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COMMUNITY OF MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITIES ASSEMBLY TAKES PLACE AT EMU

The annual Council and Assembly of the Community of Mediterranean Universities (CMU) was held at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU). EMU is a member of CMU. The general assembly took place in Malta last year. There it was decided that this year's meeting would take place in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). The general assembly gathered at the EMU Rector's Office Senate Hall under the auspices of CMU President Prof. Dr. Mohamed Elswad and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam at 09:00 on Friday, the 25th of October 2019. In his opening speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam thanked the representatives of the universities from the Mediterranean for coming to the TRNC and wished everyone a fruitful meeting. In a speech of his own, CMU President Prof. Dr. Mohamed Elswad thanked EMU for their warm welcome and hospitality.

Program Commenced with a Workshop

The program commenced with a workshop. The first presentation was delivered by Dr. Bisma Fayecheh from Tunis University's National School of Engineering. In the presentation titled "HOMERe Mobility Program", Dr. Fayecheh touched upon the organization HOMERe which was established to



train qualified executives for companies operating in the Mediterranean by presenting long-term internship opportunities. Dr. Fayecheh noted that 417 interns have been taken on by companies within the scope of the program.

The next presentation was delivered by Prof. Dr. Massimo Guarascio from the University of Rome. The presentation titled "Accreditation of Study Programmes and Graduate Students Mobility in the Mediterranean and Europe" touched upon why accreditations are important. Next, Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova from EMU delivered the presentation titled "Developing an Internationalization Strategy without Sacrificing the Unique Identity" during which he described EMU's international

journey. Providing information such as why students choose education institutions abroad Prof. Dr. Tanova touched upon the risks and advantages during decision making processes. Prof. Dr. Tanova also highlighted that internationalization must occur without losing local identity.

EMU Rector was Chosen to be a Country Representative

The CMU Assembly continued with lunch at the EMU L'Apprenti Restaurant at 12:30 and the annual Council Meeting at 14:30. At the General Assembly, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam was elected to be a CMU Country Representative. The Community of Mediterranean Universities meeting came to an end after the General Assembly at 16:30 and dinner at 20:00.



EMU HOLDS 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR OPENING CEREMONY AND FIRST LESSON



The Eastern Mediterranean University's (EMU) 2019-2020 Academic Year Opening Ceremony and First Lesson took place on Monday, the 14th of October 2019 at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. The ceremony was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Rauf Denktaş University Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Ali Bıçak, Famagusta Sea Admiral Captain Bülent Köse, EMU Board of Trustees Member Hicran B. Fırat, Vice Rectors, Deans, academic staff and students. This year's first lesson was delivered by the European Women Rectors Association President and former Istanbul Technical University Rector Prof. Dr. Gülsün Sağlamer.



Important Developments

After a moment of silence and the national anthem, the ceremony continued with a screening of EMU's 40th Year Film. Whilst delivering the opening speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam wished for peace to be established in the region. Indicating that EMU was featured on world rankings for the last four years Prof. Dr. Osam stated that they were placed amongst the world's best universities by independent evaluation bodies such as Times Higher Education (THE) and ShanghaiRanking. Expressing that they have started to reap the rewards of international joint programs, Prof. Dr. Osam underlined that they are continuing their work in electromobility and gastronomy. Highlighting that there will be important developments in the 2019-2020 Academic Year Prof. Dr. Osam noted that EMU will be evaluated by the European University Association in addition to hosting this year's Mediterranean Universities Union ordinary meeting of the General Assembly.

First Lesson Delivered by Prof. Dr. Sağlamer

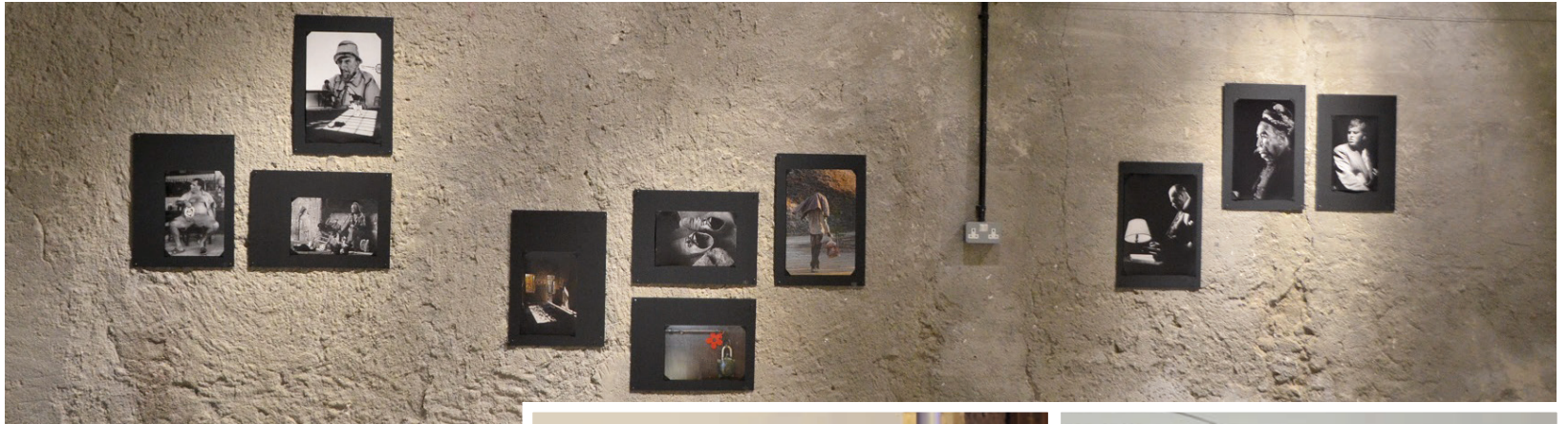
Prof. Dr. Osam's speech was followed by the first lesson of the 2019-2020 Academic Year which was delivered by the European Women Rectors Association President and former Istanbul Technical University Rector Prof. Dr. Gülsün Sağlamer.



The presentation titled "Changing Higher Education and Field of Inquiry" touched upon higher education and change, globalization – internationalization, conflicting parameters,

challenges, opportunities, change and the role of leadership. After the first lesson, Prof. Dr. Gülsün Sağlamer was presented a plaque of appreciation by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam.

EMU'S 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR COMMENCES WITH ART



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2019-2020 Academic Year Briefing and Opening Exhibition took place with two events. A Briefing and Reception took place at Nicosia Bedesten on Friday, the 20th of September 2019 at 19:00. Ümit Ali Esinler Retrospective Exhibition and Book Promotion took place at the Nicosia Sol Exhibition Hall on Monday, the 23rd of September 2019 at 19:00. The Briefing and Reception event which took place on the 20th of September 2019 commenced with a screening of EMU's 40th anniversary video. The screening was followed by opening speeches. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam thanked everyone for their participation and noted that EMU is a public institution that has proven its quality both in the TRNC and the beyond.



"EMU Is Contributing to Art"

Prof. Dr. Osam stated that EMU strives to provide the best education in order to contribute to society without seeking profit. In this context, Prof. Dr. Osam noted that they are carrying out important work relating to art and academia. Highlighting that they are collecting the work of local artist with the goal of conveying them to future generations, Prof. Dr. Osam indicated that they have collected 390 pieces of art under the roof of EMU. Prof. Dr. Osam concluded by stating that EMU is contributing to art, science and society on unrecognized lands.



After Prof. Dr. Osam EMU-CCS Visual Arts Project Coordinator and sculptor Zehra Şonya announced EMU's art policy, perspectives, decisions and annual goals for the 2019-2020 Academic Year. Information was also provided about events that will be organized this year. The event came to an end with a cocktail that took place after the opening speeches were delivered.

CCS Board Member Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı, EMU-CCS Visual Arts Project Coordinator and Exhibition Curator Zehra Şonya, Exhibition Curator Kadir Kaba, photography connoisseur Ümit Ali Esinler and many art lovers.

Ümit Ali Esinler Retrospective Exhibition and Book Promotion

Ümit Ali Esinler Retrospective Exhibition and Book Promotion took place on Monday, the 23rd of September 2019 at the Nicosia Sol Exhibition Hall. Ümit Ali Esinler Retrospective Exhibition and Book Promotion relayed the important role played by Ümit Ali Esinler (known as Foto Ümit) in the Turkish Cypriot photography. The book on Ümit Ali Esinler was written by photography connoisseur Kadir Kaba and EMU-CCS Visual Arts Project Coordinator Zehra Şonya, who also curated the exhibition. The opening of the exhibition was attended by EMU Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs / EMU-

The exhibition also included the promotion of photography connoisseur Ümit Ali Esinler's book that will be published by EMU-CCS. Ümit Ali Esinler started his photography journey in 1940 at the tender age of 8. In art and life he is known for his modesty and humbleness. He did things his way to produce satisfying, quality photography. His passion for light was the source of his success in black and white photography. His portraits include clues about how he analysed identity and absorbed the subject. Ümit Ali Esinler didn't shy away from reflecting his opinions on social and political events in his photographs by incorporating the concepts of criticism and irony in his art.



EMU RIDES HIGH

The most referenced and widespread publisher of university rankings, Times Higher Education (THE), that is broadcast in England, has announced the rankings for 2020's top universities. Within this rankings system, only the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has achieved a place on the list from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), taking its place within the 800-1000 band. The list which has 1,376 universities in total, has taken 10th place among Turkish universities, after Boğaziçi University, Istanbul Technical University, Middle East Technical University and Atılım University. 34 universities from Turkey achieved a place within the THE listings, while from the island of Cyprus, 2 universities from south Cyprus were successful, and from the TRNC only EMU made the list.

Great Success at International Outlook

In the THE's International Reputation evaluation, EMU has succeeded in increasing its points by 15 since 2017, achieving a total of 86.6 points and holding 121st position in the world listings. Within the THE Young Universities Ranking, EMU has achieved the rank of 151-200, in the University Impact Rankings has achieved 301 place, and within the World University rankings, has achieved the band of 800-1000.

"I am honored and proud"

In a statement, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam expressed his deep honor and pride in EMU's outstanding achievement, as also confirmed by an official letter from the editor

of THE. Highlighting the fact that EMU is an institution of higher education providing education at world standards, Prof. Dr. Osam put forth that EMU's educational quality has been confirmed by accreditations gained. Stating that success is never a coincidence and that EMU continues to develop and grow every day Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted that EMU is the best education institution on the island and one of the best in the world. Prof. Dr. Osam also stated that on the 40th anniversary of its foundation, Eastern Mediterranean University is a source of pride both for the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the neighboring region. Prof. Dr. Osam added that the university will proceed towards further achievements with continuing efforts whilst extending his appreciation to all staff members for their selfless contributions in achieving this important success.

EMU 168th in Emerging Europe and Asia University Rankings

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), a world renowned higher education company known for their 'QS World University Rankings', has launched their 2020 Emerging Europe and Asia (EECA) Rankings on Tuesday 15th October 2019, with the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) ranked 168th, an increase from its position last year in the 181-190 band ranking.

Certified Improvements

QS has been providing university ranking data since 2004, and assists prospective students and higher education institutions alike to make

correct choices in light of the information they produce, while simultaneously providing insight to students for the development of personal skills, helping them with their future careers and lives. QS achieve this by publishing yearly rankings utilising data from each applicable university on areas such as employer reputation, student to faculty ratio, international faculty, papers per faculty, staff with PhD and more, with EMU displaying positive development in these areas.

22 Ranks Climbed at Once

With this ranking, EMU has established itself as one of the 301 universities in the EECA region in accordance to QS, as a preferred university in the area for quality education as well as other essential characteristics and capabilities of high standard, indicating its position in providing the qualities to enable the good skills necessary for a successful career, and additionally has proven personal development as an institution, by climbing 22 ranks in one year.

EMU is the only university of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus to feature on the list, while 2 universities from South Cyprus are present on the list. While 51 universities from Turkey were ranked on the list this year, EMU was placed 20th in line among them by QS.

EMU IS THE BEST IN CYPRUS

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has once again proven that it is the best university on the island. EMU has been ranked first in the Cypriot University Rankings compiled by the



AMONGST THE BEST UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD



Sydney, Australia-based world university ranking centre uniRank. A total of 43 higher education institutions were included in the said rankings. This is EMU's latest success after featuring on Times Higher Education and ShanghaiRanking lists.

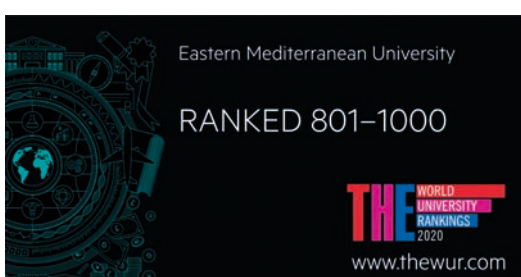
Rather than using data provided by universities, uniRank used valid and unbiased web metrics provided by independent web information sources to form a non-academic league table of the best Cypriot universities. EMU is at the top of the 2019 Cypriot University Rankings compiled according uniRank criteria. In the same

rankings, EMU is followed by the University of Cyprus and the University of Nicosia from South Cyprus.

What is UniRank?

Sydney, Australia based UniRank is the leading international higher education directory and search engine featuring reviews and rankings of over 13,600 officially recognized universities and colleges in 200 countries. UniRank currently includes worldwide higher education institutions which are officially recognized, licensed and/or accredited, grant at least four-year undergraduate degrees and/or postgraduate degrees and provide

higher education courses mainly in a traditional face-to-face learning format delivered through on-site facilities. The aim of the uniRank is to provide a global ranking of world Universities and Colleges based upon their web presence and popularity in terms of estimated traffic, trust/authority and quality link popularity. This is especially intended to help international students and academic staff to understand how popular a specific higher education institution is in a foreign country. Further information can be obtained from the webpage <https://www.4icu.org>.



WORLD UNIVERSITY EMU THIS TIME APPEARS IN SHANGHAI RANKINGS



Ranked amongst the best universities in the world by international independent rating organisations, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has recently been included in the Academic Ranking of World Universities 2019 of China-based ShanghaiRanking, an independent organisation which has been the official publisher of the Academic Ranking of World Universities since 2009.

In the said rankings, Eastern Mediterranean University appears within the 76-100 band in the Hospitality and Tourism Management Category. As the only university from Cyprus appearing on the list, Eastern Mediterranean University is also the top ranking university amongst the universities of Turkey. The only university from Turkey, apart from EMU, qualifying for the aforesaid list within the 151-200 band in the Hospitality and Tourism Management Category is Akdeniz University.

In addition to all, whilst EMU has become the only university appearing in ShanghaiRanking's Economics Category in the TRNC, the university is also the top ranking university both in Cyprus and Turkey in the said category. Only three universities from Turkey appear within the first 500 in the Economics Category. More specifically, following EMU, which is ranked first, Koç University has appeared in the 301-400 band and Boğaziçi University within the 401-500 band. The University of Cyprus, which is the only university in the Greek Cypriot Administration to be included in the list, appeared within the 401-500 band in Economics Category after EMU.

