

## 2018 – 2019 UPSD /IAA ACTIVITY REPORT

1- International Association of Art's World Executive Committee Meeting has gotten together, headed by Bedri Baykam on 22-24 March 2018 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Attendants of the meeting were:- Bedri Baykam (Türkiye), Marta Mabel Perez (Puerto Rico), Christos Symeonides (Cyprus), Katarina Jönsson Norling (Sweden), Marta Yglesias (Costa Rica), Dolores Ortiz (Mexico), Pavol Kral (Slovakia), Öykü Eras (Türkiye), Andrea Kozarova (Slovakia).

2- In the beginning of 2018 new association statutes are analyzed and revised.

3- Latest developments of authors royalties for artists are examined and their loyal rights target acquired. And, the report is shared with applicant members of UPSD only as a preliminary survey within their initiative obligations.

Accordingly ;

No.193 Income Tax Law -18th segment; "Transmissions and issues of editors, translators, sculpturers, calligraphists, painters, composers, computer programmers, inventors and their loyal inheritors poems, novels or stories, scientific researches, computer softwares, interviews, caricatures, photographs,films, videos, radio and television scenarios broadcasted on newspapers, magazines,computer and internet sites published as books, CD, discs, pictures or sculptures, music notes and their patent rights and their assignments or leasing for income is exceptional from income tax"

4- AKADEMIX II Exhibition is held inbetween the dates April 2- 4/2018 in extent of "WORLD ART DAY, April 15". The participants were 55 academician painter, sculptor photographer, and ceramics artists from all over Turkey. The activity was completed by a closing party on 14th of April at 18.00 -20.00 in UPSD Gallery.

5- On April 11,2018 a big breakfast meeting is organized for artists and art-lovers by the sponsorship of Kartal Municipality in İstanbul. Later on, the activity continued with a vinyl exhibition of famous UPSD artists in downtown, graffiti activity, visit to Sunay Akın Tale Museum and the day ended with an art exhibition called " Beyond Reality" in Kartal Municipality at 18.00 -20.00.

6- A panel discussion called "Let The World Smell Art" is held at Pyramid Art Center by moderation of Bedri Baykam and by participations of President of Pen Turkey Zeynep Oral, writer and World famous alpinist and rescue team member founder of the very important rescue group AKUT, Nasuh Mahruki and One of the Turkeys most important theater actors Tamer Levent. The subject matter aimed to replace war times and bulimics and political critical tense dilemmas in agendas by art.

7- WAD celebrations continued in İstinye Park/İstanbul by their sponsorship and support of State Opera and Ballet.

8- On April18,2018 exhibition called "As If Turning Into Life Slowly" curated by Sinan Eren Erk is opened in UPSD Gallery and continued till 19th of May,2019.

9- "NEUTRAL ZONE POPULAR CULTURE and ART" panel discussion moderated by Lütfiye Bozdağ is organized with the cooperation of UPSD and AICA in Caddebostan – OT.

10- Inbetween the dates April19 – May 10,2018 Nilgün Yüksel organized the exhibition called "AMBIGUOUS AREA" by open call in CKM (Caddebostan Culture Centre)

11- A panel discussion under the topic of "WORLD ART METROPOLISES" is organized in Pera Museum on April 17-20, 2018. It is moderated by Bedri Baykam with participation of well known English curator Alistair Hicks, World famous art historian Edward Lucie- Smith, Sotheby's Turkey representant Oya Delahaye, and Turkish museum director Emir Mahir

Balciođlu.

12- UPSD gave a reception by the sponsorship of PERA MUSEUM for WORLD ART DAY celebrations on April 15.

13- UPSD ART AWARDS CEREMONY 2018 is realised at Pera Hotel /İSTANBUL  
UPSD WORLD ART DAY AWARDS 2018

Artist Of The Year: ŐUKRAN MORAL

Introducer: Demet Sabancı etindođan ve Levent alıkođlu

Art Media of the Year: İNCİ AKSOY / ART TV, Introducer: Ahmet Őahin

Art Person of The Year: YAHŐI BARAZ, Introducer: Can Elgiz

Young Artist of The Year: REFİK ANADOL, recieved in behalf of the artist: Aslı Pamir

ART INSTITUTION OF THE YEAR: ATATÖRK KÖLTÖR MERKEZİ (Atatürk Culture Centre)  
The prize is given to lawyer of TMMOB Can Atalay who gave great struggles to save the building of AKM from being pulled down by the Turkish State upon the call of the Prime Minister.

