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## EMU ACADEMIC PERSONNEL RECEIVE PUBLICATION ACHIEVEMENT PLAQUES AND RESEARCH INCENTIVE AWARDS



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) held an award ceremony for academic personnel who earned the right to receive Publication Achievement Plaques and Research Incentive Awards. The said ceremony commenced at 15:30, on Wednesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2019 at the EMU Senate Meeting Room. A total of 40 academic personnel received their awards at the ceremony which was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and the Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler, Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı and Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu

Every May, The Research Support Office examines the Web of Science publications of academic personnel throughout the previous year. Publication Achievement Plaques are presented to researchers from every faculty or school with the highest Web of Science (SCI, SCI-Expanded, AHCI, SSCI) publication points.

The Research Incentive Awards are delivered to instructors who have proven their competence based on their scientific research, work and events by which they have



contributed to science and art as decided according to the Research Incentive Principles prepared by the Research Advisory Board. Every year, candidates can apply by the end of April if they have fulfilled a minimum of three different activities that fit the criteria. Applications are evaluated by the Research Advisory Board who decide upon those who earn the right to receive the award.

In the opening speech of the ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam started by touching upon the Engineering Faculty's important achievement in Estonia and congratulated the whole team for their success. Relaying that their dream of 4-5 years ago has become a reality Prof. Dr. Osam stated: "New achievements always make us happy, happiness increases when it is shared"

### Love Your Work

Underlining that the Times Higher Education (THE) way of thinking has been adopted by everyone a long-time ago Prof. Dr. Osam noted that the university's THE success and the Business and Economics and Tourism Faculty's achievements on

the Shanghai List are indicative of the university moving in an even better direction.

Highlighting that loving what you do, feeling a sense of responsibility towards your institution and recognizing and supporting good work are all important for success and development, Prof. Dr. Osam expressed his belief that the university's achievements will continue to increase: "You have played a big part in EMU being where it is today. We are trying to bring our university to a place where we can reach all of our goals. I ask you, our valuable scientist to continue on your path with great desire. Let us absorb scientific norms without political stances. Universities are here to serve the public. I wholeheartedly congratulate you all and wish the continuation of your success."

The ceremony came to an end after Rector Prof. Dr. Osam and the Vice Rectors delivered the awards and took a group photo with the academic personnel.



## EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. NECDET OSAM FEATURES AS A GUEST ON MASDER'S FAMAGUSTA TALKS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam featured as a guest on the Famagusta Walled City Association's (MASDER) "Famagusta Talks". A different "Famagusta Talks" event is held every Saturday. Speaking at the event which took place at MASDER's head office, MASDER President Rifat Yalınç expressed that they are very happy to be hosting EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam whilst indicating that they are in collaboration with EMU on a number of different projects.

### Provided Information about EMU

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam started the talk by providing the guests with information about EMU. Touching upon the stream of students, accommodation, academic achievements, mission and vision, financial affairs, international success and projects Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted the importance of the flow of students to the country. Indicating that the uncertain number is currently around 85 thousand students Prof. Dr. Osam stated that the students of every university are included in this number

### "EMU Is Being Preferred More"

Prof. Dr. Osam went on to underline that especially in recent years EMU is being preferred

by Turkish Cypriot students. Proving a reminder that EMU is an internationally successful university, Prof. Dr. Osam stated that in 2019 there was a decrease in the number students that were placed via the Assessment Selection and Placement Center (ÖSYM) for the other big four universities in the TRNC whilst there was a 12.8% increase from last year for EMU. Moving on to accommodation, Prof. Dr. Osam indicated that there are five EMU dormitories with a total capacity of 1,331. Noting that there are some issues with some of the privately-owned campus dormitories Prof. Dr. Osam stated that the

judicial process has started in order to terminate their contracts.

Prof. Dr. Osam also addressed the university's academic and scientific publications whilst highlighting their importance. Clarifying the university's functional agreements and memberships Prof. Dr. Osam indicated that they have ongoing academic projects. Prof. Dr. Osam provided extensive information about these projects such as the joint project being ran with the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of Health.



## INTERNATIONAL EX-LIBRIS COMPETITION JURY EVALUATION TAKES PLACE AT EMU



The jury evaluation of the Ex-libris Competition organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design and Poland's Silesia University took place on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2019. 600 pieces of ex-libris work from approximately 200 artists from 35 different countries were evaluated by an international jury.

After the evaluation, the "Spirit" themed special first place prize was awarded to Anna Trojanowska (Poland). The other first place prize was awarded to Xingting Li (China), the second place prize to Ozan Uyanık (Turkey) and

the third place prize to Xin Yi Hong (China). Honourable mentions were given to Alperen Güldü (Turkey), Christine Deboosere (Belgium), Aleksandra Hachula (Poland), Murat Ertürk (Turkey), Olexandra Kalinska (Ukraine), Jiang Lu (China), Shaghayegh Ghasemzadeh (Iran) and Tezcan Bahar (Turkey).

The jury that carried out their evaluation on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2019 at the Eastern Mediterranean University Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Exhibition Platform included EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, famous Belgian artist and EMU Rector's Office Art Consultant Prof. R.

Baeyens, Üsküdar University Communication Faculty, Department of Cartoon and Animation Chair Prof. Hasip Pektaş, Silesia University Fine Arts Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Krzysztof Marek Bak and EMU Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Chair Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu.

A total of 220 pieces of art were chosen to be exhibited in a printed catalogue at Poland's Silesia University in January 2020. The work will then be exhibited at the Eastern Mediterranean University.



## EMU ANNOUNCED AS A TOP UNIVERSITY FOR BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS EDUCATION

U.K based higher education ranking institution Times Higher Education (THE) announced the top universities for Business and Economics education in 2020. The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) was the only university from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) to feature on the list that included giants such as Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford, Oxford and Cambridge. EMU featured in the 201-250 band of the list that featured a total of 632 universities.

### First amongst Turkish and Cypriot Universities

EMU ranked higher than any Turkish university by being placed above Bilkent University that appeared in the 401-500 band and Boğaziçi University, İstanbul Technical University and Middle East Technical University that appeared on the 501+ band of the ranking. EMU also ranked higher than any Cypriot university. There is only one university



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from South Cyprus which featured in the 401-500 band of the ranking. EMU featured in the 501-600 band of THE's ranking of universities providing engineering and technology education. A total

of 1008 universities featured on the list on which EMU was fifth amongst 26 Turkish universities, second amongst Cypriot Universities and the only university from the TRNC.

## EMU FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES IS THE TOP UNIVERSITY IN NATURE INDEX RANKING

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Arts and Sciences has been ranked first in Cyprus in the Physical Sciences category of Nature Index's European University Rankings, which has been annually announcing success rankings by country and academic institutions since 2015. In the period covering August 1, 2018 - July 31, 2019, EMU was ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in Cyprus (including South Cyprus) in the European University Ranking of Nature Index 2019 in all fields with its publications and academic achievements. By ranking within the top 35 institutions in Europe and 10 in Turkey, EMU has earned the Nature Index Badge.

### "The Faculty will Welcome Further Achievements"

Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan pointed out that the Departments of Physics and Biology both have large contributions in this successful achievement and emphasized that 5 of the 9 articles published in prestigious academic journals belong to the faculty members of the Department of Physics and 4 to the Department of Biology. Prof. Dr. Özarslan also added EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Department of Physics has achieved the highest score and the first place throughout the island. Prof. Dr. Özarslan also pointed out that this remarkable success of the faculty has been achieved with its vision of quality. Prof. Dr. Özarslan stated that similar achievements will

continue to increase and that the strategic plan of the faculty is to reach the targets to be achieved in quality and to make it sustainable. Thus, EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences has achieved this important achievement four years in a row as in the last three years. Nature Index is a database that scans the articles published in 82 of the world's most respected scientific journals in the fields of medicine, health, chemistry, physics, earth and environmental sciences in order to compile monthly and yearly rankings. Published articles of the academic staff of EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Physics and Biology Departments are available at <https://www.natureindex.com/institution-outputs/generate/Physical%20Sciences/countries-Cyprus/All/score>





# EMU COMMEMORATION PROGRAM

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Atatürk Research and Application Centre (ATAUM) collaborating with the Republic of Turkey's Atatürk Supreme Council for Culture, Language and History, Atatürk Research Centre hosted a panel and commemoration ceremony titled "In Commemoration of Medical Major Nihat İlhan and His Martyred Family: Panel on the Struggle for Existence of Turkish Cypriots and the Kumsal Attack" on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 at 9:30, at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy amphitheatre. Attending the ceremony was Nicosia's Turkish Ambassador Ali Murat Başçeri, 28th Commander Brigadier of Mechanism Division Taner Uysal, President of the Atatürk Research Centre Prof. Dr. Adnan Sofuoğlu, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Gazimağusa Chief of Police Ahmet Beşerler, as well as society representatives, representatives of non-governmental organizations, Elazığ İzzet Paşa Foundation established by Medical Major Nihat İlhan, the Municipality of Elazığ, Bizim Külliye Magazine representatives, students and members of the press. The ceremony which was broadcast live on channels BRT 3 and DAÜ TV were viewed in Turkey and Azerbaijan.

## "It Is The Symbol Of Our Struggle To Exist"

Republic of Turkey's Atatürk Supreme Council for Culture, Language and History, Atatürk Research Centre's central presidency and EMU-ATAUM since June, who together have been making preparations, began the panel by standing in silence and singing the Turkish National Anthem. The panels opening speech was made by EMU-ATAUM president, Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk, who stated that 21-25 December has a special meaning for Turkish Cypriots, elaborating that "These dates, that are defined as the National Struggle and Martyrs' Week, are the symbol of the Turkish Cypriot struggle for equality and sovereignty, in other words, the struggle for existence. These are the dates where the price was paid for us to live here freely, peacefully and prosperously today."

## "We Have No Intention in Allowing The Genocide To Be Forgotten"

In his speech, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Necmi İlhan, the son of Medical Major Nihat İlhan, whom was murdered along with his family during the Kumsal raids, stated "Today we are together to understand the struggle of existence of Turkish Cypriots once again and to explain this to the future generations. We have not forgotten the torture and genocide of our fellow citizens in the face of my father, martyred family and the Turkish



Cypriots, and we have no intention of allowing it to be forgotten. Malazgirt to Çanakkale, the fight against terrorism in Cyprus, the many veterans and martyrs that they gave, Anatolia and Cyprus are the only homelands they have ever known. We have no other place to go, and we have no intention of leaving this land."

