

33rd ILDEK COUNCIL FINAL DECLARATION

Çanakkale, May 29–31, 2025

The 33rd ILDEK (Council of Communication Faculty Deans) meeting for the year 2025, attended by the deans or representatives of faculties of communication, was held both in-person and online between May 29–31, 2025, hosted by Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University. The following decisions, in the form of recommendations, were taken during the meeting:

[1] The issue of professors working at universities in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus not being appointed to associate professorship juries by the Interuniversity Board (ÜAK) was discussed. It was decided that the ILDEK Executive Committee would convey this matter to the ÜAK Presidency.

[2] The difficulties encountered in interpreting the concepts of full-time/part-time during hourly-paid course assignments in communication faculties were discussed. It was decided that the ILDEK Executive Committee would prepare a report on the matter and share it with the communication faculties.

[3] The proposal by the International Press Confederation’s promotional company “Orage Business Vest” to become a stakeholder with the ILDEK Council was evaluated. It was emphasized that the ILDEK Council has collaborated closely with stakeholders in the communication field since its inception, and the matter of establishing a partnership bridge with Orage Business Vest would be further evaluated by the ILDEK Executive Committee.

[4] The organization of symposiums focused on meetings between industry representatives in the communication sector and academia was discussed. It was underlined that direct contact between professional organizations, academics, and students in such events is vital for career development. It was decided to authorize the ILDEK Executive Committee to present this proposal at the CIDA Symposium, where ILDEK and ILAD are stakeholders.

[5] The inconsistencies in procedures among faculties regarding horizontal transfers were discussed. It was deemed appropriate to prepare a draft to standardize these practices, to be carried out by the ILDEK Executive Committee.

[6] The location of the CIDA 2026 Symposium was discussed. Two candidate faculties presented their candidacy: the Faculty of Communication at Near East University and the Faculty of Communication at Kocaeli University. Following a vote between the two, it was decided by majority vote that the CIDA 2026 Symposium would be hosted by Kocaeli University’s Faculty of Communication. The symposium date will be jointly determined by the ILDEK Council, ILAD, and Kocaeli Faculty of Communication.

[7] The hosting of the 34th ILDEK Council meeting in 2026 was discussed. The Faculty of Communication at Near East University and the Faculty of Communication at Gaziantep Hasan Kalyoncu University applied to host. Following a vote, it was decided that the 34th ILDEK Council meeting would be hosted by the Faculty of Communication at Gaziantep Hasan Kalyoncu University.

[8] It was decided that the new members of the ILDEK Council Executive Committee would consist of the following:

New ILDEK Council Principal Executive Committee Members:

- **Prof. Dr. Gilman Senem Gençtürk Hızal**, Başkent University (Chair)
- **Prof. Dr. Asaf Varol**, Maltepe University (Permanent Member)
- **Prof. Dr. Gül Rengin Küçükerođan**, Gaziantep Hasan Kalyoncu University
- **Prof. Dr. Hülya Önal**, Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University
- **Prof. Dr. Ümit Arklan**, Süleyman Demirel University
- **Prof. Dr. Elif Asude Tunca**, European University of Lefke

New ILDEK Council Substitute Executive Committee Members:

- **Prof. Dr. Pelin Hürmeriç**, Yeditepe University
- **Prof. Dr. Ercan Aktan**, Aksaray University