About ShanghaiRanking

The Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) was first published in June 2003 by the Center for World-Class Universities (CWCU),

Graduate School of Education of Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China, and updated on an annual basis. Since 2009 the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) has been published and copyrighted by ShanghaiRanking Consultancy. ShanghaiRanking Consultancy is a fully independent organization on higher education intelligence and not legally subordinated to any universities or government agencies. ARWU uses six objective indicators to rank world universities. Further information on ShanghaiRanking is available at <http://www.shanghairanking.com/>



IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF EMU BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS FACULTY POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS



Eduniversal; the global ranking and rating agency specializing in higher education featured 3 postgraduate programs from the Eastern Mediterranean University's (EMU) Business and Economics Faculty amongst the top 200 postgraduate programs in a report they prepared for 2019.

EMU Business and Economics Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Selcan Timur indicated that Eduniversal's evaluation was carried out by investigating 1000 universities from 154 different countries that were subcategorized into 9 different regions. In the Eduniversal 2019 report, the EMU Department of Economics and Department of Banking and Finance joint Energy Economics and Finance postgraduate program was ranked 4th in Eurasia and the Middle East

in the category of Energy and Natural Resources. In addition, the EMU Banking and Finance postgraduate program was ranked 9th in Eurasia and the Middle East in the category of Corporate Finance. Finally, the Economics postgraduate program was ranked 10th in Eurasia and the Middle East in the category of Economics.

EMU Department of Economics Chair Prof. Dr. Mehmet Balcılar stated that he was sent an official document from the Eduniversal office stating that their postgraduate program was ranked amongst the world's top 200 programs. Prof. Dr. Balcılar stated that they didn't take any steps to be featured on the rankings and that the evaluation was carried out by Eduniversal independently and without

their knowledge. Prof. Dr. Balcılar concluded by underlining that their Energy Economics and Finance postgraduate program was ranked 4th whilst their Economics postgraduate program was ranked 10th in Eurasia and the Middle East.

Meanwhile EMU Department of Banking and Finance Chair Prof. Dr. Nesrin Özataç touched upon their postgraduate program being ranked 9th in the category of Corporate Finance in Eurasia and the Middle East. Prof. Dr. Nesrin Özataç stated that their postgraduate program is intense and compelling before highlighting that students need to work in a disciplined manner in order to obtain knowledge and success.

EMU ANNOUNCED AS A TOP UNIVERSITY FOR ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

U.K based higher education ranking institution Times Higher Education (THE) announced its 2020 ranking of universities providing engineering and technology education on Wednesday, the 16th of October 2019.

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) featured on the 501-600 band of the said rankings and was the only university

from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) to feature on the list. A total of 1008



universities featured on the list which EMU was fifth amongst Turkish universities after Bilkent University, Sabancı University, Boğaziçi University and Koç University. A total of 26 universities from Turkey appeared on THE's 2020 rankings for engineering and technology education. EMU was the second highest ranked university on the island and two universities from South Cyprus made the list.

EMU SIGNED NEW COLLABORATION PROTOCOLS

EMU AND TRNC MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION SIGN COLLABORATION PROTOCOL

A collaboration protocol has been signed by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of Public Works and Transportation. The said protocol was signed by TRNC Minister of Public Works and Transportation Tolga Atakan and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam at 10:00, on Wednesday, the 16th of October 2019 at the EMU Rector's Office

The collaboration protocol includes knowledge sharing in the fields of expertise of academic personnel with the aim of contributing to society, the development of systems, education relating to control and implementation as well as support for student development.

Speaking at the signature ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam indicated that they have reached a very important agreement and that they will be providing scientific contribution to the Ministry in areas required. Describing contributing to all governmental institutions and social structures as one of the duties of EMU as a state university, Prof. Dr. Osam thanked Minister Atakan for providing them with this opportunity. Minister of Public Works and Transportation Tolga Atakan described EMU as one of the country's most important educational institutions and a source of pride for the nation. Minister Atakan continued to underline the importance of using the knowledge and technology developed at EMU in the interest of the public, expressing that the collaboration protocol signed is of high importance for our country often described as the island of education. Minister Atakan concluded by relaying his wish that the important collaboration will be a fruitful collaboration for the whole country.

EMU Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı, School of Computing and Technology (SCT) Director Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nazife Dimililer, SCT Assistant Director Asst. Prof. Dr. Emre Özen Bayındırlık, Ministry of Public Works and Transportation Undersecretary Kemal Bağzıbağlı, Executive Assistant Ramadan Beysun and Planning Project Officer Vasviye Tunaboğlu were also present during the signature ceremony.

COLLABORATION PROTOROL SIGNED BETWEEN EMU AND TRNC MINISTRY OF FINANCE

A collaboration protocol between Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and TRNC Ministry of Finance has been signed. The protocol was signed by TRNC Minister of Finance Olgun



Amcaoğlu and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam during a press conference and lunch organized on the 24th of July, 2019 at 12:00 at L'Apprenti Restaurant.

The protocol ceremony was attended by TRNC Minister of National Education and Culture Nazım Çavuşoğlu, TRNC Ministry of Finance Undersecretary Özdemir Kalkanlı, Principal Clerk Ufuk Soğur, TRNC Ministry of National Education and Culture Principal Clerk Mehmet Faruk, UBP (National Unity Party) Parliament member Resmiye Canaltay, EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özcenk, Board of Trustees members Lawyer Cevat Rıza, Ersun Kutup, Halil İbrahim Orun, Hicran B. Fırat, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural, Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler, Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı and Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu, EMU Public Relations and Press Office Director Murat Aktuğralı and Accounting Office Director Ahmet Tahsiner.

Financial obligations between TRNC Ministry of Finance and EMU are to be restructured with the recently signed protocol. EMU's tax debts dating from 2010 until today have been relieved by being paid. On the other hand, EMU's debts dating from the institutions establishment until 2010 will be reevaluated and restructured. During the first speech delivered at the said protocol signing ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet

Osam stated that EMU has always kept its relations with the state and the government pre-eminently and added that, the protocol ceremony represented a special day for EMU. By saying that EMU has effectively resolved the issues regarding its financial obligation with the help of the government, Rector Prof. Dr. Osam ended his speech with the words; "As of today, we are 5 times relieved and we are carrying on the path by accelerating our speed".

TRNC Minister of National Education and Culture Nazım Çavuşoğlu also delivered a speech during the ceremony. Çavuşoğlu stated that as the new government, their vision is to take the "universities island" mission further. He also added that Ministry of Finance had made an extension on resolving EMU's long-discussed problem. Minister Çavuşoğlu touched on Ministry of National Education and Culture's 2019 – 2020 goals by expressing that the ministry has initiated endeavors in order to realize its objectives. Ministry of National Education and Culture signed a protocol with the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) and Çavuşoğlu mentioned that with this protocol with YÖK, they have managed to propose resolution suggestions for the universities' problems.

Following Çavuşoğlu, TRNC Minister of Finance Olgun Amcaoğlu addressed the fact on EMU being



the first university in the island to provide higher education and, continued his words by saying that the Ministry disapproves of the obstacles towards the improvements on EMU's unsolved issue. Stating that the first step towards the resolution of the problem was taken by EMU, Amcaoğlu said that the problem was resolved with four different steps taken by the Ministry of Finance. Minister Amcaoğlu ended his speech by mentioning that the Ministry of National Education and Culture as well as Ministry of Finance has always fulfilled their obligations regarding EMU.

EMU AND TRNC ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE AND REASSURANCE COMPANIES SIGN COLLABORATION PROTOCOL

A collaboration protocol has been signed by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Association of Insurance and Reassurance Companies. The said protocol was signed by TRNC Association of Insurance and Reassurance Companies President Ülker Fahri and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam at the EMU Rector's Office at 10:00 on Tuesday, the 15th of October 2019. The said protocol aims to improve and increase the prevalence of professions and services encompassed by the insurance sector in addition to increasing the academic and sectoral activities between EMU and the Association of Insurance. Speaking at the signature ceremony, EMU Rector

Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that an important collaboration has been established and that an important step has been taken to ensure that the insurance sector in the TRNC operates in a more productive manner. TRNC Association of Insurance and Reassurance Companies President Ülker Fahri expressed his excitement regarding collaborating with EMU and wished both parties a fruitful collaboration.

Also present at the signature ceremony were EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan, Business and Economics Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Selcan Timur, Department of Banking and Finance Chair Prof. Dr. Nesrin Özataç, Department of Mathematics Chair Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov, Rector's Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyalı and other TRNC Association of Insurance and Reassurance Companies representatives.

COLLABORATION PROTOCOL BETWEEN EMU AND EMAA

A collaboration protocol was signed between Eastern Mediterranean University Center for Cyprus Studies (DAÜ-KAM) and European Mediterranean Art Association (EMAA). Signing ceremony for the protocol took place on Tuesday, 16th of July, 2019 at 10:30 at EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam's chamber. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and, EMAA Director and also the Vice Rector of Cyprus American University Prof. Dr. Gökçe Keçeci signed the protocol. The

ceremony was attended by EMU Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs and DAÜ-KAM Director Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı, DAÜ-KAM Visual Arts Project Coordinator Zehra Şonya, authorities from EMAA and press members.

Touching on the fact that EMU has always been cherishing art and artists, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam also stated that the recently signed protocol is to extend the scope of the already existing collaboration between EMAA and DAÜ-KAM. EMAA Director Prof. Dr. Keçeci mentioned that the protocol involves amendments on partnerships that exist within the framework of 15 April World Art Day celebrations. Keçeci also shared the pleasure of continuing the collaborations between the institutions.

The Scope of the Protocol

Theme and content of the events (exhibition, book, etc.) will be specified with respect to the co-decisions of DAÜ-KAM and EMAA. During the event selection process, the event's sufficiency to meet the needs of the art environment, its content being related to the non-existing matters rather than the existing ones and, event being innovative will be the criteria to be taken into consideration. Holding the exhibitions with a catalogue or a book or, increasing the number of art publications is aimed within the scope of the protocol. The events are to be organized at least in two cities; Famagusta and Nicosia. Moreover, the promotion, publication or presentation processes of the events will be in cooperation of the institutions.

EMU SIGNS COLLABORATION PROTOCOL WITH RÜSTEM BOOKSHOP

A collaboration protocol has been signed between the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Rüstem Bookshop. The protocol between the two successful institutions was signed at 11:00 on Monday, the 15th of July 2019. The signature ceremony took place in the office of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam who signed the protocol along with Rüstem Bookshop owner Ali Besim Rüstem. EMU Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs / Center for Cyprus Studies Director Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı, EMU Center for Cyprus Studies Visual Arts Project Coordinator Zehra Şonya and Rüstem Bookshop Culture and Art Consultant Halil Duranay were also present at the ceremony.

What Does the Protocol Entail?

The protocol signed by EMU and Rüstem Bookshop aims to promote academic, cultural and artistic activity between the institutions. Together the institutions will develop research projects, later turning them into books that will be released as joint publications. With the permission of artists, pieces of art found in EMU's collection can be subcategorized into different themes and genres before being displayed in the Rüstem Bookshop gallery area. In addition, Rüstem Bookshop Personal Archeological Museum will be supported academically by EMU and exhibitions can be hold at the university.

EMU FACULTY OF DENTISTRY HOLDS A WELCOMING CEREMONY FOR PROSPECTIVE DENTISTS WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF OĞUZHAN KOÇ



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Dentistry organized a Welcoming Ceremony for prospective dentists commencing their education in the 2019-2020 Academic Year. 14 students registered to the joint program that is going to be ran by the EMU Faculty of Dentistry and the University of Health Sciences in Turkey took their dentist's oath at the ceremony at which Turkey's popular artist Oğuzhan Koç was the guest of honour. The ceremony commenced at 10:00 on Tuesday, the 22nd of October 2019 at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Centre.

"Love Your Profession"

The ceremony commenced with a moment of silence and the national anthem. A screening of the 40th year video was followed by a musical performance from an EMU Faculty of Dentistry student. Speaking at the opening of the ceremony, EMU Faculty of Dentistry Founding Dean Prof. Dr. Aydın Karakuzu stated that with EMU's experience of serving human health the university has completed the establishment of the Faculty of Dentistry in its 40th year. Providing information about the Faculty of Dentistry, Prof. Dr. Karakuzu underlined that the program is jointly ran with the University of Health Sciences. Addressing parents Prof. Dr. Karakuzu stated: "Rest assured that your children who you brought to where they are today with a thousand hopes and sacrifices will receive a good education. We are aware of

our responsibility." Also welcoming the students to the university, Prof. Dr. Karakuzu stated that they are entering into a difficult profession whilst underlining that there is no greater happiness than being a remedy to someone's suffering: "Love your profession. Be honest, hardworking and patient."

"Our Primary Goal is to Provide Quality Education"

In a speech of his own, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler provided information about EMU and stated that their primary goal is to provide quality education. Stating that since 2010 EMU has gravitated towards the field of health in addition to technical fields Prof. Dr. Besler indicated that EMU has made an important breakthrough with its Faculty of Dentistry.

Guest speaker at the event was Zekai Yeşiladalı who has been a dentist for more than 50 years. In his speech Yeşiladalı addressed students stating: "You have chosen a very important and valuable profession. There are many young people who want to be in your shoes. Work hard, I wish you all the best of luck."

"Be Amazing Dentists"

After the opening speeches the students wore their white coats with the help of the Vice Rectors,

Faculty of Dentistry academic staff and Oğuzhan Koç who expressed that he is very happy to be in attendance. Koç went on to state: "Be amazing dentists. I wish you all the best of luck". Cyprus Turkish Dental Association President Dr. Ahmet Özant and students then read the Dentist's Oath. This was followed by the first lesson presentation of Faculty of Dentistry academic staff member Prof. Dr. Hikmet Solak on "Cavity Theories".

The ceremony was attended by EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu, Vice Rector for Promotional Affairs Prof. Dr. Hıfsiye Pulhan, Famagusta Sea Admiral Captain Bülent Köse and academic personnel. After plaques were delivered to those who made contributions the ceremony ended with an "Addiction" themed photography exhibition in memory of photographer Cem Cengiz's late father Mehmet Cengiz. The exhibition was organized by the Yeşilay Club formed the Faculty of Dentistry and Faculty of Engineering personnel.

EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK FACULTY OF MEDICINE WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine's 2019-2020 Academic Year Opening Ceremony and First Lecture took place on Monday, the 30th of September 2019 at 08:30.

The ceremony commenced with a moment of silence and the national anthem. This was followed by the screening of EMU and the Faculty of Medicine's promotional films. The screening was followed by a speech delivered by Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine student representative Özde Buda. Buda welcomed all new students to the faculty and provided advice about academic and social activities.

In a speech of his own, EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Dean (a.) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emre Hamurtekin indicated that students will be learning new things throughout their university education and beyond underlining that they will be witnessing people's pain and happiness whilst



learning how to listen, be patient, adapt to changes and feel empathy. Welcoming new students to the Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine family, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emre Hamurtekin wished them the best of luck in their studies. Following the opening speeches, a musical recital was delivered by EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education students.

Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine founding Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora underlined that

the white coat is symbol of responsibility, emphasizing that wearing the white coat means promising to reduce the pain of people and to be a student for life. Prof. Dr. Gökçora indicated that the white coat symbolizes helping people without discrimination based on religion, language, nationality or gender, never compromising the profession's honour, honesty and not sharing confidential information. Prof. Dr. Gökçora advised students to allocate time to their families, sport, art and children before concluding by stating: "I wish you a healthy, honourable and happy life in your white coats. May you have a fantastic journey!"

49 Students Wear White Coats

After the opening speeches, 49 students were presented their white coats by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emre Hamurtekin, Prof. Dr. Gökçora and EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine's new academic staff. After a cocktail which was held for the new students and academicians to socialize, the ceremony continued with the first lecture delivered by Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics academic staff member Prof. Dr. Şükrü Tüzmen. The first lecture was titled "Molecular Diagnostic Findings in Rare Diseases: Beta – Thalassemia".



MAGICAL "EMU 40TH ANNIVERSARY SYMPHONIC CONCERT"



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) celebrated the honour of reaching its 40th year with a "40th Anniversary Symphonic Concert" which took place at the Ancient Theatre of Salamis on Friday, the 13th of September 2019 in front of an audience of over 2000 music lovers. The event which commenced at 21:00 featured the performance of the TRNC Presidential Symphony Orchestra (with Chef Orçun Orçunsel) and the Turkish band Mor ve Ötesi. Members of the general public travelled from all corners of the island to attend the magnificent event and celebrate EMU's 40th year.

The Audience was Mesmerized

The concert was attended by TRNC President Mustafa Akıncı, Prime Minister Ersin Tatar, ministers, members of parliament, bureaucrats, EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rectors, Deans, EMU personnel and members of the general public. The Mor ve Ötesi and TRNC Presidential Symphony Orchestra performance merged rock and classical music receiving a thunderous applause from the audience. Mor ve Ötesi frontman Harun Tekin also made jokes in between his songs leading to the audience howling with laughter. At the end of the concert the TRNC Presidential Symphony Orchestra and Mor ve Ötesi were presented plaques by President Akıncı, Prime Minister Tatar, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Prof. Dr. Kudret Özersay, EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu.

Congratulations from President Akıncı

In his speech during the concert President Akıncı, celebrated EMU's 40th year and congratulated



Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, members of the Board of Trustees, academic staff, university personnel and EMU students. President Akıncı

stated: "EMU is in its 40th year and the TRNC Presidential Symphony Orchestra is in its 4th. I wish them many more fruitful years".

EMU TO BUILD FACULTY OF DENTISTRY THROUGH ITS OWN RESOURCES

Eastern Mediterranean University signed a protocol with Asin Construction Company regarding the construction of the first phase of the Eastern Mediterranean University Faculty of Dentistry building. The protocol signing ceremony took place at Board of Trustees' Meeting Room at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 20th August 2019. Among those present at the ceremony were EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Asin Construction Director Taşkın Ürel, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler, Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı, Rector's Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyalı, Administrative Affairs Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Müge Rıza, Purchasing and Inventory Control Directorate Manager Taşkın Fidaner and press representatives.

In scope of the protocol, Asin Construction Company will carry out the first phase of the

construction works of the aforesaid faculty on a turnkey basis. The construction work will finish in 4.5 months.

To Be Built with EMU's Own Resources

Delivering a speech at the signing ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stressed that EMU is building the Faculty of Dentistry through its own resources and without any external support.

Highlighting the importance of the Faculty of Dentistry for the university, Prof. Dr. Osam added that established 40 years ago as an institution providing engineering education, over the years, EMU has gradually embraced other branches of science, namely social sciences educational sciences and health sciences. Prof. Dr. Osam also highlighted the prospective contributions of the faculty's graduates both to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the whole world.

Also speaking at the ceremony, Asin Construction Director Taşkın Ürel stated that their company has established numerous collaborations with EMU in various areas and assured the university administration that as always, they will be fulfilling their duty as required and on time. Ürel also thanked all those contributing to the project. The signing ceremony ended with a group photo.



EMU PROVIDES IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR RAUF DENKTAŞ UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Personnel Office Directorate delivered in-service training seminars for Rauf Denktaş University (RDU) personnel between the 7th and 17th of October 2019. Upon the completion of the seminars, RDU personnel were delivered certificates for completing their in-service training. The certificate ceremony took place at 16:00 on Wednesday, the 30th of October 2019 at the EMU Rector's Office.

The in-service training delivered by EMU was on: Principles of Correspondence between Units and Filing, Library Registration and Debiting Systems, Human Resources Management, Financial Affairs, Legislation Management and Admissions.

EMU continues to share its 40 years of experience via institutional collaborations, certificate programs, courses and seminars with the aim of contributing to the lifelong education of individuals. Speaking at the certificate ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam indicated that their aim is to help other universities reach a certain level of maturity and global success obtained by EMU. Thanking RDU for collaborating with EMU, Prof. Dr. Osam expressed his happiness



regarding their contribution to the nurturing of the youth. RDU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Ali Bıçak started his speech by thanking EMU for their contribution. Highlighting the importance of EMU's position on the "THE" rankings, Prof. Dr. Bıçak congratulated Prof. Dr. Osam and his team. Indicating that RDU is a newly established university Prof. Dr. Bıçak relayed information on RDU. Describing EMU as the flagship of Turkish Cypriot universities, Prof. Dr. Bıçak underlined that new universities have a lot to learn from EMU regarding providing a quality education. After the speeches, Prof. Dr. Bıçak presented EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam a knitted carpet with the portrait of TRNC's Founding President Rauf Raif Denktaş.

The RDU personnel who received comprehensive in-service training on various subjects are as follows:

Ayşe Şensoy (Principles of Correspondence between Units and Filing, Human Resources Management, Financial Affairs), Ticen A. Özraşit (Principles of Correspondence between Units and Filing), Faysal Güden (Legislation Management), Dr. Mustafa Avcım (Legislation Management), Hamidreza Monibi (Human Resources Management), Dilara Rasulova (Library Registration and Debiting Systems), Zhaniya Rakhimova (Financial Affairs), Yusuf Yıldız (Admissions).

THE EMU DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY DEMONSTRATES ITS QUALITY ONCE AGAIN

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Psychology English-medium Undergraduate Program has been accredited by the Turkish Psychological Association (TPD) until 2021.

EMU Department of Psychology has obtained this important achievement for the second time and continues to be the only department amongst Turkish Cypriot universities to hold this accreditation. EMU is one of 12 Turkish universities to have been accredited by TPD.

TPD is a member of the European Federation of Psychologists' Associations. In early 2019, the national and internationally respected association regained its accreditation authorization from the Council of Higher Education (YÖK). Therefore, YÖK recently provided TPD with the authority to provide accreditation to undergraduate Psychology programs for the second time. Despite criteria being increased during the second accreditation process, EMU Department of Psychology English-medium Undergraduate Program was once again accredited. At every chance, TPD has been indicating that as a result of the new criteria only the very best departments



will be accredited. In a statement of his own, EMU Department of Psychology Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fatih Bayraktar noted that they are proud of the department's latest achievement that once

again demonstrate their quality: "We would like to invite prospective psychology students to receive their education at our department that has one again proved its quality."

THE EMU AND QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY JOINT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM PRODUCES NEW GRADUATES

Four more postgraduate and PhD students from the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Business and Economics Faculty, Department of Banking and Finance have been awarded Canada's Queen's University's Professional Certificate in Investment Appraisal and Project Finance.

Within the scope of the collaboration protocol signed with Queen's University, students who were successful in the courses delivered by EMU Business and Economics Faculty academic staff members Prof. Dr. Mustafa Besim, Prof. Dr. Glenn Jenkins and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Ulaş Altıok were presented their certificates at a ceremony.

Behzad Sanaei from Iran and Pascal Ezeh, David Shobowale and Jennifer Lekwa from Nigeria were presented their certificates by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Business and Economics Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Selcan Timur at the certificate ceremony which commenced at 14:00 on Thursday, the 24th of October 2019.

The students obtained this certification after successfully passing a comprehensive examination in this field. The Department of Banking and Finance at EMU offers the three graduate courses that prepare students for this professional examination that is held twice a year. Since 2007 a total of 64 EMU graduate students have successfully passed this comprehensive examination.



EMU INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING GRADUATE IN HUHTAMAKI AS GENERAL MANAGER



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Engineering, Industrial Engineering Department 2000 graduate Özhan Can is promoted to General Manager position in Huhtamaki Group based in Finland.

Established in 1920 by Heikki Huhtamaki in Finland, Huhtamaki is listed among the biggest companies manufacturing food packaging and, disposable tableware for fast-food and hot-cold drink services in the world. Özhan Can initially started to work in Huhtamaki's Turkey office in 2006 as an industrial engineer. With the help of his technical knowledge and innovative projects that he produced, Can achieved to get the attention of the company executives and in a short time period, he was promoted to Production Manager position. Following his first promotion, he continued to get promotions in average of every three years and, he respectively worked as Sales Manager, Factory Manager, Operations Manager and, lastly Can worked his way up to the General Manager of Huhtamaki Turkey. Can stated that he not only received a good quality training in English in EMU Industrial Engineering Department but also he got a chance to be closely acquainted with different cultures. He thanked EMU and his department for the opportunity they offer to the students.

EMU Industrial Engineering Department Head Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gökhan İzbrak mentioned that Industrial Engineers and Management Engineers, on contrary to popular belief, do not only work in factories where productions of the produce are carried out but also successfully work in service sector (consultancy, transportation, energy, logistics, finance, banking, hospitals, brand management, software, tourism, education, telecommunication, promoting, human resources etc.) and, construction and extraction companies' administrative bodies. Therefore they contribute the companies by providing them less expenses with more amount of quality products and services. By mentioning that EMU Industrial Engineering Department holds an ABET accreditation (www.abet.org) which only 4 universities in Turkey managed to get, Assoc. Prof. Dr. İzbrak stated that Industrial Engineering Department offers its students double major programs in Mechanical Engineering or Business Administration. Since the department's first graduates in 1998, the graduates of Industrial Engineering and Management Engineering has been working in both national and international companies' administrative bodies which became trademarks in sectors such as production, service, construction and extraction. Moreover, graduates of the department receive acceptance from some of the renowned universities in the world such as MIT and Cambridge, graduate from the aforementioned universities with overachievement and continue their professional lives as academic staff members.

EMU DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER ASST. PROF. DR. ALI ÖVGÜN RECEIVES OUTSTANDING REVIEWER AWARD

For appearing in the top 1% of reviewers in Physics on the Web of Science global reviewer database Publons as determined by the number SCIE indexed peer-review reports Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Physics academic staff member Asst. Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün was presented a "Top Peer Reviewer 2019" award.

Asst. Prof. Dr. Övgün is the only person from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and Turkey to be seen fit for the award mentioned above in the field of physics. Asst. Prof. Dr. Övgün released the following statement: "I am happy to share with you that I have once again received the award which I previously received in 2018. I would also like to congratulate Assoc. Prof. Dr. Önsen Toygar from EMU's Engineering Faculty, Department of Computer Engineering for receiving this award in a different field (Cross-Fields).



Top Peer Reviewer 2019 Powered by Publons



EMU COMPUTER ENGINEERING ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER ASSOC. PROF. DR. ÖNSEN TOYGAR RECEIVES GLOBAL PEER REVIEW AWARD

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Engineering, Computer Engineering Department academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Önsen Toygar received the Global Peer Review Award from PUBLONS, a subsidiary of the Web of Science. The said award is granted to those who only evaluated the best scientific papers in the "Cross-Field" category.

The Global Peer Review Awards are annually organised by PUBLONS to celebrate the peer reviewers efforts in safeguarding the quality and integrity of scholarly communication through peer review. In addition to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Toygar, Assist. Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün has received the same award in "Physics" branch.



EMU ATTENDS THE 13TH PAN-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Eastern Mediterranean University Cyprus Policy Centre (EMU-CPC) Research Assistant Devrim Şahin participated in the 13th Pan-European Conference on International Relations. The theme of this year's conference was "A Century of Show and Tell: The Seen and the Unseen of International Relations." At the conference, Şahin delivered presentations on the work he carried out with EMU Department of Political Science and International Relations Chair / EMU-CPC President Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen. The conference which took place between the 10th and 14th of September 2019 at Sofia University was organized by the European International Studies Association (EISA). The conference lasted for a period of four days and featured numerous panels, round-table meetings and workshops attended by academicians and students from all over the world.

Comparing the Past and Present

Relations between the East and West were discussed at during the presentation of Şahin and Prof. Dr. Sözen's article titled "Time for a Nahost-Politik: EU's Need for a Strategic Vision Based Policy towards Turkey". This article was presented at the panel titled "Between the East and the West: The Image of Europe from Outside". Şahin argued that with tactical approaches similar to those which led to the downfall of the Athenian Democracy and the Roman Empire politics such as a readmission



agreement between the EU and Turkey and the proposition of a special statute won't have useful long-term outcomes. Instead of these approaches, Şahin emphasized the need for strategies with a vision of transforming Turkey's dynamics in a peaceful and democratic manner.

"Chaos and Order in World Politics"

During another panel, Şahin presented the article "Revolutionary chaotic peace: Reinforcing the peaceful global metamorphosis" which was written with Prof. Dr. Sözen also. Şahin argued that there has been a revolutionary structural metamorphosis in the system of international relations since World War 2. Şahin stated that the international system isn't anarchical and lacking a central authority as often perceived by the traditional perspective but more of a chaotic structure with complex

interconnected dynamics. Şahin provided weather as an example of a chaotic system. Stating that many dynamics such as humidity, air pressure and temperature operate without being dependant on a central system, Şahin underlined that the slightest change in one of these conditions can lead to large hurricanes somewhere else in the world.

Şahin stated that the main currents such as realism and liberalism or critical approaches such as Marxism, feminism and structuralism overlook this structural metamorphosis in the international system and concluded by indicating that a consciousness must be formed for states to show constructive behaviour, good will and courage in order for a more healthy international relations system to be created.

THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN DISCUSSED IN EMU

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Cyprus Policy Centre (CPC) and Business and Economics Faculty, Department of Political Science and International Relations organized a discussion panel titled "Quo Vadis Cyprus Conflict and the Eastern Mediterranean". The said panel took place on Wednesday, the 9th of October 2019. Nicosia University academic staff member Prof. Dr. Hubert Faustmann and EMU Political Science and International Relations Chair / CPC Director Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen attended the panel as speakers. The panel was moderated by EMU Business and Economics Faculty Vice Dean / Political Science and International Relations academic staff member Asst. Prof. Dr. Umut Bozkurt. During the opening speech, Asst. Prof. Dr. Bozkurt thanked everyone in attendance for their participation and stated that they are going to examine the Cyprus problem and issues in the Mediterranean via different paradigms.