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that he doesn't like the month of December, however this has nothing to do with the cold weather. He explained it is because during this month that the Turkish Cypriot people were subjected to an incomparable massacre. Prof. Dr. Osam continued "I was born in 1961 and in 1963, I was put in the position of an immigrant. With the 1974 peace operation, we began to experience more freedom. Our childhood went by talking about when Turkey would come to the island.

We would look forward to the Turkish Regiment's day of change; maybe one of our soldiers' hats would fly during the change so we could wear a piece of that glorious uniform. At this moment in time, a soldier from Gazianteps hat is in my room." Prof. Dr. Osam further advised "We are announcing one more time from here to the world, our loyalty to our motherland. Turkish Cypriots will never end their struggle to exist and will continue to exist forever."

## Cyprus History In All Of Its Dimensions Has Been Reflected

In his speech, President of the Turkish Republic Atatürk Research and Application Prof. Dr. Adnan Sofuoğlu enlightened the attendees on Cyprus

history post 1571. Following the 2nd World War, with the 12 islands that were in the hands of Italy handed over to Greece, the possibility of Cyprus being given to Greece was emphasized, and the Cyprus issue was more seriously on the agenda. "In fact, considering its geographical and physical values, the island of Cyprus is part of Anatolia" he further explained. Prof. Dr. Sofuoğlu talked about subjects such as the 1950 Zurich Agreement and the 1960 establishment of the Republic of Cyprus, opposing the Greek constitutional order, the Turkish 1974 Peace Operation that pushed organisation of the Bloody Christmas events while the Greek and Greek Cypriots followed the "Akritas Plan" policy, in all of their dimensions.

Mehmet Güder, Mayor of Elazığ Municipality, said "This is the result of an epic resistance that the soldiers and the Mujahideen gave shoulder to shoulder at the expense of their lives. Today, we observe that the threat to the Turkish Cypriots is persistently pursued by the Greeks and global collaborators. Turkey's Cyprus cause is an indispensable case. As homeland and guarantor country, we will continue to stand by Cyprus and Turkish Cypriots as in the past. Together we paid heavy prices, but the Turkish Cypriot will never and will never be alone on this island".

## "Turkish Cypriots Will Live Forever and Free"

Nicosia's Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey Ali Murat Başçeri of Nicosia explained, "the events of December 1963 is known in history as 'Bloody Christmas'. This is our 56th year. What happened in December 1963 was a turning point for the Turkish people living on this island. As İsmail Tansu described in his beautiful book, 'In actual fact no one was actually sleeping.' But in 1963, the activities of the EOKA organization surfaced. The events of 1963 were the beginning of the struggle that showed that the Greek Cypriot-Greek persecution would not be submitted to. During the 1960 Republic of partnership, the Greeks regarded the Turks as a minority. They even put it openly and said, 'If you don't accept this, then let's deal with this with guns and we will eliminate you' thus putting the Akritas Plan into action. Makarios stated that this agreement would be a springboard for ENOSIS. The responsibility that fell to the Turkish community was to stay united and together against this





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mentality, and with the support of Turkey, to endure and resist. It wasn't easy. It's been a long process. The struggle that started in December 1963 and ended with the happy Peace Operation in July 1974, was the guarantee that the Turkish Cypriots would live independently on this island forever. We as the Turkish Nation do not live with a sense of revenge. But our future generations need to be equipped with a sense of history. The amount of honor we have for not having this revenge is insufficient" he explained.

### The Program Continued In Two Sessions

The ceremony, under the management of the Atatürk Research and Application Centres central presidency continued in two sessions. The panel included; Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk's "The Massacre Experienced by the Turkish Cypriots During the Historical Process," Dr. Ayşe Şebnem İlhan's "Biography of Medical Major Nihat İlhan," President of the Mujahideen Association Yılmaz Bora "Why 21st December 1963," Ambassador Ahmet Zeki Buluç's "The Greek Cypriot-Greek Duo's ENOSIS Genocide and the War of Existence of the Turkish Cypriot People," Prof. Dr. Necip İlhan's "The İzzetpaşa Foundation and Medical Major Nihat İlhan's Services" Ex President of the Mujahideen Association Vural Türkmen's "One Critical Night," and teaching staff Süheyla Göktürk's "The Barbarian Museum through the Eyes of the Visitors," that were presented on the day.

During the afternoon session, state artist Mustafa Turan, Elazığ Bizim Külliye magazine's Editor in Chief Nazım Payan and Charicaturist Osman Suroğlu were featured. The Elazığ İzzet Paşa Vakfı, Elazığ municipality and the Bizim Külliye Magazine that were established by Medical Major Nihat İlhan, were attended by representatives of around 40 people to take place at the memorial ceremony.

Elazığ Bizim Külliye magazine published their 82nd issue in December, with the section "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Literature, In Memory of Medical Major Nihat İlhan and his Martyred Family" featured." In this magazine, the articles of many Turkish Cypriot artists and historians were given place to. This particular issue was distributed to all the attendees at the panel. The Cyprus related caricatures prepared by Charicaturist Osman Suroğlu, were printed in Photoblock form and exhibited in th EMU

Central Lecture Halls on the day of the panel. Additionally, the projects prepared by EMU students in relation to the Turkish Cypriot Struggle for Existence, were presented to the attendees at the panel.

### Memorial Ceremony Held at the Museum of Barbarianism

As per EMU's Struggle for Existence and Martyrs Memorial Week Program, on Tuesday 24th December at 10.30am, an additional memorial service was held at the Museum of Barbarianism, attended by the family of Medical Major Nihat İlhan, Dr. Ayşe Şebnem İlhan, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Necmi İlhan, Prof. Dr. Necip İlhan, President of the Atatürk Research and Application Centre, Prof. Dr. Adnan Sofuoğlu, EMU rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, EMU-ATAUM president and Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk.

### EMU's Commemorial Program For Martyrs Continues At The Museum Of Barbarism

A visit was made to the Barbarism Museum on Tuesday, 24 December 2019 in scope of a panel and a commemoration ceremony titled "In Memory of Major Nihat İlhan and His Martyred Family: Turkish Cypriots' Struggle for Existence and Kumsal Raid". Hosted by the Eastern Mediterranean University, the said panel is organised in collaboration with the Turkish Republic Atatürk Supreme Council for Culture, Language and History, Atatürk Research Center and EMU Atatürk Research and Application Center (EMU ATAUM). Present at the commemoration ceremony which took place

at the Museum of Barbarism at 10:30 a.m. were Turkish Republic Ambassador to Nicosia Ali Murat Başçeri, TRNC Deputy Parliamentary Spokesperson Zorlu Töre, Commander of Security Forces Altan Er, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, T.R Supreme Council for Culture, Language, and History, Atatürk Research Center Chair Prof. Dr. Adnan Sofuoğlu, EMU ATAUM Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk, children and family of Major Nihat İlhan, whose children and spouse were martyred in Kumsal raid, Elazığ İzzet Paşa Foundation and Elazığ Municipality and Bizim Külliye Magazine representatives, representatives of combat associations, organisations and schools and military officials. At the ceremony during which a moment of silence, national anthem and volley salute were performed, wreaths were laid on the monument.

During the ceremony Şehit Ertuğrul Primary School student Belgin Çelikesmer read a poem and Cyprus Turkish Forces Infantry Commander Raif Akgün, the Association of Martyrs' Families and Disabled Veterans, Culture Branch Chair Kadir Okyar and Nihat İlhan's son Prof. Dr. Mustafa Necmi İlhan delivered speeches.

In his speech, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Necmi İlhan said "We, as a family, suffered four casualties, while the Turkish Cypriots lost hundreds. Long live our homeland". Prof. Dr. İlhan added that they will continue to support the Turkish Cypriots in their struggle for existence. Following the speeches, Turkish Republic Ambassador to Nicosia Ali Murat Başçeri and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam laid flowers on the monument and visited the museum.

### A Visit to T.R. Ambassador to Nicosia

Following the ceremony, the aforesaid representatives paid a visit to the Republic of Turkey's Ambassador to Nicosia Ali Murat Başçeri. During the visit, Ambassador Başçeri congratulated the representatives of the institutions that organised such a successful event and underlined the essence of conducting such activities more frequently. Rector Prof. Osam stressed that they are always ready to host activities as such. The program came to a close after the visits of the guests from Turkey to the war cemeteries in Boğaz, Muratağa, Sandallar and Atlılar Şehitlikleri.





## EMU COMPLETES TSI OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SECURITY AUDIT



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) went through the Turkish Standards Institute's (TSI) ISO 45001 Occupational Health and Security External Audit between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2019. EMU holds an OHSAS18001 certificate of Labor Health and Security since 2018. Also holding ISO 9001-2015 Quality Management System and ISO 1002-2014 Student Satisfaction Management System certificates since 2015, EMU has now successfully completed its pursuit of quality assurance in the field of Occupational Health and Security. The closing meeting of the aforesaid inspections took place at 15:30 on Thursday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2019 at the EMU Rector's Office Senate Meeting Room. The meeting was attended by EMU's Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı, TSI Chief Auditor Tuncay Çimen,

TSI Auditor Servet Atayeter, EMU Total Quality Management Center Director Hasan Kavaz and representatives of EMU Quality Units.

### "EMU Personnel Have the Sufficient Knowledge to Raise Awareness"

In the opening speech of the meeting, TSI Chief Auditor Tuncay Çimen thanked EMU personnel for embracing the audit and stated that EMU is beautiful campus on which people can walk around comfortably and peacefully. Underlining the importance of carrying out regular work relating to external threats Chief Auditor Çimen indicated that risks are reduced by field audits. TSI Auditor Servet Atayeter thanked EMU personnel for answering the questions asked during the audit candidly. Indicating that systems are being developed for constant improvement Auditor

Atayeter highlighted the importance of learning from and not repeating mistakes. Auditor Atayeter concluded by stating that EMU personnel have the necessary knowledge to raise awareness on occupational health amongst students, personnel and the community.

EMU Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı congratulated her team members for successfully completing the audit. Stating that EMU has always been the flagship of higher education in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Prof. Dr. Doratlı noted that they are always ready for accreditations and inspections. Prof. Dr. Doratlı concluded by stating that they are always trying to do the very best for EMU and its personnel.

## EMU VISITS MERSIN AND ADANA'S PROVINCIAL DIRECTORATES OF NATIONAL EDUCATION



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Vice Rector for Promotional Affairs Prof. Dr. Hifsiye Pulhan and Promotion Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Erkan Arkin travelled to Turkey to attend a range of promotional activities within the scope of their visit to EMU's Turkish Liaison Offices. EMU's Educational Consultant Süleyman Beledioğlu delivered a seminar titled "Effective Preparation for the University Exam". The seminar was

organized by Niğde's Provincial Directorate of National Education and was attended by 1500 final year high school students from across the province.

