

November 15, 2017-2018

UPSD ACTIVITY REPORT

At the **13th Ordinary General Assembly Vote** realized on November 11, 2015 distribution of tasks are as follows:-

President : Bedri Baykam

Vice President/ Accountant : Bahri Genç

General Secretary : Tijen Şikar Parla

Executive Committee Members: Ceylan Mutlu (Gallery Manager)

Aslı Özok (Gallery Manager)

Murat Havan (Galllery Manager)

Fazilet Kendirci (Media Manager)

Chairman of Supervisory Board : Bünyamin Özgültekin

Supervisory Board Members : Ekber Yeşilyurt, Fehim Güler

Member Acceptance Board : Berna Erkün, Mustafa Karyağdı, Nurgül Dökmeçier

Honor Board : Hüsamettin Koçan, Tomur Atagök, Nilüfer Ergin, Muzafer Akyol, Özdemir Altan, Seyhun Topuz, Rahmi Aksungur, Ekrem Kahraman

2017

1. **INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC ARTS ASSOCIATION (UPSD)** has announced a **PRESS RELEASE FOR TERRORISM** after the terrorist attack at REINA on **January 6, 2017** in İstanbul. UPSD artists highlighted that they will not compromise from protecting the values of Turkish Republic and, cursed the terrorist attack against innocent citizens, policemen, soldiers and tourists. UPSD visited the site of terrorist attack and Baykam gave press declaration.

2. A Panel Discussion was done on January 2017 "**NO! To the Enforcement of Presidency**" ... Among the reactions of UPSD towards current Turkish society and all on the anti-democratic processes that have been going on. And manifest is announced for democracy, human rights, laicism, laws and pluralist parliamentary system.

The following Associations, NGOs, institutions and establishments have given totally 1500 signatures. ISTANBUL WOMEN ORGANIZATIONS – ATATÜRK’S THOUGHTS ASSOCIATION - THE ASSOCIATION FOR SUPPOTING CONTEMPORARY LIFE - WOMEN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION – SOCIAL DEMOCRACY FOUNDATION – CHAMBER OF ARCHITECTS – TURKISH WRITERS UNION – NAZIM HİKMET CULTURE AND ARTS FOUNDATION – PEN WRITERS ASSOCIATION - CHAMBER OF ENGINEERS – UPSD – IAA TURKISH NATIONAL COMMITTEE – CEMAL SÜREYYA CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION – PIRAMID SANAT – SOCIAL DEMOCRACY ASSOCIATION – GALATA NEWS

3. "**TAZE KAĞIT İŞLER/ FRESH PAPER WORKS**" Exhibition, with the participation of 28 UPSD member artists, is opened between the dates **Feb. 14-28, 2017**.

4. **DECLARATION OF UPSD FOR MÜJDAT GEZEN ART CENTER ATTACK** President of UPSD Bedri Baykam condemned the attack to Müjdat Gezen Art Center and declared that ; this is a very arrogant criminal attack towards writers, artists and democracy as well as readings, learning, questioning, researching creative artists bound to Turkish Republic's democratic and contemporary universal values. He also announced that, such actions will not separate but on the contrary connect artists, art associations, intellectuals and followers of Atatürk's ideas more and more together.

5. **IAA (International Association of Art) World Executive Committee Meeting** is made with the presidency of Bedri Baykam in Paris, Unesco Centre .

Attendants were:-

Bedri Baykam (Turkey), Anne Pourny (France), Marta Mabel Perez (Pourto Rico), Christos Symeonides (Cyprus), Katarina Jönsson Norling (Sweden), Ryoji Ikeda (Japan), Pavol Kral (Slovakia), Öykü Eras (Turkey), Andrea Kozarova (Slovakia), Martine Pasquet (France) .

6. **Tijen Şikar** who was assigned as General Secretary at the **13th Ordinary General Assembly** realized at November 29,2015 resigned on March 28,2017. By the consensus of UPSD Executive Committee **Fazilet Kendirci** is appointed as General Secretary on April 04, 2017.

7. Turan Büyükkahraman has Resigned from being a Executive Committee Member on June, 2016 . On March 04, 2016 Nebahat Karyağdı was accepted as Executive Committe Member of UPSD by consensus.