"There is Desire for a Solution but No Belief"

Prof. Dr. Sözen started his talk by touching upon how Cyprus intersects with many regions geopolitically before providing a general evaluation of the events which led to today. Drawing attention to public opinion on both sides island, Prof. Dr. Sözen stated that there is desire for a solution but no belief. Prof. Dr. Sözen then stated that the disconnect between politicians running the peace negotiations and other segments of society and a lack of trust is decreasing the possibility of a solution. Prof. Dr. Sözen underlined that it is not easy to plan

a solution that will make both sides and the guarantors happy, to get this plan accepted at a referendum and to implement such a plan. Indicating that after the discovery of hydrocarbon in the Middle East actors such as America, Russia, Israel, Egypt and Lebanon have become included in the Cyprus problem Prof. Dr. Sözen stated that it is very difficult to predict the future because of rising tensions in the region.

"No Natural Gas in Cyprus Before a Solution"

After Prof. Dr. Sözen, Prof. Dr. Faustmann, the invited speaker of the panel, started his speech by explaining the historical development of the Cyprus problem and stating that the control of the island by England in 1878 resulted with the

Greek Cypriots' desire to self-govern. Prof. Dr. Faustmann added that the Cyprus problem is not related to religion, and that neither community is in favor of living under the direction of the other party. Among the problems experienced in the solution of the problem are the Greek Cypriots' inability to absorb the political power of the Turkish Cypriots with a 50% of power and a population rate of 18%, their belief that Turkey's would use its guarantorship for intervention any time they wish and, last but not least, their EU membership. Prof. Dr. Faustmann also pointed out that whilst the international community justifies the gas extraction by Greek Cypriots, it does not approve the exclusion of the Turkish Cypriots from the proceeds.



EMU-ATAUM PRESIDENT ASST. PROF. DR. GÖKTÜRK RELEASES STATEMENT ON REPUBLIC DAY

Eastern Mediterranean University Atatürk Research and Application Center President (EMU-ATAUM) Asst. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk released a statement on the 96th Anniversary of October 29, Republic Day. Asst. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk's statement reads as follows:

We are happy and proud to be celebrating the 96th Anniversary of the Republic of Turkey which was established after our nation's victory in the struggle of independence led by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk.

Atatürk started the National Liberation Struggle with the slogan of "Either independence or death" leading to success despite great poverty and difficulties, freeing the nation from imperialistic occupation forces. Following this success and revolutions aimed at bringing the Turkish nation to the level of a contemporary civilization, Atatürk established the Republic

of Turkey which he later described as "My Greatest Achievement".

Atatürk believed that a Republic was the best suited form of state for the Turkish nation because of its predication on public sovereignty. The Republic formed based on this belief with the foundations of a secular, democratic, social and constitutional state continues to live on today.

In the Great Speech, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk emphasized that we are where we are today because of the awareness that has emerged from our history that includes decades of national devastation and blood that has been spilled on every corner of this sacred nation. In his Address

to Youth, Atatürk entrusted the Republic to Turkish youth and gave directives about how it must be protected.

On this important day I would like to celebrate Republic Day whilst commemorating and showing gratitude to Mustafa Kemal Atatürk who stated "One day my mortal body will turn to dust, but the Turkish Republic will stand forever!" as well as his fellow fighters and all martyrs that fell to make these lands our nation.



EMU TOURISM FACULTY GRADUATES START WORK AT THE WORLD RENOWNED RESTAURANT GROUP LA PETITE MAISON

Graduates of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Gastronomy and Culinary Arts program have started working at the Abu Dhabi branch of the world renowned Restaurant Group La Petite Maison.

Releasing a statement on the matter, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that their Gastronomy and Culinary Arts program graduates Gamze Kural and Hüseyin Akbulut have started working as chefs at the Abu Dhabi branch of La Petite Maison from September 2019.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that this development is not a coincidence and that EMU Tourism Faculty graduates often find jobs at international businesses because of their academic competence and practical experience gained during their education. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also provided a reminder that six of their graduates are currently working full-time at another international Restaurant Group Coya.

"We are a Faculty with Strong International Collaborations"

Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that the EMU Tourism Faculty has strong international collaborations which provide graduates with important international career opportunities. Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by highlighting that their faculty will continue to be in high demand as a result of new international collaborations in the fields of global tourism, hotel management and gastronomy.



EMU HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY GRADUATES TAKE THEIR OATH



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Health Sciences Faculty organized an oath ceremony for the associate and undergraduate program graduates of the 2018-2019 Academic Year Spring Semester. The said organization took place at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 2nd of July 2019. The oath was taken by 530 new health personnel at the ceremony attended by Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Prime Ministry Undersecretary Dr. Suat Yeldener, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler, Institute of Graduate Studies and Research Director (a.) Prof. Dr. Ali Hakan Ulusoy, Vice-Deans, Chairs, academic staff, graduates and their families. Folk dancing was performed by the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Special Education Foundation Folk Dancing Team.

After the dance performance, speeches were delivered by the top ranking graduate of the Health Sciences Faculty, Nutrition and Dietetics Department Pelin Turunç and top ranking graduate of the School of Health Services, Anesthesia Program Dilara Tiryaki, on behalf of the students. During their speeches the students expressed their happiness regarding receiving diplomas from a university that provides world class education. The students also thanked EMU for providing them endless opportunities. Stating that they will leave the university with an awareness of protecting the right to health and supporting the development of health, the students also promised to fulfill all the requirements of the profession.

“Now You Are a Part of the Healthcare Team”
Delivering the opening speech, EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç



stated: “Dear graduates...Let me correct myself. Dear Colleagues! I salute you on this important day on which 530 colleagues from our School and Faculty are taking proud steps towards their careers.” Prof. Dr. Malkoç continued her speech by relaying information about the Health Sciences Faculty, the associate and undergraduate level education it provides, clinical studies and scientific research that has led to it becoming one of the most respected institutions in the field. Prof. Dr. Malkoç indicated that 37 scientific articles (24 international and 13 national) of academic staff from the faculty have been published in respected journals in the 2018-2019

Academic Year alone. Prof. Dr. Malkoç went on to highlight that they have acquired the necessary permissions for establishing an Orthopedic Prosthetics Orthotics Associate Program that will be available for the 2019-2020 Academic Year. Prof. Dr. Malkoç addressed her young colleagues stating: “Life is a road with ups and downs. We rejoice when some doors open and feel sorrow when others close. We witness failure as well as success. We must learn from our failures. You will see that this will prevent new mistakes in the future. Always remember Victor Hugo’s quote: “Being good is easy, what is difficult is being just.” Now you are a part of the healthcare team.”

GRADUATION ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE AT THE EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine held a number of activities for their 2018-2019 Academic Year Spring Semester graduates on Tuesday, the 2nd of July 2019. The "International Medicine Program" jointly run by EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine and the Marmara University Faculty of Medicine gave its first graduates in the Spring Semester of the 2017-2018 Academic Year and continued to graduate their students this year. A speech was delivered by EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora after an oath ceremony which took place at the faculty. Prof. Dr. Gökçora indicated that the graduates are now her colleagues and wished them luck in their honorable profession.

The students with the highest 3 grade averages this year were awarded their certificates following the speech of Prof. Dr. Gökçora. After the certificate presentation, EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of



Medicine's highest ranking student Oluwag Botemi Oluwaseun nailed her name on to the graduation log. After the ceremony, the EMU Dr.

Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine graduates and academicians carried out their traditional tree planting event.

EMU FACULTY OF PHARMACY GRADUATES TAKE OATH

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Pharmacy organised an Oath Taking Ceremony for its graduates prior to the 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Spring Term Graduation Ceremony. The graduates took the first step towards their profession by taking oath at a ceremony held on Friday, the 28th of June 2019 (11:00 a.m.) at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. Prior to the 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Spring Term Graduation Ceremony to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd of July 2019, 85 pharmacists took oaths to serve humanity, and uphold the ideals and obligations of their profession. The graduates vowed to maintain a life-long respect for their instructors and never to break the oaths of their profession. The oath ceremony was attended by Famagusta Mayor İsmail Arter, academic personnel, students and their families.

Following a moment of silence and the Turkish National Anthem, Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin gave a speech and noted that today is a big step in the graduates' paths to become pharmacists. Prof. Dr. Şahin stated that EMU Faculty of Pharmacy graduates work all around the world to serve humanity and whilst highlighting his belief that each graduate will become excellent pharmacists. Prof. Dr. Şahin congratulated the graduates and families and wished them the best in their careers.

"This is a beginning not an end"

During her opening speech, Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr.



Naciye Doratlı stated that she is very excited and happy before indicating that this is a beginning not an end. Relaying her belief that all students will be successful in their lives after EMU, Prof. Dr. Doratlı wished all students the best of luck in their future endeavors.

EMU is Famagusta and TRNC's Pride"

Famagusta Mayor İsmail Arter underlined that today is a very proud day stating that EMU has obtained numerous achievements in the 40 years following its establishment in 1979. Describing EMU as Famagusta and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus' (TRNC) pride Arter expressed that collaborations between EMU and the Famagusta Municipality will always continue.

Arter concluded by wishing all graduates luck in their professional careers.

After the opening speeches, students who represented EMU at the 16th National Patient Briefing Competition and top students of the programs Pharm. B. and Pharm. D. were presented awards by Mayor Arter and Prof. Dr. Doratlı. The award ceremony was followed by student speeches. Students were presented their Oath Certificates by Faculty of Pharmacy Vice-Deans and Faculty Members. After the graduates took their oaths collectively on stage and threw their caps in the air as a symbol of their achievement, the ceremony ended with a cocktail organized in their honor.

EMU GRADUATES OVER 2,100 STUDENTS FROM 51 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES IN 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR SPRING SEMESTER



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2018-2019 Spring Semester Graduation Ceremony took place at the EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 2nd July 2019. There was a remarkable turnout for the graduation ceremony during which 2,123 candidates from 51 different countries received their undergraduate and associate degrees. The said ceremony was broadcasted live by EMU TV as well as BRT Yaşam, Kıbrıs Genç TV, Ada TV and Kıbrıs TV. With increasing number of graduates each passing year, Eastern Mediterranean University's number of graduates has come close to 60,000 in its 40th year.

Attended By Many Important Figures

The graduation ceremony was attended by Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) President Mustafa Akıncı and his wife Meral Akıncı, TRNC Prime Minister Ersin Tatar, Republic of Turkey Ambassador to Nicosia Ali Murat Başçeri, TRNC Minister of National Education and Culture Nazım Çavuşoğlu, TRNC Minister of Finance Olgun Amcaoğlu, TRNC Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources Dursun Oğuz, CTP Member of Parliament Erkut Şahali, UBP Member of Parliament Oğuzhan Hasipoğlu, UBP Member of Parliament Resmiye Canaltay, UBP Member of Parliament Aytac Çaluda, HP Member of Parliament Mesut Genç, Prime Ministry Undersecretary Suat Yeldener, EMU Board of Trustees President Boysan Boyra, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Famagusta Mayor İsmail Arter, Representative of the Nigerian Embassy in Ankara Ahmed Monguno, TRNC Doha Representative Tayseer Al-Shanableh, Bologna University Representative and Law Faculty Dean Dr. Luca Mezzetti, international university representatives, government officials, vice rectors, deans, senate members, academic and administrative staff and graduate families.

The ceremony commenced with a moment of silence and the Turkish national anthem after the graduates took their places in the stadium. Then student speeches were delivered on behalf of graduates and a symbolic tree planting ceremony took place.

"You Received Top Quality Education"

Delivering the opening speech of the ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam indicated his



belief that graduates will have successful careers as a result of the top quality education they have received during their studies in EMU. Prof. Dr. Osam stated that the graduates have learned to protect local and universal values, to appreciate fellow human beings, to share, to overcome obstacles together, to value the lives of all living creatures, to respect rights and law, different cultures, religions, beliefs and traditions as well as to see every difference as the beauty of the universe during their time in the TRNC.

TRNC Minister of National Education and Culture Nazım Çavuşoğlu stated: "We are proud to be at the graduation ceremony taking place during the 40th year of our university which we see as the apple of our eye. What you have learned at EMU which was

established 40 years ago by people of our country and is currently a world renowned university is of top importance. We are working to ensure that TRNC meets its new goal of 150 thousand students after the previous goal of 100 thousand students has been reached."

"I Believe That You Will Be Successful"

During his speech, TRNC Prime Minister Ersin Tatar stated: "I graduated exactly 40 years ago. You will serve the humanity, your country and the world. I sincerely believe that you will be successful. I would also like to thank your families. You are where you are today as a result of their sacrifices. May the quality education you received at this great university bring you good fortune. I wish you a good future during which you will serve humanity with high ideals."

"I Wish You the Best of Luck in Your Future Lives"

During a speech of his own, TRNC President Mustafa Akıncı stated that he is excited to be attending the ceremony: "I would like to wish the best of luck to you the graduates of this distinguished university that has reached its 40th year. You have learned Atatürk's principles. The most important principle is 'peace at home, peace in the world'. Therefore wherever you may go, contribute to peace, tranquility democracy and human rights. This is my biggest piece of advice to you. I wish you the best of luck in your future lives."



EMU Organises A Special Reception For Graduates And Their Families

After the opening speeches, top ranking students in their faculties and departments were presented their diplomas and awards. EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine students took their Hippocratic Oath with Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora. The ceremony came to an end with a concert by popular Turkish singer Mehmet Erdem.

Within the scope of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2018-2019 Academic Year Spring Semester Graduation Week activities, a Graduation Reception was organised for EMU graduates and their family members who greatly contributed to their success. The reception which took place poolside at the Rector's Office Building commenced at 19:00 on Monday, the 1st of July 2019. Delivering the opening speech of the reception, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam wished the graduates the best of luck in their professional and academic lives. Prof. Dr. Osam also asked them to enjoy this well-deserved night.

The Bossa Nova Jazz Music Group delivered a concert at the reception. The graduates danced to the vibrant melodies of jazz with their family and friends. A 40th Anniversary cake was cut by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu.



2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR GRADUATES BID FAREWELL TO THE CITY WITH A TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Spring Semester graduates bid farewell to the city with a Torchlight Procession which took place at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, 28th June 2019. Approximately 2,600 graduates were present at the traditional Graduation Walk wearing their gowns.

EMU 2018-2019 Academic Year Spring

Semester graduates, academicians, administrative staff members, students and families started the procession with torchlights at the Famagusta Development Academy and walked to EMU Atatürk Square. Singing songs during the walk, the graduating students bid farewell to the city of Famagusta and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. The procession lasted approximately one hour and celebrations continued at the Atatürk Square.



EMU AWARDS DIPLOMAS TO THE GRADUATES OF DOCTORAL AND MASTER'S PROGRAMS



Eastern Mediterranean University 2018-2019 Academic Year Spring Semester Postgraduate Graduation Ceremony took place at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, 1st July 2019. The ceremony could be viewed worldwide via EMU TV's online broadcast. With over 20,000 students from 106 different countries, EMU is a locomotive institution of higher education that combines academic, social and cultural life. Living the excitement of graduating approximately 2,600 students in the Spring Semester of the present Academic Year, EMU continues to pay special attention to the organization of graduation week activities.