### In-Service Training Collaborations Were Discussed

Prof. Dr. Pulhan and Asst. Prof. Dr. Arkin held meetings with Mersin and Adana's Provincial Directors of National Education on the 13<sup>th</sup> and

14<sup>th</sup> of November 2019. During the said meetings, collaborations between EMU and the Directorates of National Education were discussed concerning EMU providing in-service training to counsellors and teachers in the provinces. A consensus was built regarding the possibility of signing a memorandum of understanding similar to that signed with the İstanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education.



## YOUNG DIPLOMATS WERE PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AT EMU



Under the auspices of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Vice Presidency and Ministry of Foreign Affairs a conference on the "Cyprus Problem" was organized for Republic of Turkey Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Diplomatic Academy representatives and prospective career employees. The conference took place at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall at 09:30, on Friday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2019. Within the scope of their visit to the country, the Republic of Turkey's prospective career employees are attending informative meetings on the Cyprus problem. The new diplomats who will begin their duty in all corners of the world after completing their education were delivered a conference titled the



"Cyprus Problem" by former Cyprus problem Lead Negotiator Osman Ertuğ.

### The negotiation process was evaluated

Delivering the opening speech of the conference, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that the university is celebrating its 40th year and highlighted that it would not be where it is today without the contributions of motherland Turkey. Prof. Dr. Osam continued to state that EMU is an institution which allow Turkish Cypriots' voices to be heard via science despite being unrecognized in the international political arena. After the opening speech Osman Ertuğ who served at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Undersecretariat, the Embassy and the TRNC Washington Embassy



and occupied the positions of Lead Negotiator and Presidency Spokesperson delivered his conference on the "Cyprus Problem".

During the conference, Osman Ertuğ provided extensive information about the background and history of the Cyprus Problem. Ertuğ shared his experiences as lead negotiator and provided information about how international diplomacy affects Cyprus. At the end of the conference, the young diplomats gained the opportunity to ask former Lead Negotiator Osman Ertuğ any questions they had about the Cyprus problem. The conference came to an end with Osman Ertuğ being presented a plaque on behalf of the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## EMU TOURISM FACULTY HOSTS MASTERCHEF TURKEY'S JURY MEMBER SOMER SIVRIOĞLU

Within the scope of the 8th International Career Days organized by the Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate (MIKA) of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), the Tourism Faculty hosted Masterchef Turkey's jury member Somer Sivrioğlu who delivered a presentation on his "Career Journey" from Bilkent University to Sydney, Australia. The said presentation commenced at 14:30 on Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2019 at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. The said event received a lot of interest from EMU Tourism Faculty, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts students and alumni. During his presentation, the experienced chef stated that he took his first steps into the restaurant business 25 years ago when he travelled to Australia for



his MBA. Indicating that initially things didn't go as planned Sivrioğlu stated that he didn't give-up and now owns 2 successful restaurants. Sharing his experiences with the students in attendance Sivrioğlu emphasized that being a good chef and manager requires cost control and loss/profit calculation in addition to expertise, experience and kitchen knowledge. Chef Sivrioğlu advised that students pay close attention to these courses.

EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç voiced his satisfaction regarding their Career Days guest Master Chef Somer Sivrioğlu receiving a lot of attention. Prof. Dr. Kılıç went on to relay the good news that they obtained a promise from Sivrioğlu that he will be an instructor at their faculty

next year. At the end of the conference, honour and high honour certificates were presented to students for the 2018-2019 Academic Year Spring Semester. Students received their certificates from Chef Somer Sivrioğlu.

### Visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam

Chef Somer Sivrioğlu visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam before the event and received information about the university. Prof. Dr. Osam stated that he is happy to be hosting Sivrioğlu at EMU. EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu, Prof. Dr. Hıfsiye Pulhan, Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Vice Dean Asst. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Güven Ardahan were also present at the meeting.



## EMU TO COMMEMORATE GREAT LEADER MUSTAFA KEMAL ATATÜRK



On the 81<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the passing of Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, Eastern Mediterranean University organized a commemoration ceremony in front of EMU Atatürk Monument at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The ceremony organized by the EMU Atatürk Research and Application Center (ATAUM) was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rectors, academic and administrative personnel and a large number of students.

### **"The Turkish Cypriot Community has always followed the Path Laid Out by Atatürk"**

At 09:00 a.m., EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam laid a wreath on Atatürk's Monument. At 09:02 the ceremony continued with EMU-ATAUM President Asst. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk's 10<sup>th</sup> of November Declaration during which he indicated: "The Turkish Cypriot community is an indispensable part of this Nation

which sees Atatürk as a savior and continues to move forward in line with his system of thought. The Turkish Cypriot community accepted the reforms made in the Republic of Turkey immediately and with the free and independent Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus established 36 years ago, they continue to show their determination to eternize the reforms at every possible opportunity. Great Atatürk; Your work and thoughts that we understand a little better every day, will forever live in the heart and mind of the Turkish Nation."

### **"We will not Compromise Principles and Reforms"**

At 09:05, a moment of silence was followed by the National Anthem. Then commenced a special musical performance from a choir comprised of EMU Education Faculty, Department of Fine Arts Education, Music Teaching program students. At 09:10 a.m. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam

delivered the following speech: "Once again it is the 10<sup>th</sup> of November and we are gathered in front of the spiritual presence of Atatürk. We are internalizing his principles and reforms more and more every day. Turkish Cypriots have been participating in a struggle of existence for a long period of time. This struggle has not and will not compromise the principles and reforms of Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. It is with great longing, love and respect that we commemorate him on the 81<sup>st</sup> anniversary of his passing. The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus expresses its gratitude. May he rest in peace."

The Commemoration Ceremony came to an end at 09:30 a.m., with the opening of an exhibition titled 'Atatürk and Atatürk's Photos in 1938 Press' which was held at the EMU Özyay Oral Library Exhibition Hall.

## EMU HOSTS A CONFERENCE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE TURKISH HISTORY ASSOCIATION PROF. DR. REFİK TURAN

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has organized a series of events on the 81<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the passing of the founder of the Republic of Turkey, the Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. The first of these activities was a conference by the Republic of Turkey, Turkish History Association President Prof. Dr. Refik Turan which took place at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall on Monday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 at 14:30. Attendance was significantly high.

The conference titled "Atatürk, the National Pact, Turkey and Eastern Mediterranean" was attended by Security Forces Commander Altan Er, Commander Taner Uysal, Republic of Turkey's Nicosia Embassy Famagusta Consul General Kasım Kaban, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Commander Kadir Bayraklı, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler, EMU Atatürk Research and Application Centre President Asst. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk, faculty deans, department chairs, academic and administrative personnel

and students. The conference commenced with a moment of silence and a recital of the national anthem.



### **"The Turkish Presence in Cyprus will Continue"**

During the conference Turkish History Association President Prof. Dr. Refik Turan touched upon the First and Second World Wars stating that maps were drawn by imperialist countries that were victorious and that the concept of the new world order was planned centuries before. Prof. Dr. Turan emphasized that the undesired result of the First World War for imperialistic countries was the establishment of the Turkish Republic. Underlining the importance of the National Pact Prof. Dr. Turan drew attention to the fact that Cyprus was a part of the map in the original text of the pact. Including Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's words about Cyprus Prof. Dr. Turan provided examples of the conflicts between civilisation in the Mediterranean and Cyprus. Prof. Dr. Turan expressed that the Turkish presence in Cyprus will rightly continue. At the end of the conference, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam presented Prof. Dr. Turan a plaque of appreciation. The conference came to an end after a group photo was taken.



## YILDIZ HOLDING VICE CHAIR ALİ ÜLKER DELIVERS A CONFERENCE AT EMU



A conference titled "The Story of the Journey from being a Small Workshop to a Global Company" took place at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU). The speaker of the conference organized by the EMU Communication Faculty was Yıldız Holding Vice Chair Ali Ülker.

The said conference took place at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, and was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Sea Admiral Captain Bülent Köse, Sabri Ülker Food Research Foundation General Manager and Board Member Begüm Mutuş, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler, deans, chairs, academic staff, EMU personnel and students. During the conference Ali Ülker touched upon their struggles on the road to success. During the presentation which was accompanied by a

cinévision screening, Ali Ülker told the story of the company Ülker which started its operations at a small workshop in Eminönü in 1944. Ali Ülker touched upon how the company grew to become a holding that operates in many parts of the world today. Highlighting that they are currently the world's third biggest biscuit producers, Ali Ülker noted that they provide employment for 65 thousand workers.

### "Consistency Brings Success"

Indicating that in the workplace consistency brings success Ali Ülker stated that consumers choose their brand because their biscuits are of the same quality, recipe and taste since 1940. Highlighting the importance of presenting small pieces of happiness Ali Ülker advised students to be determined and decisive. At the end of

his presentation, Yıldız Holding Vice Chair Ali Ülker was presented a plaque of appreciation by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam.

### Visit to EMU Rector

Before the conference, Yıldız Holding Vice Chair Ali Ülker paid a visit of courtesy to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. Sabri Ülker Food Research Foundation General Manager and Board Member Begüm Mutuş, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler, Communication Faculty Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Agah Gümüş and Communication Faculty, Public Relations and Advertising Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anıl Kemal Kaya were also present during the said visit.

## EMU COMMUNICATION FACULTY STUDENTS' REMARKABLE SUCCESS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication, Department of Cinema and Television 3<sup>rd</sup> year students Nima B. Djavidani and Peyman Hoggati received awards for their short films titled Home and Homeless Man.

With the aforesaid films, Nima B. Djavidani and Peyman Hoggati won the Special Mention Award in London X4 short Film Festival in England, the Official Selection Award in Indie Short Fest in the USA, Official Selection and Screening Award in the Magikal Charm Experimental Video and Film Fest, and Best Lighting and Best Make up award in South Film and Arts Academy Festival in Chile. Additionally, they qualified for the finals in LIFFT India Filmfest World Sine Fest LONAVAL in India.

Chair of Department of Cinema and Television Prof. Dr. Bahire Özad stated that they are proud of the success of their students and underlined that these achievements are the forerunners of the greater successes in the future.

### Visit to Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam

Prof. Dr. Bahire Özad and the award-winning students paid a visit to Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. Congratulating the students for their achievements during the visit which took place on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 10:00 a.m., Prof. Dr. Osam wished them continued success. Prof. Dr. Osam stated that the university will provide the necessary support for the realization of the future film projects. Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler was also present at the visit.





## EMU IEEE ROBOTICS TEAM WINS THE "ROBOTEX INTERNATIONAL" COMPETITION



Initially founded by important scientists of the era such as Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Edison, today the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) has more than 430 thousand members in 160 different countries. IEEE's Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Student Branch won the "Robotex International Competition" which took place between the 28<sup>th</sup> of November and the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2019 in Estonia's capital of Tallinn.