8. Executive Committee Member **Aslı Özok** has resigned in March, 2016 and **Denizhan Özer** is attained as Executive Committee Member of UPSD on April 4, 2016

9. UPSD-IAA World President Bedri Baykam has started the celebrations and activities of WORLD ART DAY by meeting children at İSTEK ÖZEL ACIBADEM OKULLARI/İSTEK PRIVATE ACIBADEM SCHOOLS.

10. UPSD held an exhibition on the occasion of WORLD ART DAY 2017 (WAD) which is entitled "**YOUNG ARTISTIC ACTIVITY 7**" Competition exhibition focusing on the topic "**Mirror tell me, are we really separated?**" This exhibition was at the Mustafa Kemal Culture Center at the Besiktas Municipality. There were selected art works from 92 young competent artists under age of 35. Also, prizes are given to the first 5 artists by the UPSD, and the winner went to the London for five-days, thanks to the sponsor Winsor&Newton.

The 1st contestant **Ertuğrul Akyüz** was awarded with a 5 day art tour to England by the sponsorship of WINSOR&NEWTON.

The Jury of the activity : UPSD President Bedri Baykam, Artist Yusuf Taktak, Gallery Owner - Sevil Binat, Art Critique- Ali Şimşek, Art Critique-Evrin Altuğ, UPSD Vice President Bahri Genç, UPSD General Secretary Tijen Şikâr.

11. In between April 15 - May 6, the exhibition which brought 55 academican artists together under the name of "**AKADEMIX**" from all over Turkey at the UPSD Art Gallery in Istanbul. The participation conditions were announced to 71 Fine Arts Faculties and Universities previously and applications were evaluated by a jury before the exhibition.

12. On April 15, 2017 Turkey gave a **Gala-Dinner for WAD** at the Galatasaray Island, Istanbul with the generous contribution of Besiktas Municipality. That night, there were the honorary awards in 5 categories.

Honor Awards

Artist Of The Year	: Devrim Erbil
Art Person Of the Year	: Zeynep Oral
Press Award	: Zafer Bilgin
Art Institution of The Year	: Ahmet Şahin/ Portakal Çiçeği Kolonisi
Young Artist Of The Year	: Furkan'Nuka' Birgün

13. **Final Celebration** open to all artists at **PIRAMID ART** on **April 17, 2017**. Because of referendum street activities were cancelled.

14. On May 4, 2017 an announcement was made by UPSD to protest the construction of **electrical transformer** built at the back side of İzmir Archeological Museum which is on the treasure land of government.

15. **June 30, 2017 Press Release of ARTISTS INITIATIVE for Nuriye Gülmen and Semih Özakça at the 116th day of their hunger strike. (now their strike is in the 187th day)** “ An immediate appeal by the ARTISTS INITIATIVE to the Turkish and World Public Opinion about the hunger strike of Ms. Nuriye Gülmen and Mr. Semih Özakça at their 116th day.” They are Launching to return to their duties. Academician Nuriye Gülmen and teacher Semih Özakça who are among the thousands of state officials whose academic positions have been abolished by the decree of law within the scope of the State of Emergency without showing any legal justification. Many attempts have been made and notifications were given by the intellectuals, writers, academicians but refused by The Ministry of Interior.

16. On June 6, 2017 , to be able to support the **NEW COPYRIGHT LAWS MEETING REPORT** is prepared by UPSD EXECUTIVE Committee by cooperation of related lawyers about the foreseen agenda items within new laws is offered to Ministry of Culture to be able support their ‘new copyright law draft’ and left open for discussion emphasizing that we stand by for any support as UPSD.

Subjects:

1. Problems created by auction houses.
2. 2nd Hand Sales and inherited art works problems
3. Problems and rights of art works used in TV shows and other places
4. Tax problems of artworks.
5. Problems in carrying artworks in or outside the country.
6. Artworks that are sold tax-free.
7. Obligation in usage of %1 artwork in new buildings.
8. Protection of Artworks in delivery and during destruction of old buildings.
9. Reproduction of artworks.
10. Artworks forgery.

17. Within WAD activities a workshop is organized by permission of **"The Maltepe Children Penitentiary Management** and support of several solicitors from the Istanbul Bar Association Centre of Juvenile Rights". The workshop was directed by UPSD, delegates and volunteer member artists **with 220 children** in different periods. And, exhibition **"OUR WORLD"** held at UPSD Gallery on 19th of June with the all 220-art works. These are our main activities for WAD, among many others.

18. **İELEV Foundation School Exhibition** is opened between dates 05-12 June, 2017 at UPSD Gallery.

