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**V. International Balkan and Near Eastern Social  
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**Abstract.** This study aims to evaluate the V. International Balkan and Near East Social Sciences Congress (IBANESS Kırklareli) which was organized between 23-24 September 2017 in Lüleburgaz / Kırklareli. This congress has provided an important opportunity for all participants to present a multidisciplinary work space. Interpretations made by experienced academics have made a significant contribution to young academics and students for their future work. This congress was a successful congress in academic terms.

**Keywords.** Knowledge economy, Knowledge assessment methodology, Clustering analysis.

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**Conference notes**

**T**his study aims to evaluate the V. International Balkan and Near East Social Sciences Congress (IBANESS Kırklareli) which was organized between 23-24 September 2017 in Lüleburgaz, Kırklareli. This congress was co-organized with the University of Agribusiness and Rural Development, Bulgaria and University and Macedonia's "St. Kliment Ohridski", Faculty of Economics, Macedonia. At the same time, this congress is being held in IBANESS congresses both in Turkey and different countries. These congresses bring together researchers from different countries in the field of social sciences and offer the opportunity of presenting participatory scientific studies, receiving high added returns from experienced academicians, exchanging ideas, creating new collaborations and arranging collaborative groundwork. The congress has the possibility to make oral presentations, posters and remote presentations. This conference provides opportunity to work both in English and Turkish and gives the participants the opportunity to evaluate their work both in the ISBN numbered congress book and in the indexed journals.

IBANESS Kırklareli congresses are mainly held in fields such as Economy, Agricultural Economics, Forestry, Tourism, Health, Logistics, Environment and Urbanism, Management Information Systems, Economics, Business Administration, Finance, Public Administration, Law, International Relations, International Trade, Education, Geography and Sociology accepted the general theme. In addition to these disciplines, the work that has been done in different areas has also been given the opportunity of presentation. At the same time, the congress was organized at Burgaz İzer Hotel in Lüleburgaz, one of the most beautiful districts of Kırklareli.

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On Saturday, September 23, Opening speeches were made on the first day of the congress by Rasim Yılmaz, (IBANESS) Ahmet Kubaş, (IBANESS) Ilija Hristoski, (University St. Kliment Ohridski-Bitola, Macedonia), Eng. Dimitar Kirilov Dimitrov, (Rector, University of Agribusiness and Rural Development).

After the opening speeches, presentations were started in different parallel halls. I made a presentation on the first day of Congress. There were seven presentations in my session. I made a presentation of two works that co-author Mürşit Recepoğlu. The name of the first presentation is Knowledge Economy and Knowledge Assessment Methodology: An Analysis by Clustering Analysis and the name of the other presentation is The Relationship between Educational Investments and Economic Growth: Dynamic Panel Causality Analysis on Turkey's Provinces (2004-2014). The aim of the first presentation is to analyze from the point of view of country groups determined from developed and developing countries by clustering analysis method using Knowledge Assessment Methodology parameters. Especially, in terms of these parameters, which countries and which country groups are acting in particular, determining the country values is very important for the transition to the knowledge economy. In the second presentation, the relationship between educational investments and economic growth has been analyzed both at the national and provincial level. This study has shown that the relationship between public investment in education and regional economic growth can vary according to the level of development of illusions. Questions and comments were made after the presentations. Then the session was ended with the certificate of participation being given.

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