Supervised by EMU Faculty of Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department Chair Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel, EMU Electrical

and Electronic, Mechatronics and Industrial Engineering students Farhang Naderi, Zeynep Soylu, Mossab Hamdi and Harun Tuna competed for the team titled "EMU Crows" with their robot and drone (developed at EMU) in the categories of "Mind Control" and "Drone Race".

"Robotex International 2019" is known as the world's largest robotics competition. It featured 3000 competitors from 11 different countries who were successful in regional competitions. Indicating that the EMU IEEE Student Branch Robotics Team came first in the Mind Control category of 2018's competition Prof. Dr.

Demirel stated that they are proud to reveal that they finished first in this category once again, improving on their time from last year with a new time of 1 minute and 10 seconds.

### Visit to Tallinn's Turkish Ambassador

After, their success, the "EMU Crows" team was hosted by Tallinn's Turkish Ambassador Hayriye Kumaşçıoğlu in her office. During the visit, Ambassador Kumaşçıoğlu congratulated the team for their success. The students were accompanied by Prof. Dr. Demirel who underlined that EMU is very happy about this important achievement.

## COLLECTIVE LABOUR AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH ACADEMIC PERSONNEL IN EMU

A Collective Labour Agreement concerning the academic staff working at the Eastern Mediterranean University has been signed as a result of the work carried out by EMU Academic Personnel Union and Board of Trustees. On 27<sup>th</sup> December 2019, the Collective Labour Agreement was signed at the Board of Trustees' Meeting Room at 10:30 a.m. by the President of the EMU Board of Trustees Erdal Özçenk, EMU Board of Trustees member Gülsün Korun, EMU Academic Personnel Union's Secretary General Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hamit Caner and by Sen. Inst. Mustafa Ipekcioglu as a witness. Among those present at the ceremony were members of the Board of Trustees Halil İbrahim Orun and Ersun Kutup and President of the EMU Academic Personnel Union Sen. Inst. Ulaş Gökçe and union representatives. The validity period of the said agreement will be two years.

### "We Exist If EMU Exists"

Speaking at the signing ceremony, President of EMU Board of Trustees Erdal Özçenk stated that the Collective Labour Agreement has reached to the point of signing after their collaborative efforts with EMU Academic Personnel Union for two months. President Özçenk added "Both EMU Board of

Trustees and EMU Academic Personnel Union continued our work on the collaborative agreement with an awareness that 'We, as all stakeholders, exist if EMU exists'. We have never ignored the fact that if the employees are happy, the current work motivation will be at the highest level, which will further improve the quality of our university. I would like to thank all colleagues at EMU Board of Trustees and EMU Academic Personnel Union's Executive Board for their constructive attitude during the Collective Labour Agreement discussions and all administrative staff who helped

with the writing of the text. I hope this agreement brings utmost benefit to the EMU Family."

### "EMU is a Modern Institution of Higher Education"

President of EMU Academic Personnel Union Sen. Inst. Ulaş Gökçe said "Today, a collective labour agreement has been signed for the fourth time between our union and EMU Board of Trustees. A Collective Labour Agreement is a contract signed by civilized people. Civilized people sign and adhere to this agreement. In a modern educational institution, the relations between the employer and the employee are defined and carried out through legal texts. For this reason, today we are once again announcing to the whole country what a modern university EMU is. There are many universities in our country. We hear that the payment of social insurance and provident fund premiums and even salaries of our colleagues working at these institutions are not done regularly. As the employees of an institution who has the only collective bargaining agreement system in our country, we are well aware of the value of our university in this context." The ceremony ended after the signing of the Collective Labour Agreement.





## EMU TOURISM FACULTY GETS THE GOLD AT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) School of Tourism and Hospitality Management students obtained the gold and bronze medals at a competition organized by the European

Hospitality Schools Association (EURHODIP). Over 150 tourism schools and hospitality businesses from 39 different countries are members of EURHODIP. At the international

competition which took place in İstanbul, EMU Tourism Faculty student Mert Ercan Bulut obtained the gold medal and Sina Vahedi obtained the bronze making the EMU Tourism Faculty and TRNC proud.



### Main Vision: Internationalization

Releasing a statement on their recent success, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that they were made proud by their students finishing first and third in the competition which was attended by students representing their universities from across Europe.

Relaying his gratitude to the students who were accompanied to the competition by Asst. Prof. Dr. Ali Özduran, Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined that this success is indicative of their quality education. Prof. Dr. Kılıç highlighted that the EMU Tourism Faculty trains analytical thinking, problem solving students who use technology efficiently, learn instead of memorize and put into practice their theoretical knowledge.

Stating that their faculty places emphasis on international events organized by EURHODIP and other well-respected institutions as a result of their main vision of internationalization, Prof. Dr. Kılıç thanked the EMU Rector's Office for their constant support and contributions in working towards their goal of becoming leading faculty in international tourism education.

## EMU DEPARTMENT OF GASTRONOMY AND CULINARY ARTS WINS SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS AT AN AEHT COMPETITION

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty attended the 32<sup>nd</sup> European Association of Hotel and Tourism Schools (AEHT) Conference in Split, Croatia. EMU's Tourism Faculty participated in different competitions coming second in the category of Culinary Art and third in the category of Hospitality Management.

Providing information about the gastronomy competitions, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that more than 600 competitors in 20 teams participated in 10 different categories. Prof. Dr. Kılıç went on to indicate that Derviş Adal and Xsenia Sumaneeva competed in the categories of Culinary Art and Hospitality Management respectively winning a bronze and silver medal. Highlighting that they are proud of their students' success, Prof. Dr. Kılıç, stated that participating in international competitions is important for the country and university's recognition. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also emphasized

that Berk Akkaya's group came fourth out of 15 groups in the Decathlon competition. Indicating that competing in the international arena adds a lot of confidence and vision to their students Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined the high quality of education provided by the EMU Tourism Faculty. Indicating that they previously obtained bronze medals in

2016, 2017 and 2018, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that they raised the bar in 2019 by obtaining a silver medal. Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed that the EMU Tourism Faculty also attended AEHT's 32<sup>nd</sup> general assembly along with numerous other tourism and hospitality management schools from Europe with whom collaborative work between universities was discussed



Highlighting that their accreditations and international memberships reinforce educational success Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that they are proud to see EMU Tourism Faculty academic staff member Senior Instructor Kurtuluş Özbaşar as a jury member at international gastronomy competitions. Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by stating that the EMU Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts will be competing in World Association of Chefs' Societies (WACS) competitions and that Özbaşar is an officially recognized WACS jury member.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> NATIONAL PROSTHETICS AND ORTHOTICS SYMPOSIUM COMMENCES IN EMU



2<sup>nd</sup> National Prosthetics and Orthotics Symposium organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation in cooperation with the Orthopedic Prosthetics and Orthotics Association, Bilimop and Ottobock commenced on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 09:00 a.m. with an opening ceremony which took place at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Conference Hall.

Taking place under the theme 'Diabetic Foot', the said symposium will continue on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Following the presentations made by academicians and field experts in line with the scientific program, workshops will be held on the second day of the symposium under the supervision of instructors.

During the conference which started with a moment of silence and the national anthem, Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences and Symposium Chair Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç welcomed all those participating in the symposium and highlighted the importance of the symposium which is participated by experts working in this field both in the Republic of Turkey and the TRNC. Prof. Dr. Malkoç also emphasised the significance of the symposium's theme, which

is 'Diabetic Foot' and added that the scientific studies to be presented in the event will shed light on many important issues.

Ottobock Turkey General Manager Orkun Taşkın also delivered a speech and expressed his satisfaction in being in EMU and highlighted the importance on the evaluation of 'Diabetic Foot' issue in the light of scientific data.

General Director of 'Bilim Ortopedi' and Executive Board Member of Turkish Orthopedic Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics Osman Söyler thanked all those organising the symposium and added that the issue of diabetics is a very important one. Wishing everyone a successful symposium, Söyler stated that the symposium will yield productive outcomes. Following the opening addresses, EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education, Music Teaching Program students entertained the participants with a musical performance.

### Multidisciplinary Approach

Chaired by Prof. Dr. Yavuz Yakut and Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, the first panel titled "Multidisciplinary Approach in the Management

of Diabetics' was followed by the second panel titled "Treatment of the Diabetic Foot" by Prof. Dr. Gülden Polat and Assist. Prof. Dr. Ender Angin. Then, another panel titled "New Technology in Orthosis and Wound Treatment" and chaired by Prof. Dr. Nur Tunalı and Assist. Prof. Dr. Yasin Yurt was held. The first day of the symposium ended with a panel titled "Care and Rehabilitation" by Prof. Dr. E. Handan Tüzün and Sen. Inst. H. Onur Karakuş.

### Workshops on the Second Day

2<sup>nd</sup> National Prosthetics and Orthotics Symposium will continue on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019 with two workshops taking place with the participation of instructors. The first workshop to be delivered by Prof. Dr. Gülden Polat, Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç and Sen. Inst. İlker Yatar will focus on exercising in diabetics. The participants will receive information on the role of exercise in diabetics (which patient? in what condition? when?), application of exercise tests and development of an exercise program. The second workshop to be offered by Dr. Hakan Uysal, Assist. Prof. Dr. Yasin Yurt and CPO Reyhan Tuygun will focus on orthotics in diabetes. Participants will be trained on orthosis, off loading and pedobarographic analysis.



## EMU FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS HELD THE FIRST ADVISORY BOARD MEETING



Eastern Mediterranean University, Business and Economics Faculty held the first meeting with the Advisory Board Members on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. H. Tanju Besler were also present at the said meeting. EMU Faculty of Business and Economics Dean Prof. Dr. Selcan Timur provided general information about the faculty to the members of the Advisory Board, namely President of the Central Bank of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Rıfat Günay, President of the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce Turgay Deniz, President of the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry Candan Avunduk, Chair of the Executive Board of Dağlı Insurance Ersan Dağlı, Retired Consul Kemal Gökeri and Communication Specialist Ebru Deniz Tekman.

### Strengthening the Collaborations

EMU Faculty of Business and Economics Dean Prof. Dr. Selcan Timur delivered a presentation introducing the faculty. In her presentation, Prof. Dr. Timur talked about the history and achievements of the faculty and explained what

needs to be done in order to realize the vision of the faculty. Underlining that they have established an Advisory Board for the strengthening of the communication and cooperation of the Faculty of Business and Economics with the business world, public sector and non-governmental organizations, Prof. Dr. Timur added that they will evaluate the steps to be taken together with the Advisory Board in order to bring up preferred workforce.

