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"METU Research Highlights" is designed with the aim of publicizing the research events and highlighting the research funding opportunities for researchers.

In order to provide up-to-date information about the research opportunities, METU Research Highlights comprises the announcements of both national and international Calls for Proposals. Calls under 7th Framework Programme, TÜBİTAK and Other are to be updated monthly to inform the researchers about the recently published Open Calls and their deadlines. Under the heading of Events, research events organised both by METU and other related organisations will also be published. Did you know... section targets to convey information about on-going research-related activities in METU and opportunities for researchers.

To bring news from a wider selection of sources and improve METU Research Highlights, Send Feedback page will serve as a medium for your comments on the quality and quantity of the information provided.

FAQ part provides the required information about national and international projects’ application forms and facts and figures on METU projects.
In CALLS page, you can find open calls for proposals under three headings: TÜBİTAK, EU Framework Programme 7 (FP7) and Other.

Under the TÜBİTAK Calls, you can find the funding opportunities of TÜBİTAK for Academic Research and Development Activities (ARDEB).

Under FP7, there are four funding schemes. These are the specific programmes called: People, Ideas, Capacities and Cooperation.

- **People Specific Programme** supports for mobility and career development of researchers.
- **Ideas Specific Programme** promotes the frontier research without restriction in terms of thematic areas.
- **Capacities Specific Programme** is especially developed for convergence regions to enhance the research and innovation capacities.
- **Cooperation Specific Programme** is the main tool for integrating the European Research Area by promoting collaboration between research centres, universities and industry from different countries in key technology areas.

**EURATOM** and **Joint Research Centres** are other tools for research funding opportunities provided directly by the European Commission under FP7.

- **EURATOM** is a funding opportunity of Atomic Energy Community to contribute to the further consolidation of the European Research Area in the nuclear energy sector by promoting civil nuclear research and training activities.
- **Joint Research Centres** is a reference centre for science and technology issues by providing required infrastructure for researchers in non-nuclear research activities.

Under Other calls, you can find open calls for proposals of several national and international funding opportunities.

**LINKS**

- TÜBİTAK Homepage: http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/
- FP7 CORDIS Homepage: http://cordis.europa.eu/home_en.html
- TÜBİTAK FP7 Homepage: http://www.fp7.org.tr/
- METU Office of European Union Affairs: www.euoffice.metu.edu.tr
- METU Research: http://research.metu.edu.tr
- METU Research Coordination Office: http://research.po.metu.edu.tr
FP7 CALLS

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FP7 CALLS

PEOPLE

FP7-PEOPLE-2010-IEF

Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development (IEF)
Publication Date: 17 March 2010
Budget: € 95 000 000
Deadline: 17 August 2010 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)

FP7-PEOPLE-2010-IIF

Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)
Publication Date: 17 March 2010
Budget: € 28 000 000
Deadline: 17 August 2010 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)

FP7-PEOPLE-2010-IOF

Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowships for Career Development (IOF)
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

19. Who is the Authorised Representative in METU?
Prof. Dr. M. Tuncay Birand - Vice President
Project forms need to be signed by the authorised representative.

20. Who is the LEAR (Legal Entity Appointed Representative) in METU?
Assoc. Prof. Dr. İrem Dikmen Toker - Assistant to the President
is the contact point of the organisation with respect to legal information on the organisation.

21. What is the PIC (Participant Identification Code)?
All organisations participating in FP7 has been assigned a PIC to be used in all proposals submissions and negotiations. METU’s PIC number is 999 643 492.

22. What is the VAT (Value Added Tax) number?
The VAT number of METU is TR6320050974.
15. Can I get support about the financial issues regarding FP7 projects?

You can get information about the financial issues from the EU and TÜBİTAK Projects Office (Phone: 210 38 60) both prior to and following project proposal submission. Support is also given during the lifetime of the project concerning the accounting issue. Before submitting your proposal, please make sure that you read the documents in detail providing information about financial issues in detail.