19. **August 14, 2017**

ARTISTS' INITIATIVE has announced a Press Release notifying that **NATIONAL FILM COMPETITION CATEGORY SHOULD BE CARRIED TO ANOTHER CITY IN TURKEY.**

The cancellation of the "National Film Competition" by Antalya Municipality made a great negative impact on Turkish cinema. Since the new government AKP is in power, there is a heavy hand and struggle against free reach and development of cinema. They expressed that they will encounter this prohibiting ideology and express their rejections till its pulled back. Artists' Initiative also recommended all artists to Participate "Antalya Film Festival" till it gains back its previous positive identity. And, the festival should be carried to a different city in Turkey so that the competition and prizes will be continued.

20. **UPSD has announced a PRESS RELEASE about AKM (Atatürk Kültür Merkezi)** . The announcement was a protest against the closure of the building since 9 years and demolition decision of such a valuable cultural centre.

21. An announcement declared by UPSD for the attack made on **October 4,2017** at the exhibition edited in **Daire Art** called '**KUYTU**' by **21 women artists.**

22. On October 11-12-13,2017 UPSD Executive Committee Member **Ceylan Mutlu** was commissioned and attended the **13th GA Assembly of IAA/AIAP Europe in Ireland –Dublin.** Global problems in art and art-world were discussed in the meeting. The participant members of IAA/AIAP The gave their 2017 Activity Reports and took important decisions.

23. **UPSD gave an announcement** about the **ATATÜRK PAINTINGS** discussion between **Valör Art Gallery and TÜYAP** on November 1, 2017.

24. On November **10, 2017 TÜYAP ART FAIR** some artworks were removed from the stands by **censor** but they were replaced by support of UPSD President Bedri Baykam, Akademililer Gallery Resul Aytemur, Nevzat Metin and many other artists. Also a **public statement was given by UPSD**

25. President of IAA and UPSD Bedri Baykam gave a speech at the **39th UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE at UNESCO** addressing UNESCO Ambassadors.

26. The first activity of 2017-18 started with the cooperation of , **Winsor & Newton and UPSD Colorbox Art Materials Store** in UPSD Gallery with a workshop called **"Fall Meeting 4"** where Winsor&Newton Artists' Oil Paints and Auxiliary Materials are promoted. In the workshop members who didn't participate UPSD workshops before and have no member dues debt took place. The workshop exhibition is arranged on March 3-4, 2017 in UPSD Gallery.

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27. IAA World Executive Committee Meeting by presidency of Bedri Baykam was realized in **San Juan, Puerto Rico** on **March 22-24**.

Attendants :-

Bedri Baykam (Turkey), Marta Mabel Perez (Porto Rico), Christos Symeonides (Cyprus), Katarina Jönsson Norling (Sweden), Marta Yglesias (Costa Rica), Dolores Ortiz (Meksico), Pavol Kral (Slovakia), Öykü Eras (Turkey), Andrea Kozarova (Slovakia).

28. The new laws about associations were analyzed in the beginning of 2018 and new arrangements were made in our association.

29. New Laws of Copyright and improvements were analyzed about artists' rights are identified. The report is decided to be shared with all the obligations in initiation of the applicant members.

Accordingly;

No.193 Income Tax Law – Article 18 Author, translator, sculptor, penman, composer, artist, computer programmer, inventor, and their inheritors, poetry, story, novel, article, scientific research, software,

Are exceptional from the income tax.

30. April 14, AKADEMIX II between April 2-14, 2018 is completed by a **closing party** on April 14, 2018. There were 55 participant academicians participating all over the country with sculptor, ceramics and painting artworks.

31. 2018 WAD Celebration Activities have started on April 11, by Kartal Municipality sponsorship with artists meeting at breakfast in Kartal and continued, Vinyl Printed Art Exhibition opening, Graffiti Show, Visit to 'Sunay Akin Story Museum' and the Art Exhibition called "Over Reality" at Kartal Municipality Gallery.

32. On April 13, 2018 a panel discussion "**Let The World Smell Art**" is organized in solidarity with Pyramid Art, UPSD and PEN at PİRAMİD ART moderated by Bedri Baykam.

33. Live Performance of "**VOICES FROM OPERA**" is realized in **İstinyePark Shopping Centre** on April 15, 2018 and WAD Celebrations continued in public.