Representatives of the Nigerian Embassy in Ankara Ahmed Mohammed Monguno and Augustine Uche-Chukwu, Bologna University Rector's Representative and Faculty of Law Dean Prof. Dr. Luca Mezzetti, Higher Education Planning, Accreditation and Coordination Council Board Member Hasret Balcıoğlu, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Cyprus Social Sciences University Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer, Institute of Graduate Studies and Research Director (a.) Prof. Dr. Ali Hakan Ulusoy, Vice Rectors, Deans, Department Chairs, academic staff members and over 450 postgraduate students and their families were present at the ceremony.

Emotional Moments

The ceremony commenced with the entrance of the 2018-2019 Academic Year Spring Semester graduates who entered the hall with music and a standing applause from parents and academicians who witnessed an emotional moment. The ceremony continued with a moment of silence and the national anthem followed by a classical music performance by EMU Education Faculty, Music Teaching Program students Burcu Arıkel (violin) and Zehra Türkseven (piano). After the musical performance EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Turkish Language and Literature Master's Program graduate Ayşe Gürer delivered a speech on behalf of the 2018-2019 Academic Year Spring Semester graduates.



EMU'S NEW STUDENTS HAVE A GREAT TIME AT "WELCOMING NIGHT"

A "Welcoming Night" was organized within the scope of the 22nd Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Orientation and Welcoming Days which took place under the sponsorship of North Cyprus Turkcell. The said event took place on Friday, the 27th of September 2019 at the EMU Atatürk Square. The Welcoming Night featured the stands of different student clubs operating under the EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate. Students obtained the opportunity receive information and become members of clubs that caught their interest. New students and their families also had the opportunity to try traditional Cypriot dishes. In addition, the night featured the promotion of different faculties and schools as well as various sports competitions, stage performances and recreational activities.

Concerts from Ahmet Evan and The Healers
EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu visited the stands and conversed with students. In his speech, Prof. Dr. Osam welcomed new students to the university and wished everyone a successful academic year. Concerts by Ahmet Evan and The Healers were thoroughly enjoyed by students who also had the opportunity to meet and socialize with other new students during the colourful night.



HALLOWEEN WAS CELEBRATED IN EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Social and Cultural Activities Directorate operating under the Vice Rector for Student Affairs and International Student Associations organized a Halloween Party. The traditional Halloween party held annually took place on Friday, November 1st, 2019 at 18:00 at EMU Atatürk Square.

Participants had a Lot of Fun

Participation was very intense at the party, the students wore costumes and creative make-up that attracted great interest. In the event, where different cultures came together and had fun, a best costume competition was organized and the best three costumes were selected among the participants. This year, four different game stations and a horror house were specially prepared and entertainment was offered via different activities carried out by the students. DJ and musical performances also drew attention. There were colourful scenes on campus as a result of the party that allowed students to have fun until the late hours of the night.



EMU HOSTED AN INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE



The international "Global Joint Conference on Industrial Engineering and Its Application Areas (GJCIE 2019)" organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) in collaboration with the İstanbul Technical University (ITU) took place on the 2nd and 3rd of April 2019 at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Centre. This year's theme was identified as "Industrial Engineering in the Digital Disruption Era" and the conference was attended by world renowned academicians.

GJCIE 2019 was composed of three co-located conferences: the 4th Global Conference on Industrial Engineering (GCIE), the 5th Global Conference on Healthcare Systems Engineering and Management (GCHSEM), and the 6th Global Conference on Engineering and Technology Management (GCETM). GJCIE 2019 was accepted as an internationally renowned forum for researchers, practitioners, and educators to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends, experiences and challenges in the field of industrial engineering.

Presentations Were Delivered In Sessions

The opening ceremony of the conference took place on the 2nd of September 2019. The opening ceremony was followed by 6 sessions during which experts delivered presentations. On Tuesday, the 3rd of September 2019, the second day of the conference, information systems and technological application were discussed in detail. The conference especially focused on how data will contribute to production in the digital era and the productivity of organizations. On day two, presentations were delivered by experts in 7 different sessions. The conference came to an end with a gala meal that took place at the EMU Beach Club on Tuesday, the 3rd of September 2019.

Prestigious Publisher

The articles accepted to be presented at GJCIE 2019 will be published by Springer Nature in the book series titled "Lecture Notes in Industrial Engineering and Management". This publication is indexed by Web of Science. Further information about the conference supported by local company Necat & Zorlu Ltd can be obtained from the webpage <http://www.gjcie.org/>.



EMU PROVIDES IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR ENGLISH TEACHERS IN İSTANBUL

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Education Faculty, Department of Foreign Language Education academic staff member Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam and Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School academic staff member Asst. Prof. Dr. İ. Erkan Arkin held a "Communicative Language Teaching and Modern Methods" in-service training seminar upon receiving an invitation from the İstanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education. The seminar which touched upon and discussed hot topics in English language teaching was attended by 200 secondary school English teachers from different regions of İstanbul. The seminar also provided examples of how technology can be used to improve the speaking skills of students.

The participants of the seminar which took place in a group format were actively engaged with their laptops and mobile phones. The participants gained experience on how students can be motivated to speak English with easily downloadable applications from the internet and how student participation can be increased. The seminar also touched upon other conveniences that this technology can afford for teachers. At the end of the seminar, all teachers were delivered certificates of participation.

Technology in the Classroom

After delivering the seminar, EMU Education Faculty, Department of Foreign Language Education academic staff member Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı



Osam and Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School academic staff member Asst. Prof. Dr. İ. Erkan Arkin stated that they were happy to contribute to the "Believe in Yourself. Just Speak" themed project of the İstanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education which was aimed towards state school English students. The academic staff members went on to highlight that it is inevitable that technology use in classrooms will become more widespread provided pedagogic and ethical sensibilities are accounted for. Indicating that the verbal and written feedback from participants indicates that the in-service training seminar had reached its objectives, the EMU academicians stated that they and İstanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education representatives were happy to receive this feedback from the English teachers who implemented the techniques they learned in the seminar, the next day in their classrooms.



7TH EMU-CWS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GENDER STUDIES BEGINS

The 7th Eastern Mediterranean University Centre for Women's Studies (EMU-CWS) International Conference on Gender Studies commenced with an opening ceremony at 09:30 a.m. on Thursday, the 10th of October 2019 at the "Arsinoe" Meeting Hall of the Rauf Raif Denктаş Culture and Congress Centre. The ceremony was attended by EMU Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs

Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı, European Women Rectors Association (EWORA) Honorary President and Former İstanbul Technical University Rector Prof. Dr. Gülsün Sağlamer, EMU-CWS Director, Conference President and EMU Education Faculty, Department of Turkish and Social Sciences Education academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilin, Ankara University, Faculty of Languages, History and Geography, Department of Geography Vice-Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. M. Murat Yüceşahin, students and academic personnel.

All Types of Violence", Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erbilin emphasized that 220 papers have been presented at their annual conference which is "Gender, Space, Place & Culture" themed this year. In a speech of her own, EMU Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı provided information about the university. Stating that EMU-CWS shines like a star Prof. Dr. Doratlı wished everyone a fruitful conference.

The Conference Attracts Great Interest

Following the opening speeches, European Women Rectors Association (EWORA) Honorary President and Former İstanbul Technical University Rector Prof. Dr. Gülsün Sağlamer delivered a talk titled "The Role of Leadership in the Promotion of Gender Equality in Higher Education and Research". This was followed by a talk from Ankara University, Faculty of Languages, History and Geography, Department of Geography Vice-Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. M. Murat Yüceşahin titled "Is It a Man's World? Understanding Feminist Geographies". The conference which attracted great interest will continue for three days with parallel sessions. Until Saturday, the 12th of October 2019 the 7th International Conference on Gender Studies will feature the contributions of numerous valuable speakers. The papers presented at the conference will be published as a book by EMU shortly after the conference. Further information about the conference can be obtained from the webpage <https://gspc.emu.edu.tr>



"Zero Tolerance to All Types of Violence!"

In her opening speech following the screening of EMU's promotional film and a musical recital by Education Faculty, Department of Fine Arts Education, Music Teaching Program academic staff, EMU-CWS Director and Conference President Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilin touched upon their founding purpose and activities. Indicating that they set off with the slogan "Zero Tolerance to

TEAM "ADA" COMPRISED OF EMU ENGINEERING STUDENTS WILL BE REPRESENTING THE UNIVERSITY AT THE ELECTROMOBILE 2019 COMPETITION



The vehicle "Storm" designed and produced by the Electric Vehicle Development Center (EVDC) operating under Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector's Office is going to represent the university at the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBİTAK) Efficiency Challenge competition taking place within the scope of TEKNOFEST. This year's competition is going to take place at İstanbul Atatürk Airport between the 16th and 22nd of September, 2019. Team ADA is going to represent EMU for the third time in the 15th Annual Efficiency Challenge Competition.

In 2017, the Z-ZERO electric vehicle developed by the Faculty of Engineering, Department of Engineering attended the competition finishing

in 20th place out of 74 teams. This project was also seen fit to receive the Mechatronic Design Award as a result of its superiority in mechanic and electronic design, engineering work and being locality. Meanwhile the vehicle "Mediterranean Shark" finished the Electromobile 2018 Competition organized by

TÜBİTAK in ninth place.

EMU - The Only Representative of TRNC

As the only participating institution from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) this year EMU will take part in the electro mobile category of the said competition with the "Storm" vehicle of team "ADA". Team ADA's project "Storm" is being led by EVDC President Asst. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyalı. The team is com-

prised of local and international undergraduate and postgraduate students. The design, development and production of project "Storm" took place fully under the scope of EMU with students using the university's facilities and laboratories.

The Efficiency Challenge is an annual competition for university students organized by TÜBİTAK since 2005. The Challenge aims to lead to the research of alternative and clean energy sources, to increase their use in the automotive sector and to raise awareness. The vehicles designed according to the city concept are examined in terms of high energy efficiency. The organization that greatly values local production requires 4 parts of the vehicle to be produced domestically since 2018.

EMU REPRESENTED AT GIANT MATHEMATICS CONFERENCE IN FRANCE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarlan participated in "The 2nd Mediterranean International Conference of Pure & Applied Mathematics and Related Areas (MICOPAM 2019)" as an honorary invited speaker. The conference took place for the second time this year at Paris, the capital of France, between 28th and 30th August 2019 and 100 academicians who are specialized in mathematics made presentations. The conference was organized by d'Evry Val d'Essonne University lecturer Prof. Dr. Abdelmejjid Bayad who is known for winning France Sciences Academy Award. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarlan who represented EMU made a presentation at the conference titled "Delta-Gould-Hopper Appell Polynomials". The participants followed Prof. Dr. Özarlan's presentation with big interest. MICOPAM 2019 is known for gathering world's leading scientists who conduct research on pure and applied mathematics.

World's Leading Mathematicians

Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarlan had the privilege to be amongst the 9 important scientists who received a special invitation to MICOPAM 2019. Prof. Dr. Özarlan delivered a presentation alongside with famous names like Prof. Dr. Gradimir V.

Milovanovic (Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts) who is one of the most important mathematicians of Serbia), editor of one of the most prestigious academic publication in the world and again one of the leading mathematicians in Serbia, Prof. Dr. Branko Malešević (University of Belgrade), Prof. Dr. Marc-Antoine Coppo (Université Côte d'Azur), Prof. Dr. Daeyoul Kim (Chonbuk National University), Prof. Dr. Isabel Cação, (University of Aveiro), Prof. Dr. Alan Filipin (University of Zagreb).

The d'Evry Val d'Essonne University was found in 1991 and became a full member of Groups of Universities and Institutions (ComUE) "University Paris-Saclay". This foundation consists of universities, schools and research institutions that are stationed at South France. d'Evry Val d'Essonne University holds 15% of the total research done in France. Also, with the merge, University Paris-Saclay became a giant institution with 2 Nobel Prizes, 6 field medals, over 20 sciences Academy award, 65 thousand students and an institution that produces 15 thousand academic papers per year. The university which is amongst the top 100 universities in the World aims to become one of the top 20 universities in the World next year.



2ND TOURISM FACULTIES' DEANS COUNCIL MEETING IS HOSTED BY EMU

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty hosted the 2nd Tourism Faculties' Deans Council (TURDEK) meeting which was attended by the deans of Tourism Faculties operating in Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). The meeting which took place on the 11th and 12th of October 2019 in the EMU Senate Hall was moderated by İzmir Kâtip Çelebi University Tourism Faculty Dean / TURDEK President Prof. Dr. Atilla Akbaba and EMU Tourism Faculty Dean / TURDEK General Secretary Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. The meeting which featured the participation of 25 Tourism Faculty Deans was concerned with problems faced by Tourism Faculties. Solutions were proposed and discussed for important decisions to be made.

"We are Honoured to be the Hosts"

Speaking at the opening of the TURDEK meeting, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler highlighted the importance of the meeting and stated that are happy and honoured to be the hosts. Noting that the achievements and respectability of the EMU Tourism Faculty is a point of reference for the university Prof. Dr. Besler indicated that the Rector's Office continues to closely follow its development and is ready to provide all forms of support for the Faculty.



"Tourism Faculties Need to Adapt to Change"

In a speech of his own, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that they happy and honoured to be hosting such an important meeting. Highlighting that they also play an active role on the board of the Council, Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed that shaping Tourism education by being a part of the decision making mechanism is very important for the respectability and strength of the Faculty. Underlining that Tourism education needs to adapt to changing conditions in times that the concept of new generation universities are being discussed, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that this meeting will identify common problems and establish a vision that will be presented to the Council of Higher Education and other concerned parties. Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç announced that the meeting focused on the 3 main themes of Academic, Educational and Administrative adding that a consensus was

reached by the management of all faculties on each theme.

"Decisions Taken Will Be Presented to the Council of Higher Education"

In his speech, TURDEK President Prof. Dr. Atilla Akbaba stated that the TURDEK Board of Management came together with the Council of Higher Education President Prof. Dr. M. A. Yekta Saraç and concerning board members on the 19th of June 2019. Prof. Dr. Akbaba relayed that the meeting in Cyprus was agreed upon as a result of the common opinion that there was a need for urgent decisions to be made. Prof. Dr. Akbaba concluded that the results of this meeting will be determinant in the development and restructure of undergraduate and postgraduate tourism education along with TUDEK's collaboration that will carried out with other concerned parties in the near future.

EMU REPRESENTED AT BAKU'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS MATHEMATICS CONFERENCE

A team comprising of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Mathematics Chair Prof. Dr. Nazım İ. Mahmudov and academic staff members Prof. Dr. Agamirza Bashirov, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Suzan Cival Buranay and Dr. Övgü Çıdar İyikal represented EMU at the 8th International Eurasian Conference on Mathematical Sciences and Applications - 2019 (IECMSA - 2019).