This document is available at http://www.sgdb.metu.edu.tr/muhasebe.php

16. Can I get support about the personnel employment and related costs and payments in EU and TÜBİTAK projects?

Since this is an important issue in EU and TÜBİTAK projects, researchers are expected to get in touch with the related office beforehand. For personnel related issues, TUBİTAK and EU Projects Office, Project Personnel Management Unit (210 35 95) can be contacted.

17. What is the ratio of overhead in FP7 projects?

METU as a public body within the framework of research projects benefits from the transitional flat rate of 60% of the total project budget until the beginning of 2010 under FP7. In Ideas and People Programmes, the project budget covers all direct and indirect costs. However, in Coordination and Support Actions, the overhead is limited to 7% (standard flat rate) of the project budget.

18. What percentage of the requested budget does EU funding cover?

In research and technology projects, 75% of the project budget is funded by EU. In Coordination and Support Actions, as well as the projects under Ideas and People Programmes, all direct and indirect costs are funded by the Commission.

IDEAS

ERC ADVANCED GRANT

Please note that 'ERC-2010-AdG' consists of three sub-calls:

1) Identifier: ERC-2010-AdG_20100407
Publication Date: 29 October 2009
Budget: € 590 052 000
The sub-call for the domain Social Sciences and Humanities (SH), with deadline 7 April 2010, 17.00.00 (Brussels local time).

2) Identifier: ERC-2010-AdG_20100224
Publication Date: 29 October 2009
Budget: € 590 052 000
The sub-call for the domain Physical Sciences and Engineering (PE), with deadline 24 February 2010, 17.00.00 (Brussels local time).

3) Identifier: ERC-2010-AdG_20100317
Publication Date: 29 October 2009
Budget: € 590 052 000
The sub-call for the domain Life Sciences (LS), with deadline 17 March 2010, 17.00.00 (Brussels local time).

CAPACITIES

SCIENCE IN SOCIETY

Identifier: FP7-SCIENCE-IN-SOCIETY-2010-NCP
Publication Date: 30 July 2009
Budget: € 300 000
Deadline: 29 April 2010 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)
COOPERATION

JOINT TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES CALLS

Identifier: SP1-JTI-CS-2010-02
Publication Date: 30 March 2010
Budget: € 4 425 000
Deadline: 30 June 2010 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)

Identifier: ARTEMIS-2010-1
Publication Date: 26 February 2010
Budget: € 33 121 000
Deadlines: 01 September 2010 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)
26 March 2010 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time) -

Identifier: ENIAC-2010-1
Publication Date: 26 February 2010
Budget: € 85 000 000
Deadlines: 30 July 2010 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)
30 April 2010 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time) -

Identifier: SP1-JTI-CS-2010-01
Publication Date: 29 January 2010
Budget: € 18 810 000
Deadline: 27 April 2010 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

FET Open Scheme
Identifier: FP7-ICT-2009-C
Publication Date: 19 November 2008
Budget: € 30 000 000
Deadlines: 24 May 2011 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)
24 May 2011 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time) - For Batch_12 full STREP and CSA

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Researchers can find the updated list of completed and ongoing international research projects from the Office of EU Affairs webpage.

11. How many projects are funded by TÜBİTAK in METU?
The list of TÜBİTAK-funded projects is available at http://www.odtu.edu.tr/research/tubitak.php

12. Can I get support to fill in Part A during the project proposal submission process?
Part A is about the Administrative Information. In this part, general information about METU is to be filled in. This information can be provided by the Office of EU Affairs. Please contact the Office: www.euoffice.metu.edu.tr

13. What does Office of EU Affairs do?
Office of EU Affairs can provide the researchers with the information about all administrative issues during the project proposal writing and submission processes.

