

June 2024 – September 2026

Near East University – DESAM Research Institute Commission Meeting Decisions

No.	Meeting Date	Meeting No.	Decision Title	Decision Text
1	07.06.2024	1	Discussion of updating the date of the DESAM Biotechnology Congress 2024 Discussion of organizing a conference within the scope of DESAM Periodic Conferences	It was decided to change the date of the DESAM Biotechnology Congress 2024, to be organized by the DESAM Research Institute, to 17–20 October 2024. It was decided to organize a conference entitled “Three-Body Problem and Climate Change” by Prof. Dr. Kerem CANKOÇAK on Thursday, 4 July 2024, within the scope of DESAM Periodic Conferences. It was decided to provide the NEU Molecular Microbiology Laboratory, upon the temporary request of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Buket BADDAL, with 1 Biological Safety Level 2 Cabinet, 1 Centurion Scientific C2 Series centrifuge with 1.5–2.0 mL adapter, and 1 HP LaserJet P1005 printer, on the condition that the equipment may be requested back with prior notice depending on the workload of the DESAM laboratory.
2	20.12.2024	2	Evaluation of participation requests from research groups joining the DESAM Research Institute Evaluation of the DESAM Biotechnology Congress 2024 Determination of the 2025 vision of the DESAM Research Institute and planning of spring-term activities	In accordance with the opinions of the respective group leaders, regarding the participation of Asst. Prof. Dr. Ayşe Seyer ÇAĞATAN in the Tropical and Vector-Borne Diseases Research Group and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emine ERDAĞ in the Obesity and Cancer Research Group. It was decided that the next DESAM Congress would be organized in cooperation with a public institution, organization, or association. Spring Term Activities: FEBRUARY 2025: Article Writing Course FEBRUARY 2025: Shadi Periodic Conference MARCH 2025: Cell Culture Course APRIL 2025: Applied Molecular Methods Course MAY 2025: ANKEM Congress JUNE 2025: DESAM Spring Meetings
1	30.05.2025	1	Evaluation of applications for the establishment of new research groups within the DESAM Research Institute Evaluation of the inclusion of a new faculty member in the DESAM Research Institute staff Discussion of other matters that may arise	It was decided to establish the “Drug Design and Development Research Group” under the DESAM Research Institute. It was decided to include a new faculty member in the DESAM Research Institute staff. It was decided to take steps toward establishing microorganism strain banks in the Cell and Tissue Culture Laboratory and to include Asst. Prof. Dr. Burak DURMAZ in the Cell and Tissue Culture Laboratory as Laboratory Supervisor.
2	21.09.2025	2	Planning of activities to be organized within the scope of the 2025–2026 academic activities Holding periodic lectures and meetings among researchers affiliated with the Institute, including at least one internal training session each month	It was decided to plan the following courses during the 2025–2026 period: • Basic Cell Culture Course • Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare Course (Theory + Practice) • In Silico Modeling Course (Theory + Practice) • Molecular Methods Course (Sequence Analysis, PCR, Flow Cytometry, Protein Analysis) It was decided to organize periodic lectures and meetings among researchers affiliated with DESAM and, within this scope, to organize at least one internal training session every month. It was decided to organize a seminar to increase the effectiveness of DESAM academic activities. Following the departure of Executive Board member Prof. Dr. Pınar TULAY from the

				institution, it was decided to nominate a new member to the Executive Board. It was decided to prepare the DESAM 2024–2025 activity summary and submit it to the Executive Board. It was decided to regularly conduct feedback surveys for participants following DESAM Research Institute events, standardize the survey content, analyze and report the collected data, and take the results into consideration when planning future events.
3	19.12.2025	3	Discussion of the change in the DESAM Research Institute Executive Board membership and appointment of a new member Discussion of the inclusion and appointment of a student representative to the DESAM Research Institute Executive Board Other matters that may arise	Due to the departure of DESAM Research Institute Executive Board member Prof. Dr. Pinar Tulay from the institution, it was decided to appoint Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süleyman Aşır, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Engineering at Near East University, as a member of the Executive Board. It was decided to appoint Meryem Demir as the student representative to the DESAM Research Institute Executive Board. The annual activities of Research Personnel will be evaluated based on the APDF forms submitted by the university administration to the institute administration, as part of the performance evaluation of institute researchers.
1	03.02.2026	1	Discussion of activities planned for the spring term Evaluation of the status of research groups whose members have left the institution	Due to the departure of Prof. Dr. Pinar TULAY, leader of the Reproductive Medicine Research Group, it was decided to close the relevant research group because its activities were insufficient in the same scope and quality. Due to the departure of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Betül MAMMADOV, leader of the Medical Instruments and Devices Research Group, it was decided to close the relevant research group because its activities were insufficient in the same scope and quality. It was decided to jointly conduct the Project Writing Course, Biostatistics Course, and Mentorship Course activities planned in cooperation with the Centre of Excellence. It was decided to hold the Applied Computer-Aided Drug Design (In Silico) Course in May. It was decided to jointly organize an event entitled “Food Safety and Residue Traceability: EU Legislation, Harmonization and Future Perspectives” with the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in April. It was decided to invite Prof. Dr. Kerem CANKOÇAK as a speaker on Friday, 26 February. It was decided to hold the Advanced Molecular Methods Course in April.