The award is introduced by theater actors Orhan Aydın and Orhan Kurtuldu

CONTENT OF THE AWARD.

*“A place that put up with a lot of trouble within all artists of the country for more than half a century, hosted spectacle shows and exhibitions; a very important meeting place which, despite all the difficulties, resisted against the decision of demolishment till the end.*

*To AKM which is not only an artistic display area but a symbol of upright stand with courage  
With respect, love and thanks”*

14 – A painting workshop was realized in İstanbul Childrens Reformatory and Children& Youth Closed Penitentiary Institution in June, 2018

15- On May 11-12, 2018 Fazilet Kendirci was charged to attend İstanbul Culture Workshop which is organized in Lutfi Kırdar Congress Centre by Ministry of Culture. She gave suggestions about social rights of artists, extension of art in society and importance of museums, art institutions and education.

16- Inbetween the dates May21-June3, 2018 Hakan Bayer’s Exhibition called “Traces of Chaos Aesthetics” took place in UPSD Gallery.

17- UPSD and IAA World President Bedri Baykam gave a speech to UNESCO Representatives about World Art Day at Unesco Headquarters in -Paris on 23.05.2018. Also a film depicting the story of WAD. The event raised quite an interest as many NGO representants and French artists followed the presentation.

18- 2018 June 4-12 IELEV (İstanbul Boy’s High School) opened their end of term exhibition at the UPSD galleries.

19- On june 2018 atelier workshop was realized by participation of 80 children in Maltepe Penitentiary Reformatory with the support of İstanbul Bar of Childrens Rights Centre

20- The press release below was shared with the public on June 22,2018.

DON’T TOUCH MY CONSERVATORY, DON’T THROW MY STUDENTS TO STREETS !  
LONG LIVE ART ! ART FOREVER!

MİMAR SİNAN FINE ARTS UNIVERSITY announced that MSGSÜ İSTANBUL STATE  
CONSERVATORY will be discharged by Beşiktaş District Governorate with the notification dated 12/06/2018 decree no. 25266420-215.02-E.2711 on 26/06/2018 Tuesday 13:30 pm

21- UPSD –IAA World President Bedri Baykam is invited to Beijing as guest of honour to give a speech at the opening of 13th Beijing International Cultural and Creative Industries Fair of China. He went to Beijing in between October 22-27, 2018. It was a very fruitful trip and IAA raised quite an interest at this International meeting.

22- Nov 6-7, 2018 the “5th Fall Meeting” Workshop was organized in cooperation of COLORBOX-UPSD .

23- Because of inaccurate procedures in following up art works and manipulations consisted in art market, UPSD prepared a documentary form named EPIVERON (Confirmation of The Art Work’s Quotations” and sent to all artists, galerists curators, collectioners as well as auction houses.

A translation also was sent to National committees as an example of artists struggle and resistance against irresponsible art dealers and auction houses.

1: In the last 3 years 2015-2018 47 member applications and 31 resignations accepted.

2: UPSD had: 1012 members in 29.11.2015

1056 members in 14.10.2018

3: Our members attended the UPSD GENERAL ASSEMBLY on 29.11.2015, Sunday. Many new decisions were taken. Mainly two decisions stood out:

- It was decided that no matter which help organisation artists were invited to, they had to ask at least 40% of the money collected. The reason for this is that otherwise those works are sometimes sold to totally unrealistically low prices that endanger the whole career of those artists who only tried to help poor children being taken care in hospitals or trying to finance the purchase of some dialysis equipment. This was a full commitment decision that became compulsory for every member.
- UPSD decided to launch two commissions,
- one of non artist art professionals becoming honorary participants to the Association
- The other commission of art world benefactors that would make it more easy to find potential sponsors for WAD or other art related activities.