14. What kinds of info or forms are provided by the Office of EU Affairs?
Office of EU Affairs can supply info to the project proposal writers about the; PIC number, VAT number, LEAR and the Signing Authority.
The Office can also provide the following forms:
• Sample Grant Agreement Preparation Forms (A2.1-A2.5 Forms)
• Public Entities Form (required also for other international/national projects)
• Financial Identification Form
• Law on the Establishment of METU
• Commitment of the Host Institution
• Support Letter
• Sworn Statements
• Financial and Personnel Information
FP7 PROJECT PERSONNEL

6. How are the invited foreign researchers employed in Marie Curie Actions?

The institution that invites foreign researchers acquires Employment Permit and Certificate for the researcher from the Ministry of Labour and Social Security. The researcher is employed as having the social security insurance (SSK).

7. What kind of agreement is concluded in Marie Curie Actions between METU and those researchers having PhDs, but not employed at METU?

The aim in personnel employment under Marie Curie Actions is to employ the researcher by incorporating him/her into the social security system (SSK). Therefore, a service contract is concluded between METU as the host institution and the researcher.

8. Can researchers who continue with their education receive scholarships within the framework of Marie Curie Actions? Scholarship payments to these researchers can only be made with the approval of the coordinator. However, the researcher is responsible for his/her own individual health insurance.

9. How is the stipend of the personnel calculated?

- When the stipend of the project personnel is calculated, if they are not employed by a public organisation, it is calculated after deducting the social security contribution, income tax and stamp tax from their gross payment.
- If they are employed by a public organisation or as academic personnel in a public university, the stipend calculation is made after deducting the income and stamp taxes only.

PROJECT APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION IN METU

10. How many international research projects are going on/ completed in METU?

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NANOSCIENCES, NANOTECHNOLOGIES, MATERIALS AND NEW PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGIES (NMP)

NMP-2010-SMALL-4
Identifier: FP7-NMP-2010-SMALL-4
Publication Date: 30 July 2009
Budget: € 50 000 000
Deadlines: 08 December 2009 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)
18 May 2010 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time) - (for Stage 2 only proposals retained at stage 1)

NMP-2010-SME-4
Identifier: FP7-NMP-2010-SME-4
Publication Date: 30 July 2009
Budget: € 20 000 000
Deadlines: 08 December 2009 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)
18 May 2010 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time) - (for Stage 2 only proposals retained at stage 1)

ENERGY

ENERGY-2010-1
Identifier: FP7-ENERGY-2010-1
Publication Date: 30 July 2009
Budget: € 54 000 000
Deadlines: 15 October 2009 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)
11 March 2010 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time) - 2nd deadline (for 2-stage procedure)

ENERGY-2010-FET
Identifier: FP7-ENERGY-2010-FET
Publication Date: 30 July 2009
Budget: € 18 000 000
Deadlines: 15 October 2009 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)
11 March 2010 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time) - Stage 2 (only for

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

TÜBİTAK PROJE PERSONELİ

1. TÜBİTAK projelerinde kimler araştırmacı olabilir?
Proje yürütucusu tarafından önerilen ve TÜBİTAK tarafından onaylanan kişiler, TÜBİTAK projelerinde araştırmacı olarak yer alabilirler. Bu kişilerin;
- Kurum içinde veya dışından olmaları TÜBİTAK projelerinde yer alımları konusunda bir engel teşkil etmemektedir.
- 2547 Sayılı kanuna tabi olmaları veya hiç bir yerde çalışmıyor olmaları gerekmektedir.

2. TÜBİTAK projelerinde kimler bursiyer olarak çalışabilir?
TÜBİTAK projelerinde, yüksek lisans ve doktora öğrencileriyle, doktora sonrası araştırmacılar bursiyer olarak görev alabilmektedirler. Bu şartları sağlayan öğrenci ve araştırmacıların;
- Herhangi bir yerde çalışıp işlemediği, bursiyer olmaları konusunda engel teşkil etmemektedir.
- Eğitimlerine/araştırmalarına projenin yürütüldüğü üniversitede devam ettirmeleri şartı yoktur.

