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Yarmouk University, also abbreviated YU is a public university, comprehensive and state supported, located near the city center of Irbid in northern Jordan. Since 1976, YU has been at the forefront of Jordanian and Middle East Universities. It adapts a global vision in terms of humanitarian principles and standards, seeks positive interaction with all cultures, and opens the doors of cooperation with all outstanding international universities and research centers. For the last four years, the University of West Attica (UNIWA) and YU maintain an effective collaboration with multiple student and staff exchanges under the framework of the Erasmus+/ICM program. The team effort and the common interest of the two Universities especially in the field of Conservation of Antiquities, has an insight to partners aims and values. In February 2020, two UNIWA's colleagues, Mrs. Eleni Tziamourani and Professor Androniki Kavoura, visited YU for training mobility under the framework of the Erasmus+ / International Credit Mobility (ICM) program.



Mrs. El. Tziamourani, member of the laboratory teaching staff in the department of Conservation of Antiquities and Works of Art, and Prof. An. Kavoura from department of Business Administration had the opportunity to visit YU and have meetings with colleagues from the International Relations and Projects Office, so as with Professors from departments with common scientific interests. This visit gave rise to further discussion in the field of cultural heritage, as well as ideas for conservation and prevention of museum objects after physico-chemical analysis and studies.

Mrs. El. Tziamourani underlined:

"There was a transfer of knowledge, understanding of the cultural context of each other and the impact it has in the approaches and strategies in the field of cultural heritage. Moreover, working towards the development of common programmes, where students and academics of both departments can collaborate in demonstrating their practices in the area of cultural heritage preservation is in development for new collaborations",



Prof. An. Kavoura mentioned to her report:

"I had the chance to attend meetings with fellow professors and International Relations Office staff, such as Dr Mwaffaq Otoom, Ms Aryaf Qassem Al-Rousan and Dr Ahmad Barakat Al-Shannaq, with whom we exchanged information about possible collaborations and opportunities including joint conferences. Professor Sek had also brought his PhD student, with whom we talked about her research subject and I gave her my own guidance with her professor's permission on methodology issues, since we work by employing similar methodologies."

Their mobility included also visits to the YU campus, as well as trips to the city of Mosaics and Saint George Greek Orthodox Church in Madaba and Ancient Jerash (Roman archaeological site) for analyzing important historical and ancient cultural information.