### Rector of EMU Answered Questions

Speaking at the meeting, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam provided information about EMU's achievements, goals, problems and possible solutions and thanked the members of the Business and Economics Faculty Advisory Board and the Faculty Board for their contributions towards initiating such a valuable process. Prof. Dr. Osam, then answered questions coming from the participants. The members of the Advisory Board also relayed their recommendations on what needs to be done to achieve the strategic objectives of the Faculty of Business and Economics.

In this context, the Advisory Board will also contribute to the establishment and implementation

of the Business and Economics Faculty's 2020-2025 strategy with stakeholder groups. It was also stated in the meeting that within the framework of mutual cooperation, the Business and Economics Faculty aims to contribute to the solution of the problems of our enterprises and institutions in our country and to make recommendations for their development.

## ACADEMIC STAFF OF EMU CONTINUE TO PROVIDE COURSES AROUND THE WORLD

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Business and Economics Faculty academic staff Prof. Dr. Glenn Paul Jenkins and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Ulaş Altok have been continuing to offer the Investment Assessment and Risk Analysis courses for senior bureaucrats and faculty members in many countries for many years. The courses focus on financial and economic feasibility analysis of public projects.

The team that provides academic support to the faculty members who will take part in the new programs in South Africa followed by the Ivory Coast and Uganda in the coming days, is composed of EMU graduates or successful students who are currently studying at EMU.

The certificate program offered by EMU and Queen's University of Canada in the specialty certificate programs organized by World Bank, USAID, African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, Governments of many countries and similar institutions has been delivered both at EMU and Queen's University, with the implementation of

identical certificate program curriculum. Queen's University's Investment Assessment and Risk Analysis certificate is given to students registered

in the graduate programs of the EMU Business and Economics Faculty who are successful both in English and Turkish courses and exams.

Many of the students who are eligible to receive Queen's University specialization certificate while studying at EMU are currently advising to reputable institutions around the world





## “SEMI-PRESIDENTIAL SYSTEM FOR A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN A UNITED CYPRUS” IS DISCUSSED AT EMU



amongst the President, Vice President and Council of Ministers in the federal system currently being discussed. The President and Vice President are chosen by a public cross vote and there is a rotating presidency. The professors also touched upon certain principles that have been agreed upon or are still being discussed such as the ‘minimum single positive vote’.

Prof. Dr. Vural and Dr. Peristianis also spoke about the disadvantages of the presidential system model that is currently being discussed such as the centralization of executive power, political diversity not being represented in the executive organ, political parties being excluded from the executive organ in a multi-party system, the possibility of the ‘minimum single positive vote’ decision making method leading to polarization, ambiguity and uncertainty regarding accountability and the likelihood of disputes between the President, Vice President and Council of Ministers. Prof. Dr. Vural and Dr. Peristianis went on to describe their recommendation of a semi-presidential system which is a combination of the presidential and parliamentary systems. Highlighting the primary characteristics of such a system Prof. Dr. Vural and Dr. Peristianis stated that the President and Vice-President will be in charge of security and external affairs whilst the Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers will be in charge of other federal executive affairs.

The Eastern Mediterranean University Cyprus Policy Centre (EMU-CPC) and the EMU Business and Economics Faculty, Department of Political Science and International Relations collaborated to organize a panel titled “Semi-Presidential System for a Federal Government in a United Cyprus”. The speakers of the panel were Universitas Foundation President Dr. Nikos Peristianis and EMU Business and Economics Faculty, Department of Political Science and International Relations academic staff member Prof. Dr. Yücel Vural. In his opening speech, panel moderator EMU Business and Economics

Faculty, Department of Political Science and International Relations Chair and CPC Director Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen presented the speakers and drew attention to the fact that Cyprus is the only European Union member to use a Presidential system.

### Presidential and Semi-Presidential Systems

Prof. Dr. Vural and Dr. Peristianis started their presentations by explaining the latest model discussed on the negotiation table according to information they have acquired. They emphasized that executive power is divided

## EMU ARCHITECTURE FACULTY CONTRIBUTES TO FAMAGUSTA

The Urban Furniture Design Competition organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Architecture Faculty, Department of Interior Architecture and the Municipality of Famagusta has come to an end. The competition that took place amongst EMU students was attended by over 200 students with 51 different projects. The award ceremony of the competition took place at the St. Paul Church in Famagusta’s Old Town. All projects were exhibited at the ceremony where the participants were presented their certificates.

A statement released by the EMU Architecture Faculty, Department of Interior Architecture noted: “The project aims to design a seating unit for socializing and resting at the Ali Mahir Park. The winning project will be realised by the municipality. We believe that the indicated public space will become more lively and fun after the project is brought to life. It will contribute to urban life and be aesthetically pleasing.”

### Further Collaborations for Famagusta

The jury comprised of municipality representatives chose the top three projects and honourable mentions. The award ceremony was a fun and dynamic event. University and municipality representatives indicated that this initiative can be seen as the first

step towards a more productive collaboration between the university and the municipality. EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu congratulated the winners, all participants, academic staff and the organization committee indicating that the university administration will always provide support for similar organizations that establish connections between the university and the general public. Famagusta Mayor İsmail Arter relayed his aspiration for further collaboration with EMU to create projects that will contribute to a better Famagusta.





## EMU'S ART ACTIVITIES CONTINUE WITH GÜNAY GÜZELGÜN EXHIBITION



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) continues its artistic activities within the framework of the protocol signed with Rüstem Bookstore. In this context, EMU diversified its activities with the design exhibition of Günay Güzelgün, a Cypriot artist who was born in 1944 in Luricina. The exhibition opened on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 18:30 at the Rustem Bookstore.

Attending the exhibition were EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Founder Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry Prof. Dr. Aydın Karakuzu, Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emre Hamurtekin, Head of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Department Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu, EMU Art Coordinator and Exhibition Curator Zehra Şonya, Artist Günay Güzelgün, Rüstem Bookstore employees and art lovers.

### “We Have Added Almost 400 Pieces Of Art”

The opening speech of the exhibition, which includes around 140 drawings, was held by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, who said, “When we took office about six years ago, we stated that a university must have certain criteria for being a university and one of them is the value that can be

given to the society and the artist. During these six years, I and my dear colleagues have shown our best efforts to protect and work with our esteemed artists living in Cyprus, and we have added nearly 400 pieces of artwork to our archive. Therefore, when I look at it from my own perspective and evaluate my sensitivity towards society, it makes me very happy that we have not reached a bad point in those six years.”

### “A University Should Contribute to The Culture of The Society”

Prof. Dr. Osam emphasized his wish that the rector, who will take over the office after him, should maintain this vision, and continued “Because the university is not only producing qualified publications and educating people. At the same time, it is necessary to carry out the necessary work that will contribute to the culture of the society, albeit to a certain extent.

We have shown our best efforts so far and I am very happy. The important thing here is to be able to reveal our secret artists and display them for the community to see. This evening’s exhibition is of

great importance in this respect. I would like to thank our dear coordinator Zehra Şonya for the work she has done and will do so far. I believe that the works to follow will contribute greatly to the island. The fact that a nation can reach certain points in time is a feature that can emerge with its serious approach to works of art and artists. As EMU, this is what we are trying to do, and I hope it will be a long-term effort and our artists will take their place both in society and in literature. I sincerely thank our artist and curator for providing us with this opportunity.”

### “I Would Like To Thank The Beauty of My Village”

Speaking at the opening of the exhibition artist Günay Güzelgün said: “I would like to greet everyone who has come and graced us with their presence. I would like to thank Zehra Şonya, our esteemed sculptor who spent time and effort to organize this event, my mother and father who created me, and everyone who has made the smallest contribution to me at this stage. I am indebted to and thank the white soil, water, deep blue sky, surrounding hills and the beauty and values that I cannot finish counting of my unique village”.



## "SUIT" STAGED IN EMU

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Social and Cultural Activities Directorate organized a performance of the comedic play "Suit". The play was performed at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Centre at 19:30 on Thursday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2019. The cast included famous thespians such as Begüm Öner, Kerem Poyraz Kayaalp, Ceyhun Fersoy, Canan Atalay and Melis İştiten. The play's director was Eyüp Emre Uçaray and his assistant director was Aziz Caner İnan. The set was designed by Tolga Güleriyüz. Murat Yılmaz was in charge of décor, Gülcan of costumes and Eren Yiğit of photographs. The poster was designed by Galip Aksular. Stage direction assistant was Meltem Coşkun. Attendance was high at for the theatre performance which often left the audience rolling in the aisles. At the end of the performance, the thespians were handed a plaque of appreciation by the EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate.

### Plot

A hotel suit, a young couple getting ready for their wedding, close-friends following their preparations and events that conspire after some unexpected visitors enter their lives...In short this is what this magnificent comedy is trying to



ask: What if the "right person" enters your life just before the wedding? This question leads our protagonists in to a fun and intriguing journey around problems that seem unsolvable. Jest Tiyatro's newest production is brought to life by its tremendous cast who portray a series of funny incidents with an expert set-up.



## THE PLAY "VEE PERDE" WAS STAGED AT EMU

Organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Social and Cultural Activities Directorate the two part comedy play titled "Vee Perde" was staged at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Centre at 19:30 on Wednesday, the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2019. Accomplished thespians Yasemin Yalçın and İlyas İlbey who are also well known for their roles on television series' were accompanied on stage by Kutay Şahin, Ortans Kıvanç, Serdar Bordanacı, Merve Akaydın, Filiz Akın and Oben Onur. The play was performed in front of a capacity crowd comprised of EMU students and members of the general public.

The play adapted from Neil Simon's "Sunshine Boys" made the audience laugh and think at the same time, telling the story two former comedians Cahide and Adnan who were forced to come together 22 years later for a television program. The play received a standing ovation and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu presented Yasemin Yalçın a plaque and flowers at the end of the play.

### Visit to EMU Rector

Before the play, the cast of "Vee Perde" visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office. Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu was also present during the said

visit. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam thanked the cast of "Vee Perde" for coming to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and sharing their beautiful play with theatre lovers in the region. The cast of "Vee Perde" thanked EMU for their hospitality indicating that they were very impressed with the university.





## ROMANTİZMA PERFORMED AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Social and Cultural Activities Directorate organized the performance of the two-act comedy play 'Romantizma'. The play was performed at 19:30 on Thursday, the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 at the Rauf Denктаş Culture and Congress Center. Janset and Gökçe Özyol, who are well-known artists from theatre and television were the thespians of the play.

The play was attended by EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu, Famagusta Officer's Club Director Colonel Necati Dinç and Famagusta Naval Commander Colonel Bülent Köse. At the end of the play, Janset and Gökçe Özyol were



presented plaques of appreciation by Prof. Dr. Oğurlu.

