presented me the various projects they are conducting.

From 2-4 pm I gave a lecture on Abbasid culture, architecture to undergrad students in the HUMS 104: Across the Sea. Civilizations of the Mediterranean. After the lecture students asked me several questions and there was a fruitful exchange between Koç Students and myself.

19.12.2019: Meeting with the director of Anamed Prof Chris Roosevelt. He is the director of Anamed, research center for Anatolian Studies. The center aims to develop and facilitate research projects that are dedicated to the history, art, architecture and archaeology of civilizations in Turkey through exhibitions, symposiums, fellowships and publications.

At lunch I met with fellows at Anamed and we had interesting discussions about their current projects.

20.12.2019: In the morning I met with Mrs. Oya Özer to go over the MoU we will do between Kufa and Koç Universities. The MoU will be presented to Kufa University.

11 am: Meeting with dean Prof. Aylin Küntay of the Faculty of Social Sciences.

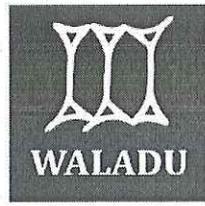
At 2 pm I attended the christmas part of the Department of Archaeology and History of Art, where I met faculty and student.

At 4 pm I gave a lecture on Baghdad's heritage Buildings in the Royal Period. Students and faculty attended.

23.12.2019: I have attended three meetings. We met with Ms. Pelin Beşler, Vice Presidency of Research and Development Administrative Coordinator. She has given us extensive information of the Koç University Summer Research Program (KUSRP) for both high school students and undergraduate students.

A second subject we have discussed with Ms. Pelin is the Koç University Summer Research Program, which is important for the continuation of the Waladu project – Banuu.

At 11 am I have met with Mrs. Nilüfer Akpınar Şahin, Coordinator of the International Programs & at the Office. Mrs. Akpınar Şahin of Office of International Programs. We met to talk about the summer programs she designs and leads. Especially she talked about the "International Migration and the Crisis The Basic Instinct: Survival" summer course.



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At 2 pm I have met with Ms. Betül Semiz, Assistant Specialist of the Career Development Center at Koç University. She talked about the role of the center which is a bridge between students and the companies that have internship opportunities.

24.12.2019 – Christmas Day!

I have met with Ms. Gülfer Göze, Director of the Writing Center and Co-Director of the Academic Writing Program at Koç University. With her we have discussed all the activities ranging from academic writing courses to one-on-one consultation to seminars and workshops of the center.

At 2 pm I met with Prof. Murat Sözer, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Director of Office of Learning and Teaching (KOLT) at Koç University.

Our last meeting was with Prof. Sözer of KOLT. After a brief overview of Koç University he shared the unique approach of teaching and learning of KOLT. He talked about the concepts like “Active Learning Workshops”, “Flipped Classroom” and “Personal Response System” and their application in the classrooms.

### **3. Returning to your home country**

Please describe how you plan to apply the knowledge and experience acquired during your mobility upon your return to your home country. The answer should be at least 2000 characters.

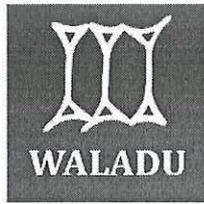
In my meeting with GABAM, we have discussed that there is no one currently teaching Byzantine studies in Iraq, and that it would be good to send MA and PhD students to study here at Koç University GABAM, so that they can teach these subjects in Kufa University.

I visited all of the units of Anamed (mentioned above) and got an idea what the center is conducting. It was a great experience to see such an institution and meeting the current fellows.

At meeting with the VPRD I have asked specific questions regarding their approach and programs. I mentioned that the summer school may be of interest of his students, but he also indicated that the language barrier must be overcome by them. Ms. Besler has shared the relevant information after our meeting.

My next meeting with Mrs. Akpınar Sahin about summer schools gave me ideas about how to come up with a brand new program about a short term course and how to do the marketing to attract more students around the world.

During my meeting with the Career Development Office I was interested in the “Job Shadowing Program” and “Career Week Events” which gives students the chance to



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observe the real working environment and ask the questions they have not been thinking of before. I thought maybe this is applicable to the University of Kufa.

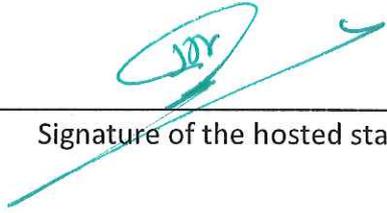
In meeting with the Writing Center I stated that students of Kufa University also faces similar problems with writing academic papers and the English language. I think the programs offered at Koç University are very developed and they can be role models to the ones back at Kufa University.

Our last meeting was with KOLT. I was very much interested in these new methods and as a dean he thought of implementing these to his faculty. Prof. Sozer send me his very interesting presentation. I look into the methods and think about the brand new way to teach in an interactive way. Especially "Flipped Classroom" and "Personal Response System" are easily adaptable to Kufa University.

I hereby certify that all of the information I have provided is complete and true.

24.12.2019

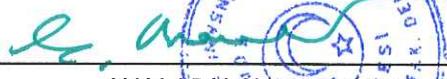
Date

  
Signature of the hosted staff member

I hereby confirm and approve the report provided by the grantee.

24.12.2019

Date

  
  
WALADU SUPERVISOR  
(signature and stamp)