Leading academicians in the field of mathematics delivered presentations at IECMSA 2019 which was dedicated to the 100th anniversary of Baku State University. The conference took place in Azerbaijan's capital of Baku. Baku State University is the oldest University in Azerbaijan that was established in 1919. Nobel Prize winning L.D. Landau studied at Baku State University



between 1922 and 1924. With its history, education and academicians trained Baku State University is the leading university in Azerbaijan. At the conference whose General Coordinator was Prof. Dr. Murat Tosun from Sakarya University, Prof. Dr. Nazım İ. Mahmudov delivered a presentation titled "Representation of a Solution and Stability for a Sequential Fractional Impulsive Time-Delay Linear Systems". Prof. Dr. Agamirza Bashirov delivered a presentation titled "On Exact Controllability of Semilinear Systems". Assoc. Prof. Dr. Suzan Cival Buranay delivered a presentation titled "Effective Error Estimate for the Hexagonal Grid Solution of Laplace's Equation on a Rectangle" and Dr. Övgü Çıdar İyikal delivered a presentation titled "Incomplete Block-Matrix Factorization of M-Matrices Using Two Step Iterative Method for Matrix Inversion and Preconditioning". The International

Eurasian Conference on Mathematical Sciences and Applications has been held annually in different locations since 2012. It is known for bringing together leading scientists that carry out mathematics research. Prof. Dr. Arif Salimov (Baku State University), Prof. Dr. Mourad E. H. Ismail (University of Central Florida), Prof. Dr. Ayman Rateb Badavi (American University of Sharjah), Prof. Dr. Toma Albu (Simion Stoilow Institute of Mathematics of the Romanian Academy), Prof. Dr. Varga Kalantarov (Koç University), Prof. Dr. Sidney A. Morris (Federation University Australia) and editors in chief of the world's most prestigious mathematics journals Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Sprössing (Freiberg University of Mining and Technology) and Prof. Dr. Francesco Altomare (University of Bari Aldo Moro) were amongst those mathematicians who received special invitations to IECMSA 2019.

EMU REWARDED ITS SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS WITH CASH CHECKS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) rewarded the students demonstrating outstanding success during the 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Spring Semester. Students who made it to the top 10 in faculties and schools were presented with cash checks in 3 different categories during a ceremony held at 2:30 p.m. on 23rd October, 2019 at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler, Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu, faculty deans, school directors, department heads, academic staff members and students attended the ceremony.

“I Congratulate All Students”

At the beginning of the ceremony, Prof. Dr. Oğurlu welcomed all participants and added that a considerable number of students demonstrated outstanding

success in faculties and schools. Congratulating those students who made it to the top 10, Prof. Dr. Oğurlu added that the university supports the successful students with cash cheques. Thanking all those who contributed the students’ success, Prof. Dr. Oğurlu wished that the students get their big reward in their careers after their graduation.

Following the address of Prof. Dr. Oğurlu, Prof. Dr. Besler and Prof. Dr. Oğurlu presented cheques to Faculty of Law student Aslı Özbayrak, Health Sciences Faculty student Ndey Penda Mboob and Business and Economics Faculty student Oğuz Faruk Haksever. The ceremony continued with students receiving their cash cheques from faculty deans, school directors, department heads and academic staff members. The cash check awards were

presented in 3 different categories: First place students were given three times the minimum wage, second place students were given two times the minimum wage and the third place students were presented with the minimum wage.

Laptops were Presented to Students

Laptops were also presented to 2 students who made it to the top 5000 at ÖSYM’s university admission exam (YKS), and the top two achievers in the Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School’s 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Spring Semester proficiency exam. Many faculty members also attended the ceremony to share the excitement of the students.

SOMALIA’S MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE VISITS EMU WITH HIS COMMITTEE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) recently hosted Somalia’s Minister of Agriculture Dr. Said Hüseyin and his committee. EMU is a university that attracts many Somalian students including the two children of Somalia’s Minister of Youth and Sports Khadijo Mohamed Diriye. EMU continues to be an appeal to students from all around the globe as a result of its educational and social achievements. In addition to Somalia’s Minister of Agriculture Dr. Said Hüseyin the committee that visited EMU included Ankara’s Somalian Ambassador Jama Abed Ellahi Mohamed, Somalian Education Attaché Abdülaziz Abdurrahman and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of National Education Supervisor Ahmet Simitçioğlu.

“Somalian Students are Happy at EMU”

The meeting took place in the office of EMU’s Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu at 17:00, on Thursday, the 18th of July, 2019. EMU Vice Rector for Financial Affairs Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural, Registrar’s Office Director Hüseyin Ünsal Yetiner and International Student Affairs Coordinator Ahmed Kasım Abdillahi were also present at the said meeting during which Somalia’s Minister of Agriculture Dr. Said Hüseyin stated that Somalian students are very happy at EMU. Vice Rector

for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu highlighted that student satisfaction is one of the university’s biggest priorities. The meeting came to

an end with Prof. Dr. Oğurlu presenting gifts to the committee and the committee members embarking on a tour of the university.



EMU ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER ASSOC. PROF. DR. METIN ERSOY ELECTED AS EUPRA GENERAL SECRETARY FOR THE FOURTH TIME



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy was elected as the General Secretary of the European Peace Research Association (EuPRA), operating under the regional constitution of International Peace Research Association (IPRA), for the fourth time. A statement from the EMU Public Relations and Press Office Directorate indicated that by being elected EuPRA General Secretary for the fourth time, EMU Communication Faculty, Department of New Media and Journalism academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy has become the EuPRA General Secretary to have held this position for the longest period of time. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy also represented EMU at the 11th International EuPRA Conference hosted by the Italian University of Catania where he presented a paper. The

EuPRA General Assembly was also held during the conference. After an election to determine EuPRA's Board of Directors, University of Catania academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daniela Irrera was once again elected to be EuPRA President. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy was then unanimously elected to be EuPRA General Secretary for the fourth time.

2 New Faces on the Board of Directors

EuPRA's Board of Directors were also selected at the General Assembly. The Board of Directors is comprised of the following names for 2019-2020: Daniela Irrera (Italy), Metin Ersoy (TRNC), Vidar Vambheim (Norway), Unto Vesa (Finland), Stephanie Thiel (Germany), Ilaria Tucci (Italy), Olga Vorkunova (Russia) and Craig Brown (England). Ilaria Tucci (Italy) and

Craig Brown (England) are the two new members of the EuPRA Board of Directors.

12th EuPRA Conference Will be Taking Place in Finland

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy who has been EuPRA's General Secretary since 2013 will continue to represent EMU in an international environment in his fourth term as General Secretary. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy provided a reminder that EuPRA is a sister organization of IPRA and that this non-profit organization which was formed in 1990 organizes conferences every two years in order to contribute to peace studies academically. Indicating that the next EuPRA conference is going to take place in Finland in 2020, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy noted that they have started work to organize a well-attended, top quality conference that will contribute to world peace.

EMU WAS REPRESENTED AT THE "FUTURE OF JOURNALISM" CONFERENCE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, Department of New Media and Journalism academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy attended the "Future of Journalism" conference in Wales. The conference was also attended by world renowned communication professors and researchers.

"Community Media and Standards"

According to information released by the EMU Public Relations and Press Directorate, the conference held by Cardiff University's School of Journalism, Media and Culture once every two years was attended by academicians from many different countries and universities. During the conference Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy presented the article he wrote with Asst. Prof. Dr. Aysu Arsoy titled "Community Media and Standards: The Example of CCMC".

Reader-Centered Media

Providing information about the article Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy stated that their study on community media had important findings for Cyprus. The study's findings revealed that traditional media is continuing to lose power and that reader-centered media such as community based media and alternative media are becoming more prevalent in this century. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy also highlighted that community media acts as a voice for the voiceless.



"Cyprus Needs Community Media"

Emphasizing that Cyprus needs community media, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy continued as follows: "The Cyprus Community Media Centre (CCMC) has served individuals, groups, media members and civil society for 10 years. The present situation is that the functions of CCMC have unofficially been halted. However, we have been informed that the community media functions started by CCMC will be continuing under different names. It is important that formations which allow democracy, human rights and different voices to develop continue their operations.

Mobile Journalism

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy, who also evaluated the conference in Cardiff about 'The Future of Journalism', said that different types of journalism

were tried in the world and concepts such as mobile journalism have emerged. With the help of mobile journalism and portable electronic devices Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy stated that journalists have begun to serve society more quickly and examples of mobile journalism have started to emerge in Cyprus. Making assessments about the future of journalism, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy stated that journalism will not disappear, and that it will increase its power with an understanding that is constantly developing and centred on society by responding to the needs of the era. Assoc. Dr. Metin Ersoy attended the conference and had the opportunity to discuss the future of journalism and joint projects with one of the world-renowned peace journalism professors Jake Lynch. Assoc. Dr. Metin Ersoy invited Jake Lynch to Cyprus and EMU as well as proposing a workshop on peace journalism for journalists.



IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENT OF EMU ARCHITECTURE FACULTY MASTER'S PROGRAM STUDENTS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Architecture Faculty, Department of Architecture Master's Program (non-thesis) students won the "People's Choice" award of the prestigious design competition "Athenaeum – of World Architecture '20: Brazil" with their project titled "The Hovering Building". Khadidja Moussa Abakar, Dana Amro and Farbod Fathi participated in the competition with the project they prepared for their MARC591

course. Course conveners Gaye Şenyasa and Zafer Cafer Volkan stated that they are always made proud by the success of their students.

About The Competition

Today architects don't just design buildings, they design ecosystems. This has significantly expanded the role of architecture. As we enter 2020, changing definitions are becoming clearer. As architecture

evolves, themes continuously shift, leaving behind amazing trails. In the context of South America this is more apparent than ever. Framing the world capital architecture as a place of dialogue, the time to build architecture for architecture is now. The word "Athenaeum" in the 21st century is more than just a space for learning. The jury of the competition is comprised of world renowned designers, professionals and academicians.

EMU ALUMNI REUNITE AT "EMU NETWORK"



Eastern Mediterranean University Alumni Communications and Career Research Directorate (EMU MİKA) has introduced new EMU alumni platform titled "EMU Network" (<http://emu.network>) developed with the aim of bringing together EMU graduates and enhancing their communication. The platform has started to accept members.

According to EMU – MİKA Director Derviş Ekşici, "EMU Network" is a member of a platform developed by Graduway software company for universities, international schools and official institutions from 43 countries. It helps institutions engage with graduates who are difficult to reach, reach the most current data of their graduates through integrating with LinkedIn and Facebook, and establish a network and communication among graduates with their personalized system, which is now a brand.

"Provides Many Opportunities"

The same platform also makes institutions' communication with the alumni more effective and, at the same time, increases the donations to the institution. Through the same network, institutions may provide better career guidance, mentoring and consultancy services to the alumni. Additionally, Graduway easily integrates with the institution's

existing customer relationship management system (CRM). Director of EMU-MİKA Derviş Ekşici provided the following information: "EMU Network System is a platform created in 2018 especially for EMU Alumni to maintain communication between each other and with their school and faculty. Developed by Graduway software company, these platforms are used by many international universities. EMU Network provides many opportunities for graduates. It is designed to make communication with graduates more widespread and effective as well as to encourage guidance, career and activities. Our alumni can update their academic and career information in connection with Facebook and LinkedIn. The platform also provides career guidance services to students. We invite all members of EMU Alumni to become members of the platform via <https://emu.network>

Used by Prominent Institutions

Some notable members of the platform are as follows: University of Oxford, UCLA, Zeppelin University, Munich Business Faculty, ESMT, Universitat Oldenburg ST Gallen, Maastricht School of Management and Bucarius Law School in Europe and Bosphorus University, Robert College, Istanbul Technical University, Middle East Technical University, and International Community School in Turkey.

EMU ARCHITECTURE DEPARTMENT STUDENTS CARRY OUT DESIGN / IMPLEMENT PROJECT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture, Architecture Department students carried out a Design / Implement project within the scope of their summer internship as a result of a collaboration between Yeniboğaziçi Municipality and the Union of the Chambers of Cyprus Turkish Engineers and Architects. The project was carried out with students and academic staff members from the Architecture

Department of Turkey's MEF University. The public interest project was developed to meet the requirements of Yeniboğaziçi Municipality Public Beach. The project featured a kiosk, semi-enclosed space, lifeguard tower, beach beds, hammocks and seating units.

Yeniboğaziçi Mayor Mustafa Zurnacılar, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç

Zorlu Oğurlu, Faculty of Architecture Dean Özgür Dinçyürek and Architecture Department Chair Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alpar Atun attended the closing event of the project where they obtained the opportunity to closely examine the designs. Many students and academic personnel were also present at the highly attended event.



EMU ARCHITECTURE FACULTY HOLDS AHMET VURAL BEHAEDDIN STUDENT AWARDS COMPETITION

Within the scope of a protocol signed by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector's Office, EMU Architecture Faculty and Tülin Behaeddin (the wife of Turkish Cypriot modernist architect Ahmet Vural Behaeddin), the 8th student awards competition took place with the aim of keeping Ahmet Vural Behaeddin's work and memory alive. Participation was significantly high.

The EMU Architecture Faculty delivered prizes in a total of four categories after jury evaluations were carried out. The competition was attended by 3rd and 4th year students of Architecture and Interior Architecture Departments of Turkish and Turkish Cypriot universities. There were a total of 128 applications from 19 institutions for the competition with the format that required students to transform their projects from the indicated academic year into poster presentations.

The Award Ceremony Took Place at the Naci Talat Foundation

The EMU Architecture Faculty Ahmet Vural Behaeddin Commission comprised of President / Architecture Faculty Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Banu Tevfikler Çavuşoğlu, Prof. Dr. Mukaddes Polay, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Öngül and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dr. Kağan Günçe held a spectacular award ceremony at the Naci Talat Foundation building in Nicosia.

Nicosia Turkish Municipality Mayor Mehmet Harmancı was also in attendance at the ceremony where those who contributed to Ahmet V. Behaeddin's work were delivered plaques. Indicating

that he has left us a legacy of valuable architectural artefacts, Mayor Harmancı stated that Ahmet V. Behaeddin occupies an important place for Nicosia. Mayor Harmancı concluded by stating that they can develop projects with the EMU Architecture Faculty to hand down Ahmet V. Behaeddin's memory and architecture to future generations.

The Jury was Comprised of Professionals and Cash Prizes Awarded

The general coordinator of the 2019 Ahmet Vural Behaeddin Student Awards Competition was Ekrem Ziver Bodamyalızade and the coordinator of the competition was Assoc. Prof. Dr. Banu Tevfikler Çavuşoğlu. The prestigious guest jury members from Turkey and Cyprus included important architects, interior architects, chamber presidents and representatives such as Nevzat Sayın, Esat

Fişek, Ertuğ Ertuğrul, Ebru Olgun, Çağdaş Özgece and Resul Ergün. All competition participants were delivered certificates and cash prizes were awarded to winners of the different categories under the sponsorship of Tülin Behaeddin. The winners of the competition are as follows:

Architecture 4th Year Category - Salem A. Bader (EMU), Architecture 3rd Year Category - Ayberk Özdemir (MEF), Interior Architecture 4th Year Category - Malek Baher Jaroudi (EMU), Interior Architecture 3rd Year Category - Maide Pelin Türk (Başkent University).