Romantizma is about a "marital illness" that emerged during the preparations for a wedding which a couple wanted to have years after their marriage. On the 20th anniversary of their marriage Yasemin and Uğur decided to hold wedding which they regretted not previously having. The husband and wife who dream of two different weddings, question their aging and worn out relationship, their secrets swept under the carpet, and their ties which lead to an unexpected end. The play is written by Murat Dişli, Alperen Atalan and Zeki Enes and directed by Oktay Şenol.

## EMU CINEMA CLUB VISITS THE FILM SET OF "MÜSTAKBEL DAMAT"

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Cinema Club and Communication Faculty, Department Cinema and Television students visited the film set of "Müstakbel Damat" along with Senior Instructor and Cinema Club instructor Barçın Boğaç. The film is produced by Pervasız Yapım and directed by İlker Ayrık.

Filming for "Müstakbel Damat" has been continuing in Cyprus for some time. During their visit to the film set, EMU students gained the opportunity to meet with well-known names from the cinema industry such as director and film lead İlker Ayrık, producer and scriptwriter Serhat Sarı, line producer İsmail Çağlar and actor Erdal Özyağcılar.

Boğaç who is a script consultant for "Müstakbel Damat" highlighted that the change in syllabus of the Department of Cinema and Television which brought practice courses to the forefront has allowed students to improve in many fields such as pre-production, production and post production. Boğaç continued to state: "Students of our faculty and department gain the opportunity to practice what they have learned theoretically in different fields of the media sector. By being present on the set of Müstakbel Damat our students gained the opportunity to observe what they have learned in courses on sound production, the fundamentals of light, cinema production and direction, cinematography etc... in the environment of a professional set."

Boğaç and the EMU students thanked İlker Ayrık, Serhat Sarı and the Pervasız Yapım crew for their close attention and hospitality as well as for providing

them with the opportunity to be on the set. EMU students had the following to say about their time on the set of Müstakbel Damat:

**Süleyman Akdeniz:** It felt like a privilege to be provided with such an opportunity as cinema and television students. We were very lucky to be on the set of such a professional crew. I hadn't imagined that we would be entering such a professional working environment in terms of lighting systems, cameras, microphones, cast and crew.

**Samet Yıldız:** On the set, I admiringly watched everyone racing against time in a coherent manner. This is not easy. If there were 50 people on set all 50 of them had a separate role. Seeing everyone carry out their job well in the chaotic environment was incredible. Once again I understood that working in cinema requires the exertion of great effort.

**Merve Ekici:** It was an unbelievable experience to be on İlker Ayrık's film set as the first film set I have ever been on. Being on set is more difficulty and tiring that it may seem. Everyone studying in our department should have such an experience



before graduation.

**Alara Bircan:** As Cinema students in Cyprus we don't often have the opportunity to be on a film set. We thank our instructor Barçın Boğaç for providing us with this opportunity.

**Halil Efe Akdemir:** It was a very exciting and educational experience to be on a film set for us Cinema and Television students.

**Deniz Çetin:** This is our first experience on a film set as cinema and television students. We don't always have the opportunity to participate in events that allow us to gain an advantage in the sector. I can't wait for other activities organized by the Cinema Club.

**Recep Akın:** This was an unbelievable experience for me. It was a great feeling to be in the field with professionals. As a cinema and television student I feel privileged to be on a film set.

**Oğuzhan Pehlivan:** This was one of the most serious set experiences that I have had. It was impressive to see that everything was managed immaculately at an unbelievable pace.

**Selim Can Harbiyeci:** This was a great experience that allowed us to better understand the sector. We learned a lot. I can say that the pieces of the puzzle fell into place after being on set.



## UNFORGETTABLE NEW YEAR ORGANISATION BY EMU STUDENTS

Within the remit of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Community Involvement Centre, another social responsibility project has been successfully completed. As part of the Campaign course offered by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anil Kemal Kaya, Head of Public Relations and Advertising Department at the Faculty of Communication and Media Studies, EMU, students of this course Alisa Durmaz, Hakikat Özvurucular, Okan Dolu, Aziz Ataoğlu, İlgin Ahmedzade and volunteer Fatma Yüçetürk participated in a fun project.

On Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2019, with the slogan 'Let It Be the Children's Year!', a new year party was held at Canbulat Özgürlük Junior School in Famagusta. The project, which aims to enable children to interact better with their environment and become more socially active, was realised with the sponsorship of Ekor Unlu Mamüller, Okka Coffee and Yahat Ticaret.

On the day the party was held, the students first met in their classrooms and celebrated their new year with their teachers and classmates, then they had fun by attending a party prepared by EMU students in the school yard. Entertained by Dj Oğuzcan Doğdu's performance, the students had an unforgettable New Year's party. The EMU students that considered every detail, prepared treats for the students, ensuring they had continuous fun for hours.



Alisa Durmaz who was involved with the project advised she was very happy to take part, and stated "We wish for the students to be more successful, more social and better able to communicate in the new year.

School Principal Kamil Arifoğlu commented that the EMU students organised an unforgettable New Year's Party, and thanked them for their good hearts and efforts.



## NEW YEAR BALL FOR SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE WAS HELD BY EMU IN COLLABORATION WITH AFİK GROUP

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism, Department of Gastronomy Culinary Arts and AFİK Group once again held the traditional New Year Ball for the SOS Children's Village. On its 14<sup>th</sup> year, the ball took place at EMU Beach Club with the participation of one of the leading music bands of the TRNC, Frekans.

Vice Dean of the Faculty of Tourism Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren presented a plaque to the AFİK group director Özkan Karaağaç and SOS Children's Village Director Ahmet Akarsu, who both sponsored the event as they did every year. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Öztüren also thanked EMU students and Executive Board Member of EMU Community Involvement Center, Event Coordinator and EMU Gastronomy Civic Involvement Organisations academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso.

SOS Children's Village Director Ahmet Akarsu presented a certificate of appreciation to AFİK Group and EMU Faculty of Tourism for their contributions and support. AFİK Group representative Özkan Karaağaç expressed his satisfaction with the event organised in cooperation with AFİK Group

and stated that they want this to continue in the following years. Within the scope of the event, the participating children had colorful moments with Black Sea regional dance performances, African dance show, cowboy girls, special 'Baby Shark' animation and dance show for children, mini club, fairytale heroes from fairy tales, clown and Santa Claus shows. In addition to students of EMU,

children from SOS Children's Village contributed to the night through their musical performance.

With their live music performance throughout the night, Grup Frekans provided the children with joyful moments. At this meaningful night in the last week of 2019, the event left happy memories in the minds of children, supporters and participants.





## EMU TO OFFER ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING MASTER'S PROGRAM IN NICOSIA



photocopies of passport or ID card and a passport size photograph (6 cm x 5 cm). All documents must be in English. The language requirements are as follows: minimum 80 from TOEFL (IBT), minimum 6.5 from IELTS, minimum 58 from PTE Academic, minimum 90 from EMU FLEPS English Language Stage II Exam and minimum 66 from YDS/ YÖKDİL.

### Holds World-Famous AQAS Accreditation

EMU Faculty of Education Department of Foreign Language Education has been accredited by AQAS (Agency for Quality Assurance through Accreditation of Study Programs), one of the leading accreditation institutions in Germany. With its accreditation until 2025, students from more than 30 countries and its cultural diversity, EMU Faculty of Education, Foreign Language Education Department attracts students not only from Turkey but also from Europe and the United States. The master's program in English Language Teaching aims to provide comprehensive study opportunities in the field of English language teaching. The Master's program offered by the department consists of 8 courses, seminar and thesis study.

Those interested may apply for the program via <https://applyonline.emu.edu.tr/grad/>. Detailed information on the tuition fees is available at <http://grad.emu.edu.tr> or +90 392 630 14 67.

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Education, Department of Foreign Language Education, English Language Teaching Master's program will be offered in Nicosia. According to a statement released by EMU Education Faculty, Foreign Language Education Department, the opening of the MA program in English Language Teaching in Nicosia, which is currently being offered in EMU, is intended to provide convenience to prospective students living in and around Nicosia, especially to those may have difficulty in traveling to Famagusta due to work commitments or transportation problems. The courses will be held between 18:00 and 21:00 in the aforesaid program. The venue of the master's program in Nicosia will be announced soon.

in EMU. Accordingly, the documents required to be submitted by the applicants, are the official transcript of the courses taken at the undergraduate level, a four-year undergraduate program diploma taken from a university or any other equivalent institution, English proficiency score documents, three letters of recommendation for non-EMU graduates,

### Same Application Requirements

The same conditions must be fulfilled for applications to the MA Program in English Language Teaching to be offered in Nicosia. Those wishing to apply must have a bachelor's degree and meet the admission requirements of the Department of Foreign Language Education



## FAMOUS GUITARIST OKAN ERSAN DELIVERS A TALK AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Education Faculty, Department of Fine Arts Education hosted Turkish Cypriot jazz fusion guitarist and composer Okan Ersan. The event attended by EMU Education Faculty Vice Dean Asst. Prof. Dr. Hatice Nilay took place at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. During his talk, Okan Ersan touched upon rhythm, melody and

harmony. Relaying his opinions regarding how to be a good musician, Ersan spoke about the difficulties of becoming a musician. Highlighting that being a good listeners is just as important as being a good musician, Ersan touched upon his own career. During the talk, Ersan also carried out guitar performance.





## EMU HOSTED A CONFERENCE ON THE PROFESSION OF ADVOCACY

Organised by the Law Club operating under the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate affiliated to the Eastern Mediterranean University Vice Rector's Office for Student Affairs, a conference titled "Advocacy: One of the Three Legs of the Judiciary" was held at EMU Faculty of Law LA1 Amphi. The speaker at the conference was Yiğit Gökçehan Koçoğlu, who is an Executive Lawyer at Karakaya Legal Firm and the Lawyer of Fenerbahçe Sports Club. Adv. Koçoğlu, who graduated from EMU Faculty of Law in 2015 as the highest ranking student, talked about the place and importance of the advocacy profession in the legal world. Adv. Koçoğlu also shared his experiences with the students of EMU Faculty of Law and provided recommendations for them for their personal development and future career.



## TOLES EXAM DISCUSSED IN EMU



Organised by the Law Club operating under the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate affiliated to the Eastern Mediterranean University Vice Rector's Office for Student Affairs, "EMU TOLES Event" was held at EMU Law Faculty LA1 Amph.. During the said event which featured information presentation on the TOLES examination, Sen. Inst. Peril Sözgen Emiroğulları, Adv. Melis Türkkal, Adv. Yağmur

Elagöz, Adv. Yiğit Gökçehan Koçoğlu and Toles IV course student Munis Melis Karaoğlan shared information.