3. TÜBİTAK projelerinde yabancı uyruklu öğretim üyesi çalışabilir mi?
Yabancı uyruklu öğretim üyesi, TÜBİTAK ve AB projelerinde ücret olarak çalışamazlar.

4. TÜBİTAK projelerinde yabancı uyruklu öğrenciler çalışabilir mi?
TÜBİTAK projelerinde yabancı uyruklu öğrenciler ücret olarak çalışamaz. Ancak, yüksek lisans, doktora ve doktora sonrası eğitime devam edenlere burs ödemesi yapılabılır.

5. TÜBİTAK 1007- Kamu Projeleri’nde personel çalıştırılabilir mı?
TÜBİTAK 1007 Kamu Projelerinde, kurum içinde veya dışından personel çalıştırılabilir.
- Kurum içinde veya başka bir kurum adına çalışan personel, 2547 sayılı Yüksek Öğretim Kanunu’na tabi araştırmacı olarak çalıştırılabilir.
- Hiçbir yerde çalışmayan destek personeli ya da araştırmacı sosyal güvence sağlanarak SSK’lı olarak çalışabilir.

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Proje kapsamında ikinci çağrı “European Innovative RTD Projects in Nanomedicine” başlığı ile açık olup, son başvuru tarihi 11 Haziran 2010’dur.

Çağrı ile ilgili detaylı bilgiye:
http://www.euronanomed.net adresinden ulaşabilirsiniz.

İLETİŞİM:
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TÜBİTAK-SBAG
Tunus Cad. No: 80
06100 Kavaklıdere/ANKARA
Tel: 0312 468 53 00 / 1166
e-posta: demet.demetci@tubitak.gov.tr

If you are a researcher in Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities, you are strongly advised to refer to the EC General Information Leaflet...

European Commission published a leaflet on Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH), called “Research on Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities: Towards a New Approach.” In the leaflet, EC emphasized the importance of research on SSH with the intention of solving European social problems. Actually, this new approach shapes the framework of research activities in the Framework Programme. There are some newly established principles for research itself and its methodology. Therefore, researchers are advised to refer to the leaflet before submitting an FP7 SSH Project.

JRC CALLS

JRC BURSİYERLİK ÇAĞRISI


DID YOU KNOW...

**Did you know that TUBITAK has rearranged the final deadlines for the late submission of the Project Progress and Final Reports...**

TÜBİTAK Araştırma Destek Programları Başkanlığı (ARDEB), desteklenen araştırma projeleri gelişme ve sonuç raporlarının geç gönderilmesine ilişkin süre kısıtlamasını 05.04.2010 tarihinde yaptığı yasal duyuru ile yeniden düzenlemiştir.

Buna göre, TÜBİTAK tarafından kabul edilebilir geçerli bir mazeret bildirilmesiznin proje gelişme ve sonuç raporlarının geç gönderilmesi (gelisme raporlarının sözleşmede belirtilen tarihlerde, proje sonuç raporlarının ise, sözleşmede belirtilen proje bitiş tarihinden itibaren 2 (iki) ay içinde gönderilmesi) durumunda PTİ ödemelerinin yapılmayacağı kamuoyuna duyurulmuştur.

Duyuru metnine aşağıdaki adresten ulaşılabilir:

**If you want to learn more about ERA-NET actions...**

Avrupa Birliği Çerçeve Programları kapsamında bir uygulama aracı olarak kullanılmakta olan ERA-NET projeleri ile Avrupa Birliği üyesi ve Avrupa Birliği üyeligine aday olan ülkelerde, ulusal ve bölgesel araştırma programları arasında koordinasyon sağlayarak, araştırma programlarının geliştirilip güçlendirilmesi hedeflenmektedir. Bu amaçla, ulusal ve bölgesel otoriteler biraraya gelip deneyimlerini paylaşır, ortak araştırma programları düzenler ve çeşitli araçlar kullanarak ortak program ve eylemler oluştururlar.
Did you know that all project managers are responsible for submitting a purchase notification form according to the VAT Exemption Certificate...