Projects will be Exhibited Until the 1st of November 2019

In a podcast, Jury President Nevzat Sayın touched upon Architect Ahmet V. Behaeddin's adoption of Mediterranean geography as an international language and emphasis of modernity in architecture. President Sayın also stated that the competition has raised the bar and provided clues about important decision for the future.

The podcast episode can be accessed from the following link: <https://m.soundcloud.com/emupodcasts/mimar-nevzat-sayin-ahmet-vural-behaeddin-ve-akdeniz-modernizmi>. After the important competition, EMU Architecture Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek thanked everyone for their contributions and stated that the competition work will be published into a book. The competition project exhibition can be visited until the 1st of November 2019.



NEZİRE İNCE BECOMES THE FIRST GRADUATE OF EMU'S HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY PHD PROGRAM

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Health Sciences Faculty is proud to have graduated its first PhD student (Nezire İnce from the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics). İnce successfully completed her thesis titled "Investigating the Relationship between Conformity to Mediterranean Diet and Cognitive Performance Amongst Individuals Living in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Aged 50 or Above". İnce's thesis supervisor was EMU Department of Nutrition and Dietetics academic staff member and EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler.

The jury members at İnce's thesis defense which took place at the EMU Health Sciences Faculty SBF Meeting Room at 10:00 on the 24th of July 2019 were Başkent University Health Sciences Faculty academic staff member Gül Kızıltan, İstinye University Health Sciences Faculty academic staff member Prof. Dr. Funda Elmacıoğlu, Cyprus International University academic staff member Dr. Seyit M. Mercanlıgil, EMU Health Sciences Faculty, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics academic staff member / EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler and EMU Health Sciences Faculty Vice Dean Asst. Prof. Dr. Seray Kabaran. Nezire İnce successfully completed her defense to become the faculty's first PhD graduate.



EMU PHARMACY FACULTY DEAN PROF. DR. MUSTAFA F. ŞAHİN RECEIVES AN HONOUR AWARD

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Pharmacy Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin has been granted the 2019 Science, Service and Incentive Award which has been issued by the Turkish Pharmacists' Association, Academy of Pharmacy since 2005.

Prof. Dr. Şahin who received the award for his contributions to science and the profession was delivered his award at a ceremony organized for Pharmacists' Day on the 25th of September 2019.

The Academy of Pharmacy was established to contribute to scientific development and pharmacy education in collaboration with academic institutions. Prof. Dr. Şahin played a role in the foundation of the academy which has been serving pharmacists and delivering science, service and incentive awards since its establishment.



EMU DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION IS REPRESENTED AT AN INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Education Faculty, Department of Elementary Education was represented at the 6th International Early Childhood Education Congress in Turkey hosted by Kafkas University. The main theme of the congress that featured scientific contributions of approximately 400 participants from 7 different countries was "Childhood Construction". EMU Education Faculty, Department of Elementary Education Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eda Yazgın was invited to be a guest speaker at the 6th International Early Childhood Education Congress. In the panel titled "Early Childhood Education to Future from the Traditional", Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yazgın delivered her talk titled "Creativity and Aesthetics in Pre-Schools in Seoul and Moscow".

Creative Skills are at the Forefront

Touching upon research carried out on the effects school

environments have on the learning of children, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yazgın stated that the best school designs are those that provide the best service to learning. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yazgın also spoke about emotive materials supporting creativity and the functions of educational material that trigger imagination. Stating that new educational

approaches that bring to prominence skills such as creative writing, entrepreneurship and social service are starting to draw attention, gain support and develop, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yazgın highlighted the importance of early childhood education by providing the example of Leonardo Da Vinci who shaped his designs with the inspiration he received from nature in the mountain village where he lived until the age of 14. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yazgın emphasized the importance early childhood education whilst underlining that Da Vinci owed his creative genius to the experiences in his early life.

Releasing a statement about the congress, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yazgın indicated that it was attended by a large number of academicians, school executives, non-governmental entrepreneurs and students. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yazgın concluded by stating that the 7th International Early Childhood Education Congress will be taking place at Ege University in 2021.



"TALKS ON EDUCATION" DAYS IN EMU FACULTY OF EDUCATION

The highly participated "Talks on Education" Days was organized for the first time in cooperation with Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Education, Department of Special Education and Department of Elementary Education. The events that were intended for Special Education and Elementary Education Department final year students took place in Education Faculty Conference Hall and hosted different scholars including academic staff member Dr. Tamer Karakoç – "Mind & Classroom Management"; Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu and academic staff member Hare Eminoğlu – "WOODLE: An Introduction to the Design of Award-Wining Educational Toy intended for Visually-Challenged People"; Assist. Prof. Dr. Y. Ziya Tavil – "Positive Behavioral Support (PBS) and Behavior Modification"; and Assoc. Prof. Dr. B. Fatih Meral – "Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Eating Problems".

"A Teacher should be Psychologically Ready"

During the "Mind & Classroom Management" seminar delivered by academic staff member Dr. Tamer Karakoç, the importance of teacher's attitudes and behaviors were stated. Moreover, according to Karakoç, teacher candidates are required to have specific knowledge and skills in order to manage the class effectively. A teacher must have the goods regarding classroom management before the class or course begins but a teacher must also be psychologically ready for teaching. Dr. Karakoç talked about effective mind and classroom management strategies that can be applied by teacher candidates. Dr. Karakoç also made various suggestions in this manner.

Behaviors that can be observed During Classes

Assist. Prof. Dr. Y. Ziya Tavil gave a seminar on "Positive Behavioral Support (PBS) and Behavior

Modification". During his speech, Prof. Dr. Tavil touched on the need of teachers dealing with possible problematic behaviors during class for maintaining an effective educational session. Therefore, teachers must have knowledge and skills on some intervention programs such as Positive Behavioral Support. By drawing attention on pre-, during- and post-behavioral reasons that cause problematic behaviors, Assist. Prof. Dr. Tavil provided information for teacher candidates on how to use intervention programs that are specifically designed for such reasons.

An Introduction to Award-Winning Woodle

During the seminar titled "WOODLE: An Introduction to the Design of Award-Wining Educational Toy intended for Visually-Challenged People", Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu and academic staff member Hare Eminoğlu introduced their international "A" Design Award winning educational toy design "WOODLE". Prof. Dr. Çavuşoğlu and Eminoğlu talked about the design of educational toy WOODLE which is not only visually-challenged friendly but also can be used by children with no disabilities. The speakers of the seminar indicated that WOODLE can be effectively used by teachers in educating visually-challenged children because of the toy's nature to contribute the cognitive, affective, language and motor developments of children by prompting the senses of playing, touching, reading and seeing by writing.

"Eating Habits Increase the Quality of Life"

Assoc. Prof. Dr. B. Fatih Meral also delivered a seminar on "Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Eating Problems" where he mentioned that eating problems are deemed as indicators for early diagnosis for ASD and, also the high chances of



children with ASD to experience eating problems. During his speech, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Meral stated that nutrition is the most important thing among primary needs and, touched on the significant role of reasonable eating habits in terms of health and social aspects and, its influence on increasing families' quality of lives, reducing anxieties and, supporting interaction with children. Adding more, Meral provided information on scales that are commonly used to reduce or eliminate the eating problems of children with ASD.

Seminar organization board members Assoc. Prof. Dr. Selma Akalın and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eda Yazgın stated that the talks that took place in EMU Faculty of Education are to play a vital role on developing vocational knowledge and skills for teacher candidates studying in Special Education and Elementary Education Departments. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Akalın and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yazgın indicated that Educational Talk events are to continue in upcoming years.

EMU SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND TECHNOLOGY'S SUCCESS IN CARTOGRAPHY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) School of Computing and Technology (SCT) is to collaborate with Nectad; the most commonly used firm in the fields of geographical information systems, spatial zoning cadastre, parceling, planning and in general cartography in both Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and also, the biggest firm with a wide market share.

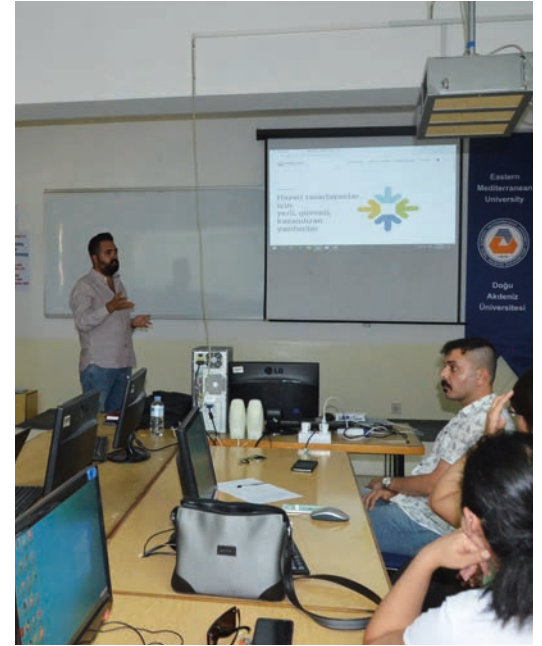
Always working in a direct connection with such sectors and also, keeping up with the latest technologies available, EMU School of Computing and Technology provides an opportunity for its students to own the up-to-date and necessary skills needed in the sector. EMU School of Computing and Technology's main goal is to provide quality-oriented training by balancing the theoretical and practical teaching aspects. EMU SCT continues to work on increasing the

By stating that Nectad installing its programs into two laboratories free of charge during its visit to the school, EMU School of Computing and Technology vice Director Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazife Dimililer also mentioned that EMU SCT seeks to educate its students with respect to present day's conditions. Indicating the possibility of Nectad software being used in vocational courses, Assist. Prof. Dr. Dimililer expressed that using Nectad software in classes enables students to be familiar with the program which is used in both public and private sector in TRNC and Turkey.

Assist. Prof. Dr. Dimililer and, Mapping and Cadastral Survey Department Head Assist. Prof. Dr. Ece Çelik thanked to Nectad for providing their software to be used for educational purposes and also to EMU SCT for always

working devotedly without compromising. Moreover, they expressed their wish to continue the collaborations further in the future.

All department operating under EMU SCT are accredited with ASIIN and FIBAA. Even though Mapping and Cadastral Survey Department is a newly launched department, it also holds an ASIIN accreditation and ensured its graduates' diplomas being recognized within the boundaries of Europe. Therefore, it provides an opportunity for its graduates to work and also study abroad.



EMU'S CISCO TRAINING SUCCESS

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Computer Center Directorate has been providing CISCO Systems Networking Academy Training for the last 15 years. EMU Network Manager and Networking Academy Representative / Instructor Yusuf Küçük had previously obtained the "Academy Curriculum Excellence", "Instructor Excellence Expert" and "15 Years Academy Service" awards. Küçük recently obtained an Instructor Trainer Qualification (ITQ) certificate after sitting an exam under the supervision of İstanbul CISCO Systems' Middle East Technical Manager.

An Important First

With this certificate EMU earned the right to deliver CCNA Instructor Training for the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and other countries in the region. Therefore, in addition to CISCO Networking Academy CISCO Education, EMU can now provide Academy Support Center (ASC) and Instructor Training Center (ITC) service to countries other than the TRNC. In a statement released concerning the latest developments, EMU Computer Center Director Aytaç Çerkez stated that they will

be starting their CCNA Instructor Training courses in the new academic semester and highlighted that this is a first in the TRNC. Çerkez underlined that they will continue to deliver the newest content to EMU and the whole of the TRNC.

The World's Biggest Training Portal

Networking Academy was established by Information Technologies and Communications world leader CISCO Systems in 1997. CISCO Networking Academy provides training on Networking, Internet of Things (IoT), Programming, Security, Operating Systems, Information Technologies and Packet Tracer. CISCO Networking Academy's primary industrial courses on CCNA R&S, Network Programming and CCNP R&S are applied courses. IoT, IoT Security, Big Data and Analytic, Python, C, C++, REST API, CCNA Cybersecurity and CCNA Security are CISCO Networking Academy's other important courses. CISCO Networking Academy holds the world's biggest training portal and trains 1 million experts in the field of Information Technologies each year.



SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS EXAMINE SPACE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Physics organized an Astronomy Course aimed towards secondary school students aged 12 and above. The scientific course took place on the 5th and 7th of August, 2019 and was free of charge in order to be beneficial to the society. The mentioned dates were chosen because they were suitable for observing the stars and planets. During the course, the young students gained the opportunity to examine the sky and obtain detailed information about space and astronomy.

Certificates Were Delivered

Astronomy License (BS University of Central Lancashire, UK) holding teacher Yenel Ögmen and EMU Physics Department PhD student Huriye Gürsel delivered the Astronomy Summer Course as volunteers. The theoretical component of the course was delivered in a 35 seated classroom of the EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty. Observation was carried out with a telescope from the inventory of Yenel Ögmen's Green Island Observatory. The students and instructors were delivered certificates upon completion of the course.



A FEDERAL SOLUTION IN CYPRUS DISCUSSED AT EMU

A workshop titled "Evaluation of a Possible Federal Solution in Cyprus" organized by Eastern Mediterranean University Faculty of Law was held at EMU Business and Economics Faculty Meeting Hall BEA5 on Thursday, September 12th, 2019. The keynote speaker of the workshop which took place under the moderation of EMU Law Faculty Constitutional Law Academic Staff Member Assist. Prof. Dr. Demet Çelik Ulusoy was world-renowned political scientist Prof. Dr. Jan Erk.

Among the participants of the workshop were EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Political Science and International Relations Chair Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen, EMU Faculty of Law academic staff members Assist. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba, Assist. Prof. Dr. Emine Koçano Rhodes, and Assist. Prof. Dr. Seda Orbay, Near East University Faculty of Law academic staff member Asst. Prof.

Dr. Aydın Atılan and Beykent University Faculty of Law academic staff member Dr. Mustafa Ercakica.

Youth organizations also joined the workshop because of their interest in the subject. Representatives of the Youth Initiative in Education, Independent Youth Platform and UK Turkish Cypriot Student Federation attended the workshop which focused on the framework of a possible Federal System in Cyprus, successful and unsuccessful federal systems in the world, identity, ethnicity, and authority sharing and the institutional, political and sociological dimensions of federal systems.

Structure of the Federal System was Discussed

The issue of Cyprus dispute and solution is considered one of the longest-running issues of the international law. It is also known that a possible solution in Cyprus has been explained by international foci as a federal system. In addition, apart from the federal system being considered as part of a possible solution in Cyprus, many different ideas on different solution parameters have been put forward. In addition to discussing these ideas in the workshop, the resolutions of the UN Security Council and the federal system as a form of state emphasized by the Negotiation Desk were addressed.



EMU SENIOR INSTRUCTOR BOĞAÇ BECOMES A SCRIPT CONSULTANT FOR THE FILM "MÜSTAKBEL AİLE"

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, Department of Cinema and Television senior instructor Barçın Boğaç acted as a script consultant for producer, director, actor and presenter İlker Ayrık's film "Müstakbel Aile". Filming is currently continuing in Cyprus. The new film of one of Turkey's most prestigious production companies Pervasız Yapım features famous names such as İlker Ayrık, Erdal Özyağcılar, Zerrin Tekindor, Aslıhan Gürbüz and Demet Evgar. The film will be in theatres in Cyprus, Turkey, Holland, France, England, Azerbaijan and numerous other countries on the 14th of February.