The speakers touched upon the competencies required by international law firms from new recruits, pros and cons of working at an international law firm and hints on becoming a successful lawyer.





## EMU INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING GRADUATE RECEIVED "2019 BEST STARTUP" AWARD



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Engineering, Department of Industrial Engineering graduate Barış Bayoğlu, won the "Best B2B Startup" Award at Mobilefest 2019 which took place between the 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in İstanbul. The awards were presented by Republic of Turkey Minister of Industry and Technology Mustafa Varank and Vice Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Dr. Ömer Fatih Sayan. Barış Bayoğlu introduced the "Shopping Platform Independent of Time and Space" Moneymo to hundreds in a curious audience.

### What is Moneymo?

It is a mobile shopping platform that allows the order, payment, campaign and loyalty programs of brands over all bank applications and

e-wallets. It transforms offline channels such as shops, billboards, magazines, INSERT and TV to online channels. Whilst banks provide their customers with new campaigns and experiences, the customers shop easily and safely without sharing any credit card information or addresses inside the whole consumption ecosystem.

EMU Industrial Engineering Chairman Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gökhan İzbirak stated that contrary to the popular belief of Industry and Management Engineers only working at factories, they also work in the service industry (consultancy, transportation, telecommunication, energy, logistics, finance, banking, hospitals, education, software, tourism, brand management, marketing, human resources etc.) construction, oil, natural gas and mining. Assoc. Prof. Dr.

İzbirak underlined that Industry and Management Engineers contribute to companies in the way that they to produce cheaper and higher quality goods/services at lower prices.

### Accredited by ABET

The EMU Industrial Engineering program also provides its successful students with the opportunity to obtain Mechanical Engineering or Business Administration diplomas. The program is accredited by ABET (abet.org) which currently only provides accreditation for 5 universities in Turkey. Since its first graduates in 1998, the graduates of the program work in top firms in the manufacturing, service and construction sectors. They are also being accepted to postgraduate programs of the most famous universities in the world such as MIT and Cambridge.

## EMU INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT HOSTED ESTIEM COUNCIL MEETING



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Engineering, Industrial Engineering Department Student Club (IE-Club) held one of their most important events; the biannual 59<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting of ESTIEM, (European Students of Industrial Engineering and Management) in Famagusta with great success.

Founded in 1990, ESTIEM has 74 membering Industrial Engineering Students' Clubs representing over 60.000 students from 29 European countries. Since 2002, EMU Industrial Engineering Students'

Club has been the only membering club of the island in ESTIEM, including South Cyprus.

ESTIEM aims to provide Industrial and Business Engineering students with the knowledge and experience about the possible problems they may face in business life, the projects they will undertake, and the crises they will have to manage through various activities and competitions. Participated by more than 250 participants including 74 student representatives from 26 European countries including Germany, France, Italy, Netherlands,

Sweden, Norway, Russia, Spain and Switzerland, 148 university representative delegates, ESTIEM Executive Board, Alumni Executive Board, graduates with high careers, Committee Leaders, Project Leaders, Regional Representatives and instructors, the organisation hosted numerous meetings. The meetings hosted the evaluation of the various activities of ESTIEM throughout the year, the election of the new Executive Board, presentations and voting on the ESTIEM Strategic Plan, various workshops for students' personal development and presentations of the Strategic Partners of ESTIEM.

According to the information released by EMU Industrial Engineering Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gökhan İzbirak, the guests also had the opportunity to explore the historical, cultural and natural beauties of Cyprus through social trips. The department owes the event's success to Industrial Engineering Department Student Club Chair Yetkin Koç and 30 students from the department all of whom worked under the leadership of Mohammad D'yab, Nilay Olgun, Mossab Hamdi, Hamna Ashfaq and Mahmoud Saad.



## 5<sup>TH</sup> MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND GENETICS CAREER DAY WAS HELD AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Biological Sciences held the "5<sup>th</sup> Molecular Biology and Genetics Career Day" at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall at 10:00, on Friday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2019. The event brought together Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Biological Sciences students and expert professionals from the field. Students obtained the opportunity to gain insights about job opportunities that await them. The opening speech of the event was delivered by EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Biological Sciences Chair Prof. Dr. Bahar Taneri Güder, who provided information about the event and the Medical Biotechnology Master's Program (without thesis) that was established in the Fall Semester of the 2019-2020 Academic Year. Touching upon the successful careers of graduates from their department, Prof. Dr. Taneri Güder advised students to communicate with the professionals attending the "5<sup>th</sup> Molecular Biology and Genetics Career Day".

### Education at an International Standard

In a speech of his own, EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan noted that the event will play a big part in the identification of student's career paths. Prof.



Dr. Özarslan underlined that the Department of Biological Sciences which was established in 2011 provides education at an international standard with its multicultural environment. Stating that the Medical Biotechnology Master's Program (without thesis) has started providing education after being approved by the Council of Higher Education Prof. Dr. Özarslan indicated that the program allows students a career in the sector of biotechnology, molecular diagnosis laboratories or in the pharmacy industry.

### They Spoke About Their Career Journeys

During the event new academic staff from the Department of Biological Sciences delivered presentations. Prof. Dr. Gamze Başbülbul delivered a presentation titled "Microbial Biotechnology". Asst. Prof. Dr. Deniz Balcı delivered a presentation titled "Stem Cell Biology" and Asst. Prof. Dr. Ilgın Çağnan delivered a presentation titled "Clinical Applications of Stem Cells in Cancer Therapy". These presentations were followed by a presentation titled "Molecular Immunology" which was delivered by Dr. Cengiz Gökeri



from the Charite-University Hospital in Berlin, Germany. EMU Department of Biological Sciences Senior Instructors Pembe Savaş and İlkey Edip delivered presentations respectively titled, "Human Reproductive Genetics" and "Vaccines and Allergies". During their presentations, the speakers provided students with information about their fields and career choices. After the presentations, EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty Vice-Dean Asst. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Bozer presented the speakers plaques of appreciation.

## ACADEMICIAN FROM TAIWAN NATIONAL KOAHSIUNG UNIVERSITY GIVES SEMINAR AT EMU



In scope of the 8<sup>th</sup> International Career Week events hosted by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate, in collaboration with the EMU Faculty of Tourism, Taiwan National Koahsiung University, Hospitality and Tourism Department academic staff Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hungchen Hsieh, who was in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), came

together with EMU students at a seminar that took place at the EMU Faculty of Tourism. The said event received much interest of those who participated.

### Recommendations were Given

As well as the EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, faculty staff and students attended the event during which Assoc. Prof.

Hsieh presented information on "International Career Opportunities in Hospitality and Tourism Sector". In his presentation that was met with large interest, Hsieh discussed the work he carried out in the hotel business and marketing sectors. Summarising how he found himself at this point in his career, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hsieh provided recommendations to the students of the Tourism Faculty.



## EMU REPRESENTED AT "BAUHAUS 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY DESIGN FESTIVAL"

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture Vice Dean Prof. Dr. S. Müjdem Vural represented EMU at Bauhaus 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Design Festival organized by Yıldız Technical University (YTU) Faculty of Architecture, Department of Architecture.

As the most extensive "Bauhaus 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" event organised in Turkey, the event hosted talks, exhibitions, a total of 750 participants and 33 workshops. During the festival, Prof. Dr. S. Müjdem Vural held a workshop titled "Walking-Istanbul 3: City Rally; Tracing the Bauhaus Design Philosophy". In the workshop, Bauhaus Design Philosophy was discussed with the participating students, details of the field work were presented, the first field studies were conducted for the preparation of individual perception maps and individual perception maps were discussed. During the festival, workshop organisers and all participants further discussed Bauhaus design philosophy and worked in groups. On the last day of the festival, presentations on the 33 workshops were held.



## MEANINGFUL ACT FROM ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS TOWARDS THE SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Architecture Faculty academic staff, research assistants and students, instead of exchanging gifts to celebrate the turning of the new year, decided to make the children staying at the SOS Children's village happy.

Following enquiries made by EMU Architecture students Sevim Umay Binici and Altuğ Öztürkcan, the needs of the children residing at the SOS Children's Village were established. With the support of the EMU Architecture Dean's Office and EMU Rectorate, they began to prepare for the SOS Children's Village social responsibility project. Members and President of the EMU Design Club, Sedanur Çakar also supported the project. Once all the needs of the children were collated, on the 27<sup>th</sup> December 2019, a representative of the Architecture Faculty, the president of the Design Club and the two students who founded and brought the project to life, went to the SOS Children's Village and gave the donations.





## ALİ ÖZÇİL AND İHSAN EROL ÖZÇİL DELIVER A TALK AT THE EMU TOURISM FACULTY



A talk took place aimed towards Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts program students. The talk which took place at the Tourism Faculty was delivered by "Doyen Chef" Ali Özçil and Food Engineer, Wine and Gastronomy Expert İhsan Erol Özçil. At the talk also attended by EMU Tourism Faculty Vice-

Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Ali Özçil and İhsan Erol Özçil promoted their book titled "Adamızın Lezzetleri" (Flavors of Our Island).

### They Provided Occupational Advice

Ali Özçil and İhsan Erol Özçil have contributed to Cyprus's rich and historic cuisine being promoted all over the world. During the talk, Chef Ali Özçil

and Food Engineer, Wine and Gastronomy Expert İhsan Erol Özçil touched upon the work they are carrying out in the field of gastronomy and provided EMU Tourism Faculty students with occupational advice. The talk highlighted that a gastronomy education makes it easy for students to find work after graduation and that gastronomy is a financially attractive profession.

## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN DISCUSSED IN EMU



Organised by the Psychology Club operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University Social and Cultural Activities Directorate, a conference titled "The Gender System and Violence against Girls & Women" took place at Faculty of Law LA2 Amphi. The speaker of the event was EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Psychology Department academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Şenel Hüsnü Raman. Stating that most societies have a patriarchal, male dominated structure, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Raman put forth that according to UNIFEM data, 60% of the world's female population will be subjected to violence throughout their

lives, and the said forms of violence include physical, sexual, psychological violence, murder of women, women trafficking or forced marriage at an early age. The conference also hosted discussions on how societies normalize and ignore these violent incidents due to gender norms.