The European Union Financial Assistance Mechanism targeting candidate and potential candidate countries has been revised and brought together into a single legal frame called the Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA - Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance) according to the General Declaration on IPA Framework Contract (IPA Çerceve Anlaşması Genel Tebliği). In this context, all projects funded from the EC 2007-2013 Budget are considered as IPA projects and the Declaration obliges project managers to prepare a procurement contract, purchase notification form, etc.

One of the most and urgent obligation is the notification of purchases. All project managers are obliged to notify purchases made between January-March 2010 in the framework of the project by April 25, 2010.

Office of Sponsored Projects prepared a guideline for project managers about VAT Exemption Certificate Notification.

You are strongly advised to read carefully the guideline and other documents:
http://research.metu.edu.tr/node/14 (folder called KDV Muafiyet Sertifikası Bildirimleri.rar)

EURATOM CALLS

No calls are currently open for this programme.
HIZLI DESTEK PROGRAMI (1002)

Hızlı Destek Programı (1002); üniversitelerde, araştırma hastanelerinde ve araştırma enstitülerinde yürütülecek acil, kısa süreli, küçük bütçeli araştırma ve geliştirme projelerine destek sağlamak amacıyla yönelik bir programdır.

Başvuru için zaman kısıtlaması yoktur.

Başvuru adresi:
http://ardeb1002.tubitak.gov.tr

Ayrıntılı bilgi için:

DID YOU KNOW...

EUREKA ve EUROSTARS programlarında, üniversiteler KOBİ ya da büyük firmaların yanında ortak olarak projelere dahil olabilirler. Eureka ve Eurostars başvuruları her zaman yapılabilir. Eurostars programında yılda iki kez çağrı kesim tarihi olup bu Eureka ve Eurostars Programına sunulması planlanan Ar-Ge projeleri ortak arama duyurularına ise aşağıdaki adresten ulaşabilirsiniz.

http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/home.do;jsessionid=B9F72FD9D20984EE05590743E0F...
Did you know that universities can benefit from Eureka and Eurostars projects led by R&D-performing SMEs...

**EUROSTARS:** KOBI’lerin AR-GE odaklı faaliyetlerine yönelik özel, hızlı ve etkin bir destek programı olan EUROSTARS kapsamında, proje faaliyetlerinin en az %50’si projede yer alan KOBI’ler tarafından gerçekleştirilmesi ve hedeflenen ürün veya süreç proje tamamlandıktan sonra en geç 2 yıl içerisinde pazaraya sunulmalıdır.

EUROSTARS başvuruları uluslararası panel değerlendirmesinden geçmek, ve kabul edilen başvurular ulusal kaynaklarla (TÜBİTAK-TEYDEB 1509-Uluslararası Sanayi Ar-Ge Projeleri Destekleme Programı) desteklenmektedir.

Detaylı bilgi için:


**EUREKA:** EUREKA, pazar odaklı, kısa sürede ticarileşebilecek (1-2 yıl içerisinde pazaraya çıkabilecek) ürün, süreç ve hizmetlerin geliştirilmesine yönelik ikili ve çoklu işbirliğine dayalı projelerin destekleniği uluslararası işbirliği platformudur.

Bu programda uluslararası işbirlikleri oluşturulurken, projeler uluslararası panel değerlendirmesinden geçmek ve kabul edilen projeler ulusal kaynaklarla (TÜBİTAK-TEYDEB 1509- Uluslararası Sanayi Ar-Ge Projeleri Destekleme Programı) desteklenmektedir.

Detaylı bilgi için:


**PATENT BAŞVURU TEŞVİK VE DESTEKLEME PROGRAMI (1008)**

Patent Teşvik Sisteminin amacı, Türkiye’nin ulusal ve uluslararası patent başvurularının sayısının artırılması, kişilerin patent başvurusu yapmaya teşvik edilmesi ve ülkemizde fikri ve sınai hakların tescili yönünde bilinçlenmeye katkıda bulunmasıdır.