It Will Reflect the Beauty of Cyprus

The filming of "Müstakbel Aile" is continuing in numerous locations in Cyprus. In the film, İlker Ayrık plays the role of the groom whose path leads him to North Cyprus after falling in love with a Cypriot girl. Müstakbel Aile focuses on the comical relationship between the groom and his father-in-law and aims to include Cypriot culture and the beauty of Cyprus. The team of production company Pervasız Yapım used the expertise of script consultant Barçın Boğaç to accurately reflect the fabric of Cyprus. In a statement İlker Ayrık and the Pervasız Yapım team indicated that they love all aspects of Cyprus, that they see this as an opportunity to reflect true Cypriot culture and that they are very happy to be making a film on the island.

"It Will Contribute to the Promotion of the Country"

Barçın Boğaç expressed his belief that the film will make important contributions to tourism on the island by promoting its culture: "When one

of the scriptwriters Serhat Sarı first sent me the film's script in the summer I became a part of the team because I thought that it is going to be a unique project. It is a very successful script made with great attention. It is my opinion that the characters, their relationships and the themes examined will be positively received."

Indicating that the experience of the production crew brought the film to a whole other level Boğaç stated: "Being on set and watching professionals such as İlker Ayrık and Erdal Özyağcılar who have devoted their lives to cinema was an extremely enjoyable experience".

Indicating that top quality gear and equipment were used to present Cyprus's geographical beauty without skipping any detail Barçın Boğaç continued: "During my conversations with director İlker Ayrık and scriptwriter Serhat Sarı they indicated that Cyprus's natural, historical and cultural beauty will be at the forefront of the film, especially during outdoor scenes. They noted that the latest technology and camera equipment will be used to capture the beauty in manner not done before."

"I Would Recommend that you don't Miss it!"

Also relaying his experiences from set Boğaç stated: "The visual presentation adds a great deal to the content of the film. İlker Ayrık deserves admiration for doing a lot more than just sitting on the director's chair. With great energy, Ayrık examined every corner of the set and his communication and direction were also worthy of commendation. He examines every scene and doesn't make compromises when it

comes to obtaining the best results. The film will be premiered on the 14th of February 2020. I recommend that you don't miss it!"

Boğaç thanked Pervasız Yapım and the scriptwriters Serhat Sarı and M. Serdar Fırat for including him in this project. Boğaç has previously worked in many national and international cinema and film productions. Last year, Boğaç worked with producer Polly Fryer and director Justin Hawkes in the documentary series project of Razor Films which is one of New Zealand's most prestigious production companies. That year, Boğaç was also part of the same crew with Italian journalist and documentary film makers Gilberto Mastromatteo and Massimo Lauria for a documentary project being made for RSI Swiss. Since 2016, Boğaç has been working as a senior instructor at the EMU Communication Faculty, Department of Cinema and Television.



EXEMPLARY ACTION FROM EMU COMMUNICATION FACULTY

Eco-friendly academicians and students from the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, Department of Cinema and Television organized a clean-up at Gülsüren Beach in Famagusta on Monday, the 21st of October 2019 at 15:30. EMU Communication Faculty, Department of Cinema and Television Chair Prof. Dr. Bahire Özad stated that after carrying out a small scale research they identified numerous places that require a clean-up. Indicating that they had to start somewhere, Prof. Dr. Özad that they chose Gülsüren Beach as the location of their clean-up. The waste gathered at the event was collected by the Municipality of Famagusta.

EMU Department of Cinema and Television Chair Prof. Dr. Bahire Özad who participated in the clean-up with students who wanted to raise awareness about environmental cleanliness stated that they want use the popular social media trend of "challenging" to spearhead clean-ups from other institutions and thanked the Municipality of Famagusta for supporting their event.



EMU FACULTY OF PHARMACY STUDENTS COMPLETE THEIR INTERNSHIPS

21 exchange students who arrived in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) from different countries as part of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Pharmacy Exchange Program successfully completed their internship. The EMU Pharmacy Students Society (EMUPSS) is a member of the International Pharmacy Students Society (IPSF) which incorporates 350 thousand pharmacy students from 90 different countries. Therefore students who are members of EMUPSS can participate in summer or winter Student Exchange Programs in order to complete their professional pharmacy internship in an international environment.

As well as sending its members to other countries as part of the Student Exchange Program, EMUPSS also hosts students who are members of IPSF, in North Cyprus. Through the agency of EMUPSS, EMU Faculty of Pharmacy received 21 exchange students from Hungary, The Czech Republic, Portugal, Canada, Serbia, Slovenia, Poland, France and Holland in the 2018-2019 summer period.

Social, Cultural, Educational Activities

As part of their internship the exchange students had assignments at pharmacies, hospital pharmacies, the pharmaceutical industry, laboratories and clinical research. The EMUPSS Student Exchange Program committee also organized social, cultural and educational activities to ensure that the exchange students had an unforgettable summer. Trips to touristic hot-spots and historical monuments were organized



as well as a boat tour, an international cultural information night, beach activities, an EMU Pharmacy Faculty tour and pharmacy education presentations and evaluations.

“Important Opportunity”

The Student Exchange Program stands out for breaking cultural obstacles, providing students with new perspectives and contributing to personnel and professional development. A statement from the EMU Faculty of Pharmacy read as follows: “The Student Exchange Program is an important opportunity for all students. We are proud that we can promote our country and faculty with this program. EMUPSS and the EMU Faculty of Pharmacy are also happy for providing students with the opportunity to collect unforgettable memories, gain experience and make friends with future colleagues.”



EMU TOURISM FACULTY GRADUATES ARE WORKING AT INTERNATIONAL RESTAURANTS

Six graduates of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts have obtained the opportunity to work at an international chain after graduation as a result of a collaboration between EMU Tourism Faculty and COYA Restaurant Group. Releasing a statement on the matter, EMU Tourism Faculty academic staff member and internship coordinator Koral Karamanoğlu stated that their graduates have started to work at internationally renowned COYA restaurants as a result of the collaboration. Karamanoğlu indicated that students; Damla Lisaniler, Ali Kasabalı, Mehmet Topçu and Enis Kızıl started working as chefs at the London Mayfair COYA restaurant and that Beril Yavuz and Mehmet Akif Boynıkısa will start working

at COYA Abu Dhabi in August. COYA London Executives visited EMU Tourism Faculty in April where they delivered presentations and carried out interviews. As a result of the collaboration being productive for both parties, teams from COYA UAE and COYA London will be visiting EMU Tourism Faculty in October this year with the aim of hiring new graduates for International COYA Restaurants.

In addition, talks are currently being held with the International Restaurant Chain Le Petite Maison on hiring of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts and Tourism and Hospitality Management graduates to work in locations such as London, Dubai, Hong Kong and Miami.



GÜLSİN ONAY PIANO FESTIVAL TAKES PLACE FOR THE FIRST TIME

Gülsin Onay Piano Festival, organized in cooperation with Famagusta Municipality, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Cyprus Polyphonic Choir Association (KPKD), took place for the first time between the 4th and 6th of July, 2019 in Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center in Famagusta

In a broad sense, the cultural structure of both Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and Famagusta are contributed with the first-ever organized Piano Festival in TRNC and, in a more specific aspect, a number of opportunities are provided for all amateur pianists from different age groups. Some of the said opportunities include; making an appearance, delivering a performance, contributing the repertoire development by listening to other pianists and finally, evaluation of the training of the pianists with respect to an academic and artistic aspect.

Turkish Cypriot pianists Esra Poyrazoğlu Alpa, Arman Ratip and Gözdem İlkay as well as pianist Atakan Sarı from Turkey performed during the festival that included piano workshops and seminars.

The Opening Concert performed by Gülsin Onay

Renowned pianist Gülsin Onay from Turkey performed the opening concert of the festival on the 4th of July, 2019, Thursday at 20:30. TRNC Parliamentary Speaker Teberrüken Uluçay, Nicosia Ambassador for the Turkish Republic Ali Murat Başçeri, Security Forces Commander Brigadier General Tefvik Algan, Cyprus Turkish Peace Force Commander Major General Yılmaz Yıldırım, TRNC Chief Justice Narin Ferdi Şefik and members of the society were present at the concert.

Honored with the award of a State Medal by the Polish nation and acknowledged as one of the greatest Chopin interpreters in the world, Turkish pianist Gülsin Onay interpreted the works of various world famous artists including Beethoven's Pathétique Sonata, Chopin's Ballade No.3 and Nocturne Op.48 No.2, Bach's Italian Concerto and Franck's Prelude, Choral et Fuge during the recital.



The festival in memory of Cypriot piano instructor Jale Derviş was organized by Cyprus Polyphonic Choir Association chorists, choir chefs Erkan Dağlı and Rana Uluçay and, their executive board member Esra Uluçaylı. Awards were presented at the end of the festival; Gülsin Onay Special Award to Görsev

Tepe, Jale Derviş Special Award to Pelin Ece Acar, EMU Special Award to Papatya Biter, Cyprus Polyphonic Choir Association (KPKD) Special Award to Beste Tanrıyakulu, Jury Special Award to Gizel Aktuğ and the Best Liszt Interpreter Award to İpek Fatoş Zorba.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROJECT FROM EMU DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Within the scope of their social responsibility projects, the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Engineering Faculty, Department of Computer Engineering delivered a Game Program Development Course to all third grade students at Alasya Primary School.

The students were divided into 3 groups and received a three-hour long course on the 10th, 17th and 24th of October 2019. During the courses delivered at the Computer Engineering Laboratories simple game programs were developed and tested. At the end of the courses, certificates were delivered by Department of Computer Engineering Chair Prof. Dr. Işık Aybay, Vice Chair and Course Organizer Asst. Prof. Dr. Yıldıran Bitirim, Department Assistants and Form Teachers. The Department of Computer Engineering social responsibility projects will be continuing with the Geçitkale Primary School in November.



EMU XIII SAND SCULPTURE FESTIVAL AND CONTEST PROVIDED COLOURFUL MOMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS

The 13th annual Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Sand Sculpture Festival and Competition took place at EMU Beach Club on Sunday the 13th of October 2019 between 10:00 – 18:00. As always, the event was organized by the EMU Architecture Faculty, Interior Architecture Department in collaboration with the EMU Design Club.

The annual festival and contest which has become a highly anticipated event amongst the Cypriot community also included the participation of EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu, Architecture Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek and Department of Interior Architecture Chair Prof. Dr. Uğur Dağlı.

They Exhibited Their Creativity

At the end of the exciting event the groups "Creativity for Change", "Dracarys", "Plutonians", "Break Point" and "Turtles" were deemed worthy of receiving awards. The groups "Artemisia", "Denizlerimizi Koruyalım" (Let's Protect Our Seas) and "Jeddah Team" were also praised by the jury.

This year's jury was comprised EMU Department of Interior Architecture Chair Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağlı, Department of Interior Architecture Academic Staff Member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kağan Günçe, Department of Architecture Academic Staff Member Asst. Prof. Dr. Ceren Boğaç, Department of Interior Architecture Senior Instructor Mustafa Dinsev, EMU Design Club representative Mustafa Demirel, Near East University Senior Instructor Özge Mercan, Cyprus International University Senior Instructor Didem Çelik, Final International University Academic Staff Member Asst. Prof. Dr. Soad Abdokhamis Mousavi, European University of Lefke Academic Staff Member Asst. Prof. Dr.



Makbule Oktay and Yaşar University Academic Staff Member Prof. Dr. Hakan Ertep. The festival held on Famagusta's fabulous coast was made more colourful with the participation of students from universities throughout the TRNC. The festival which allows participants to get involved in alternate activities by taking advantage of the country's natural beauty presents the perfect platform for everyone to have fun and boost

their creativity. The festival was also a good welcoming activity for new university students who recently arrived on the island.

Groups participating in the competition made their sculptures in designated sections whilst enjoying the beach and lovely weather. Participants also danced to lively music played by a DJ.

EMU-FLEPS HOLDS A CHARITY BAZAAR

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (FLEPS) held a charity bazaar with the participation of both academic staff members and students within the scope of the 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Spring Semester Social Responsibility Projects. The proceeds of the charity event were presented to 'Help Those with Cancer Association' regional representatives Yıldız Yaman and Erhan Yaman by EMU-FLEPS Director Asst. Prof. Dr. Ramadan Eyyam.

EMU-FLEPS Assistant Director for Student and Administrative Affairs Senior Instructor İpek Meneviş, Assistant Director for Academic Affairs Senior Instructor Emete Kaptan Mavili, Social Responsibility Projects Team Leader Senior Instructor Mehşen Ercanlar and Administrative Officer Ercan Ercanlar were also present at the presentation ceremony. At the end of the event, FLEPS administration were presented plaques of appreciation and flowers by the 'Help Those with Cancer Association'.



EMU WELCOMES WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BRONZE MEDAL WINNING ATHLETE AT THE AIRPORT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) athlete Ese Brume won a Bronze medal at the 2019 Doha World Athletics Championship long-jump competition with a jump of 6.91 metres. Upon her return from the World Athletics Championship which took place between the 27th of September and the 6th of October 2019, Brume received an enthusiastic welcome at Ercan Airport on Tuesday, the 8th of October 2019 at 11:00.

EMU Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu, Ese Brume's coaches Yaya Kayode and Hasan Maydon, Sports Affairs Directorate personnel and hundreds of students from student clubs operating under the EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate met Brume at the airport with placards and enthusiastic chants such as "You are the best Ese Brume!" Proudly carrying her bronze medal on her neck, Brume was delighted to be reunited with her friends and EMU family. Delivering a short speech at the airport Brume noted: "I would like to thank everybody very much. You made me very happy. I was moved by this enthusiastic greeting. I love you all and I love EMU."

Visit to Rector

Despite being only 23 years old Ese Brume is already one of the biggest favourites of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. After returning to the island Brume visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office. During the visit, Prof. Dr. Osam stated that he is proud that an athlete of Brume's quality is an EMU student whilst highlighting how important her achievement is for the university and country. Prof. Dr. Osam concluded by congratulating Ese Brume for her great success. Meanwhile, Brume thanked EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and the EMU Rector's Office for their invariable support and dedicated her achievement to EMU and her home country of Nigeria. The visit came to an end with a photo being taken to immortalize the moment.

"She Is Going To Be Olympic Champion"

Brume is continuing to prepare for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games with her EMU Sports Affairs Directorate coaches Hasan Maydon ve Yaya Kayode. Coach Hasan Maydon had the following to say after Brume's recent success:



"Ese Brume was a three year long project. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and EMU Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu played important roles in bringing such an important athlete to our country and university. Our aim is for an EMU student to be the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games champion. We would like to thank the EMU Rector's Office for their moral and material support. I believe that our athlete will become Olympic champion. Her continuous improvement is indicative of her upcoming success." As well as her sporting achievements, Ese Brume continues to be successful in her studies at the EMU Tourism Faculty.



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