24 - COLORBOX- UPSD WORK-SHOP November 6-7, 018

Workshop is organized in UPSD Gallery by cooperation of COLORBOX-Winsor&Newton.

Later, the works produced are exhibited in UPSD Gallery.

25 – President of UPSD and IAA-UNESCO Official Partner Bedri Baykam has recieved the award of “VATAN EVLADI”(Man of Homeland) from “Azerbaijan Dede Korkut World Magazine Foundation” on March 14, 2019 with a ceremony organized at the UPSD Gallery.

### **2019 WAD ACTIVITIES**

26- A panel discussion “Neoliberal Economy Reflections on Art” is organized in Mimar Sinan University on April 12,2019. The panel is moderated by Mahmut Nüvit and participants were Seçkin Aydın , Painter Artist Ekrem Kahraman, Art Critique Ali Şimşek

27- “18 Masters 18 Masterpiece” exhibition is held in between the dates April 4 – May 5, 2019 in UPSD Gallery

1: Balkan Naci İslimyel 2-Halil Akdeniz 3-Kemal İskender 4-Tomur Atagök 5-Meriç Hızal 6-Yusuf Taktak 7-Beril Anılanmert 8-Ekrem Kahraman 9-Tülin Onat 10-Nur Koçak 11-Bünyamin Özgültekin 12-Hüsamettin Koçan 13-Muzaffer Akyol 14-Devrim Erbil 15-Özdemir Altan 16-Nilüfer Ergin 17-Fevzi Karakoç 18-Serhat Kiraz were the important artists invited.

28- By sponsorship of İSTİNYE PARK and cooperation of Opera Artists OPERA SHOW is performed in İSTİNYE PARK AVM On April 14,2019. According to the performance scenario, Opera singers started a spontaneous show at the shopping mall astonishing beautifully all the customers turned into art lovers.

29- (April 16, 2019) Kartal Municipality and UPSD cooperated activities  
Art Street Celebrations / Vinyl Exhibitions and Street Shows

- a)- Vinyl Exhibition of Famous UPSD Artists on main market street of Kartal.
- b)-Book Booths and Conversations with writers
- c)- Alive Sculpture Performances
- d)- Musical Shows and concerts.

30- UPSD- WAD RECEPTION at UPSD Gallery (April 16, 2019)

31- PERA MUSEUM - April 17, 2019/ EPIVERON Panel Discussion about artists rights.

Moderator: Bedri Baykam

Participants: Daryo Beskinazi (Galerist), Emre DÖKMECİ (Collectioner), Pınar Sönmez (Art Jurist), Ahmet Utku (Auctioneer) The aim was to familiarize the art scene with this implemented document that would protect artist rights as well as their markets

### 32- WAD AWARDS NIGHT & PREMIERE NIGHT

Was held at the Four Seasons Bosphorus (April 18, 2019) with a great Gala night with the live music of classy actress and singer Meltem Cumbul.

Artist of The Year: Meriç Hızal

A man of Art: Hasan Bülent Kahraman

Press Award of the Year: Abdülkadir Günyaz

Art Institution Of The Year: Pera Museum

Young Artist of The Year: Ayşe Bezenmiş

### 33- "OVERCOMING THE DILEMMA FOR YOUNG ARTISTS"

Forum: at Pyramid Sanat (April 19,2019)

Moderator: Denizhan Özer

Participants: Deniz Gökdoğan, Melik İskender ve Ali Şimşek.

Discussions: Free speech for young artists

### 34- "YOUNG ACTIVITY 8" Exhibition

The exhibition is organized by curation of Denizhan Özer in Mustafa Kemal Merkezi MKM (Mustafa Kemal Cultural Centre) – Beşiktaş Çağdaş (April 20, /2019 – May 20, 2019)

Participant 80 young artist's works selected by a jury took place in the exhibition.

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### UPSD MEMBERS STATUS

1-In the last 12 months period (January1, 2019 – November 19, 2019) 21 member application is accepted.

2- Lastly 12 resignation is accepted.

3- The latest GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018 is held in UPSD Gallery. Currently UPSD has 1065 artist members. ( Previous number in October 18,2019 was 1056). The association does not except every application but tries to keep the higher quality level.