Başvuru için belirli bir dönem kısıtlaması yoktur.

Ayrıntılı bilgi için:

BİLİMSEL VE TEKNOLOJİK İŞBİRLİĞİ AĞLARI VE PLATFORMLARI KURMA GİRİŞİMİ PROJELERİ (İŞBAP) DESTEKLEME PROGRAMI (1301)

İŞBAP (1301); ulusal ve uluslararası kurum, kuruluş, birim ve gruplararasıında temel bilimler, mühendislik, sağlık bilimleri, sosyal bilimler ve ilgili teknoloji dallarında, özellikle ülkemizin bilim ve teknoloji öngörülerini doğrultusunda gelişmesini sağlamak üzere, ilgili taraflar arasında işbirliğini oluşturmak, artırmak ve bunların somut çıktıları yönelecek şeklinde gelişmesini sağlamak üzere önerilecek işbirliği ağlarının ve platformların kurulmasını desteklemeye yönelik bir programdır. Sanayi ve iş dünyasından kurum ve kuruluşlar, üniversiteler, kamu kurum ve kuruluşları ile bunların oluşturduğu konsorsiyumlar başvuruda bulunabilir.

Başvurularda herhangi bir zaman kısıtlaması yoktur.

Ayrıntılı bilgi için:

DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know that the “METU Research Policy Committee” has been founded...

The “METU Research Policy Committee” has been founded with the approval of the University Senate on 23 February 2010. The committee aims to propose research policies and strategies to ensure and increase the research performance of the University.

Ex officio members and elected members in the committee are:

Ex officio Members:
- Prof. Dr. Mehmet Tuncay Birand, Vice President, Commission President
- Prof. Dr. Çiğdem Erçelebi Vice President
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. İrem Dikmen Toker Assistant to the President, Research Coordinator

Elected Members:
- Prof. Dr. Ayşe Güneş Ayata Department of Political Science and Public Administration
- Prof. Dr. Erdin Bozkurt Department of Geological Engineering
- Prof. Dr. Tülin Gençöz Department of Psychology
- Prof. Dr. Ülkü Yetiş Department of Environmental Engineering
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Altuğ Özpineci Department of Physics
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Melih Pinarcıoğlu Department of City and Regional Planning
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Semra Sungur Department of Elementary Education
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Özgür Yılmaz Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering
- Assist. Prof. Dr. Ayşe Elif Erson Department of Biology
SINGAPORE DELEGATION VISIT TO METU

Date: 8 April 2010
Place: Presidency Office-Senate Room

A delegation from Singapore paid a visit to METU in order to seek for opportunities of collaboration in terms of research and education. The Singapore Delegation was composed of the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR), the National University of Singapore (NUS), and the Nanyang Technological University (NTU).

The objectives of the visit were to develop the linkages formed between Middle East Technical University and Singapore institutions; to give information about research and education programmes at A*STAR, NUS and NTU; and to offer awards for short term research attachments and PhD programmes in Singapore.

The ways of collaboration proposed by the delegation is to make undergraduate student exchanges as well as providing scholarships for PhD students in Singapore.

For more information about SINGA (Singapore International Graduate Award) please see the brochure and for A*STAR please visit the following address: https://www.singa.a-star.edu.sg/
The full-month activity “Research Info Series” was held between 9-29 March 2010 by METU Research Coordination Office and Office of Sponsored Projects with the contribution of TUBITAK.

Research Info Series aims at informing research groups about the related research funding opportunities. For this reason, seven sessions were held in the frame of Research Info Series that addressed different target audiences, such as faculty administration, early stage researchers, SMEs, project managers, etc.

In each session, TUBITAK experts provided general information about the funding opportunities, while METU researchers shared their experiences on related topics.

All meetings were recorded and will be shared via METU webpage for those who could not participate in the meetings.

You can reach the presentations from:

http://research.metu.edu.tr/node/235

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