34. On May 19, 2018 Art Exhibition is opened in UPSD Gallery called "**LIKE TURNING IN LIFE SLOWLY**" By the organization of **Curator Sinan Eren Erk**.

35. The Panel "**NEUTRAL ZONE POPULAR ART&CULTURE**" moderated by **Lütfiye Bozdağ** is realized on April 19, 2018, with cooperation of **UPSD –AICA at CKM(Caddebostan Cultural Center)**.

36. Exhibition called "**VAGUE AREA / MUĞLAK ALAN**" is opened between the dates April 19 - May 10, 2018 at Kadıköy CKM (Caddebostan Cultural Centre) which is realized by open call of Nilgün Yüksel to all artists.

37. On April 20, 2018 a panel discussion is organized in **Pera Museum** named “**WORLD ART METROPOLISES**” moderated by **Bedri Baykam**. Participants were; **Alistair Hicks** (Senior Curator at Deutsche Bank), **Edward Lucie-Smith** (Art Historian and writer) , **Oya Delahaye** (From Sotheby’s), **Emin Mahir Balcioglu** (Museum director)

38. A **reception** is given in **PERA MUSEUM** on April12,2018 for **WAD Celebrations**.

39. **WAD AWARDS** are given in **PERA HOTEL** Tepebaşı-İstanbul.

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WAD AWARDS

2018

Artist Of The Year

ŞÜKRAN MORAL

Disposed by: Demet Sabancı Çetindoğan ve Levent Çalıkoğlu

Art Press Of The Year

İNCİ AKSOY / ART TV

Disposed by: Ahmet Şahin

Art Person Of The Year

YAHŞİ BARAZ

Disposed by: Can Elgiz

Young Artist Of The Year

REFİK ANADOL

Taken by Aslı Pamir in the name of the artist.

Art Institution Of The Year

ATATÜRK KÜLTÜR MERKEZİ (ATATÜRK CULTURAL CENTER)

The award is given to TMMOB Lawyer Can Atalay’a in hands of Theater Artist Orhan Aydın ve Orhan Kurtuldu who gave a great struggle to stop the destruction of AKM..

40. In June -2018 within the activities of WAD a workshop is realized at **Maltepe Childrens Refarmotory** and **Criminal İstitution of Children and Young People** in İstanbul.

41. **UPSD General Secretary Fazilet Kendirci** is appointed to participate **The İstanbul Culture Workshop** organized by **Turkish Ministry of Culture**. There were important proposals about social rights of artists , widening art activities, museums, art institutes and education.

42. On May21, 2018 **Hakan Bayer’s** art exhibition”**ESTHETICS OF CHAOS**” is opened in **UPSD Gallery**.

43. **UPSD- IAA World President Bedri Baykam** gave a speech at **Paris-UNESCO Center** to UNESCO Representatives.

44. **İELEV** (İstanbul Foundation School) realized a **"2018 School Art Exhibition"** in UPSD Gallery on June 4-12, 2018.

45. The **" UPSD Press Release – June 22,2018**

"DON'T TOUCH MY CONSERVATORY! DON'T THROW STUDENTS IN STREETS! LET ART LIVE!

MİMAR SİNAN UNIVERSITY – STATE CONSERVATORY building was announced to be discharged on 26.06.2018 with the notification of Beşiktaş Governorship dated 12.06.2018 no: 25266420-215.02-E.2711 .

46. **UPSD- IAA World President Bedri Baykam** is invited to **13th Beijing- China International Cultural and Creative Institutes** to give an opening speech as honor guest. In between dates of October 22-27, he fulfilled the task in Beijing.

47. **" FALL MEETING 5"** workshop is organized with the cooperation and sponsorship of WINSOR&NEWTON/COLORBOX-UPSD in November 6-7, 2018 at UPSD Gallery. New colored inks and auxiliary materials are promoted.

48. Because of manipulations created following the trace of artworks, a document of, **APPROVAL FOR ART MARKET (EPİVERON)** is prepared by UPSD is sent to artists, gallerists, curators, collectioners and auction houses.

1- In the last 3 years (2015-18) 47 new members are accepted to UPSD and 31 member resigned.

2- Registered Members in UPSD -29.11.2015 -1012

Current Registered Members : - 14.10.2018 -1056

3- Previous General Assembly attendants on 29.11.2015 was 38 members

4- 141 members had suffrage in the previous assembly

UPSD TOTAL Members : 1056 Artists – (714 living in İstanbul)