**Information About “Drug Development from Natural Resources Workshop” (January 25, 2019)**

**“Drug Development from Natural Resources Workshop”** was held on January 25, 2019 at Konya Bayır Diamond Hotel, hosted by Selçuk University. The first **“Drug and Vaccine Workshop”**, hosted by Selçuk University in 2017, was held by bringing together academicians, researchers and sector representatives, and became a platform where information and experiences regarding the needs of relevant sectors were shared and discussions were held to increase cooperation between the Sector and the University.

Among the topics discussed in the **“Drug and Vaccine Workshop”** organized under 5 main headings, namely ***“Discovery of New Drugs”***, ***“Natural Source Products”,*** ***“Pre-clinical Studies”***, ***“Clinical Studies”*** and ***“Biotechnological Drugs and Vaccine”***, **the subject of “Natural Source Products” was determined as one of the priority work areas of the SU Faculty of Pharmacy and the SU International Application and Research Centre of Excellence in Pharmacy.** To this end; The richness of our country and region in terms of medicinal and aromatic plants and the widespread use of natural resources in treatment have been taken into consideration and the aim has been to *“Develop National and Local Medicines from Natural Resources”*. The studies to be carried out within this scope also coincide with the targets of *“obtaining innovative, local and national production-based, high-tech products”* determined in the 10th and 11th Development Plans of Turkey.

Our university applied to the **“High Technology Platforms Call”** in the **“TÜBİTAK 1004 Program”** with the Project **titled “Obtainment of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients from Natural Resources and *In Vitro/In Vivo* Evaluation of New Formulations to be Developed”** and the Project proposal was deemed suitable for support for Phase I studies.

In order to introduce the project, establish new collaborations and effectively carry out Phase I studies, the **“Drug Development from Natural Resources Workshop”,** which brought together expert academicians, researchers and sector representatives in the field, provided beneficial results for our country, institution and stakeholders in terms of reaching the targets determined within the scope of the project.