## EMU GASTRONOMY AND CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM IS REPRESENTED AT THE ANATOLIAN SALON CULINARY COMPETITIONS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts program Senior Instructor Kurtuluş Özbaşar and Expert Pastry Chef Pınar Barut represented EMU by acting as jury members at the Anatolian Salon Culinary Competitions 2019

Chef Kurtuluş Özbaşar and Expert Pastry Chef Pınar Barut were jury members at the 17<sup>th</sup> Be My Dealership Franchising and Branded Expo which took place in İstanbul. The duo were alongside head jury Chefs and Gastronomy Association President / World Master Chef Society Turkey President Fikret Özdemir.

Relaying his opinion on the competition EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç thanked Senior Instructor Kurtuluş Özbaşar and Expert Pastry Chef Pınar Barut for representing EMU and the Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts by being jury members at the

competition that brought together thousands of people including national and international chefs, foreign jury members, prospective gastronomy students from vocational high schools and universities, academicians, gourmets, food writers, professional educators and bloggers.

The Tourism Faculty is going to Croatia for the European Tourism Schools Competition Prof. Dr. Kılıç went on to indicate that they will be participating in a gastronomy competition taking place in Croatia. In addition, Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that Senior Instructor Kurtuluş Özbaşar will be acting as a jury member which will contribute to the promotion of EMU and the Tourism Faculty in the international arena. Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by stating that they value such organizations because they are important for the development of students, underlining that they will continue to operate within EMU's goal of internationalization.



## GLOBALTEX FINE LENS CEO RAMAZAN PATAK DELIVERS A TALK IN EMU

In scope of the 8<sup>th</sup> Career Week activities organised by the Eastern Mediterranean University Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate in collaboration with Faculty of Tourism, Founder and CEO of Globaltex Fine Lens Ramazan Patak came together with the students of EMU to deliver a talk.

### Provided Recommendations

During the event which was participated by the academic staff and students of EMU Tourism Faculty, Ramazan Patak delivered a presentation titled "A Tourism and Hospitality Management Graduate's Career Path to Becoming a Top 20 Professional Under 40 in Miami, Florida". In his presentation, Patak provided information on how he reached the current point in his career and provided recommendations for EMU Tourism Faculty students. Ramazan Patak, who went to America as a graduate of tourism and hospitality, stated that tourism is a sector that offers very important opportunities and that the visions of the students should be broad. Giving examples from his own career journey, Patak shared with students the details and success factors of being the top 20 most successful businessmen in Miami under the age of 40 and owning the fastest growing 249<sup>th</sup> business owner in America. Ramazan Patak stressed that working hard, being honest and loyal are the most important qualities that brought him to this point.





## EMU WALKS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT CHILD ABUSE

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, Department of Public Relations and Advertising organized a walk to raise awareness about child abuse under the umbrella of the EMU Community Involvement Centre. The said walk commenced at EMU's main entrance on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2019 and ended with a press briefing at the Atatürk Square. EMU Communication Faculty, Department of Public Relations and Advertising Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anıl Kemal Kaya stated that the walk took place in silence to raise awareness. A number of placards were also held throughout the walk. At the end of the walk, Department of Public Relations and Advertising Vice-Chair Asst. Prof. Dr. Umut Ayman made a press briefing highlighting the importance of the 10<sup>th</sup> of December, Human Rights Day. Asst. Prof. Dr. Ayman invited everyone to be sensitive about child abuse.

The press briefing of the EMU Department of Public Relations and Advertising read: "Today, we all came together as the EMU family to draw attention to the forms of child abuse that take place in many countries. Child abuse is one of the most dangerous social problems that harm the future of societies. Therefore, the people who were gathered today in front of EMU's main gate, are all sensitive to the problems that took place in our



society recently. Thus, we as the Public Relations and Advertising Department, think that it is our responsibility to raise our voices against child abuse. That is why we organize the awareness walk within EMU's campus to raise our voice against all forms of child abuse which have been taking place not only in our own society but all over the world. Child abuse or violence against children includes forms of violence, i.e. physical, sexual and/or psychological maltreatment against people below the age of 18, whether perpetrated by parents, peers, caregivers, or strangers.

### "Protect Your Child Protect Your Future!"

Nowadays, because everyone is too focused on their own lives, they are not aware of what is going on in their environment. Unfortunately, child abuse is not far away from us. Therefore, everyone needs to react to these problems in society and make an effort to do something to eliminate them. Families have many responsibilities to prevent child abuse. Families



need to be in good communication with their children at all times and make them feel confident to be able to discuss their problems with them. Child abuse is a crime. If we want to protect our future, children's rights have to be protected. Healthy minds enlight healthy individuals and healthy individuals enlight healthy societies. "If you want to shed light on the future and society, don't stay silent on child abuse! Protect your child! Protect Your Future!"

## "CHILDREN'S RIGHTS" SEMINAR ORGANIZED BY THE EMU DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING

Another social responsibility project has been organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, Department of Public Relations and Advertising under the umbrella of the EMU Community Involvement Centre.

As part of the Campaign course delivered by EMU Communication Faculty, Public Relations and Advertising Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anıl Kemal Kaya, students Salih Aziz Atamer, Koral Tan, Behiç Bilgen and Nicat Sadiqzade organized a meaningful social responsibility project for World Children's Day.

Within the scope of the project, the EMU students delivered a seminar on children's rights at the Polatpaşa Primary School. During the seminar, Salih Aziz Atamer highlighted that knowing children's rights is one of the most important prerequisites of preventing child abuse. Indicating that for this reason education must be increased Atamer suggested the organization of wide scale events that can reach a large number of children. The seminar at Polatpaşa Primary School was attended by many students and teachers. Vice-

Principle Şirin Zaferyıldız Zaimağaoğulları underlined that the continuity of such events is important for students to be protected and knowledgeable about their rights. Zaimağaoğulları stated that these events positively contribute to

children's development, education and growth. Zaimağaoğulları concluded by noting that they were proud to see the awareness of EMU's students whilst thanking them for the information provided at the seminar.





## EMU PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT HOLDS "SIGN LANGUAGE" AWARENESS SEMINAR



Another social responsibility project has taken place under the umbrella of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Community Involvement Centre. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December which is the International Day of Disabled Persons, The Genesis IMC Agency operating under the supervision of EMU Department of Public Relations and Advertising Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anil Kemal Kaya, with the coordination of research assistant Mürüde Özen organized a "Sign Language Awareness" seminar with volunteer students. Cyprus Hearing and Speech Impaired Foundation Education Representative Asst. Prof. Dr. Emrah Soykan was speaker at the seminar

which took place at the Communication Faculty, FCMS 011 Hall on Monday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2019.

The seminar touched upon the development and importance of sign language. Asst. Prof. Dr. Soykan noted that sign language isn't universal and shows differences according to regions and cultures like spoken language. Indicating that everyone should know sign language in order to be able to communicate with hearing and speech impaired individuals, Asst. Prof. Dr. Soykan highlighted the importance of showing unity, solidarity and cooperation in educational, health

related, professional, cultural, sporting, legal, artistic and social issues. At the end of the seminar, EMU Public Relations and Advertising Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anil Kemal Kaya thanked Asst. Prof. Dr. Soykan for providing the prospective communication professionals with information about how they can communicate with hearing and speech impaired individuals. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kaya concluded by stating: "We must unite to reduce the factors that make life difficult for disabled individuals." Students who attended the seminar then made an "I Love You" sign and took a photo.

## EMU BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS FACULTY HOLDS 4<sup>TH</sup> ECOBUS FEST



Eastern Mediterranean University Business and Economics Faculty organised 4<sup>th</sup> Ecobus Fest. Organised under the theme 'Climate Change', the event took place at Business and Economics Faculty back yard and hosted a climate change walk, competitions and shows.

During the fest which gathered the participation of many students, the students spent entertaining hours

filled with DJ performances, songs, competitions and different shows. Students also contributed to the civic involvement projects by sharing used books with other students.

Dean of Faculty of Business and Economics Prof. Dr. Selcan Timur presented medals and gifts to those who won competitions during the festival. Congratulating all students who won

the competitions, Prof. Timur thanked all those who helped with the organisation of the festival. ECOBUS festival aims to create a social platform bringing together the students of the Faculty of Business and Economics with the faculty's prospective students who are currently studying at the Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, and the academic and administrative staff of the faculty.



## EMU GASTRONOMY STUDENTS BEGIN TREE CALCIFICATION PROJECT

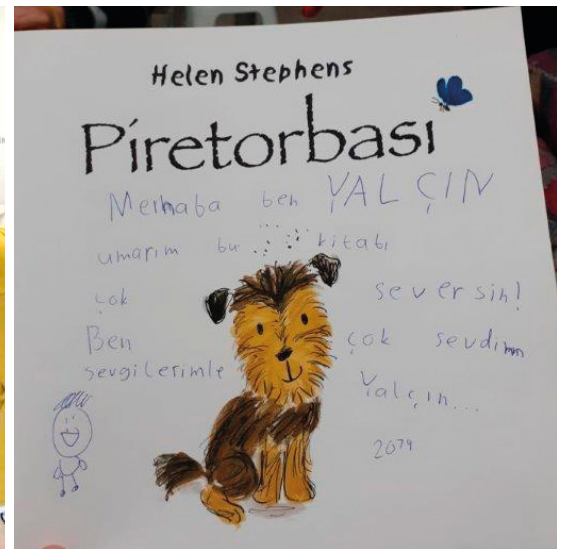


Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Tourism Faculty, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department students Mehmet Parlar, Ali Çil, Uğur Can Kırşan, Seher Altuğ, Aleyna Aktaş alongside with teaching staff, coordinated by EMU Community Involvement Centre board member and Gastronomy Department Community Involvement Organisation academic staff Asst. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir, visited primary schools and calcified the trees on the school grounds, in order to help create a more healthy, safe, clean and tidier environment for the primary school children to be educated in.

Everyone always wondered during their childhood, why are trees painted white? Some children asked and received the answer while the trees were being painted. Where requested by teaching staff, a presentation was made in the classrooms to enlighten the students. The children were also given the opportunity to paint the trees themselves. Due to the efforts of this enjoyable project, the trees are now stronger, with sprouting and cracks to the trunk prevented. With the children's health considered, the trees will now have a defense against other damages, as it is well known, it also prevents Lime beetles,

who like to climb the trees to make their nests. Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Rus Kandemir stated that the project had many aims including keeping the primary schools tidy, maintained and looking clean, and that they plan to organise this project each year. Beginning from schools in locations around Famagusta; Gönendere, Güvercinlik, Çayönü, Çayrova, Ziyamet, İskele and Maraş, Kandemir advised they also intend to continue the good work in the Girne, Lefkoşa and Lefke districts.

## THOUGHTFUL SUPPORT FROM EMU GASTRONOMY AND CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM STUDENTS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department students Fatma Doğruöz and Kübranur Doğruöz, with the coordination of EMU Community Involvement Centre board member and Gastronomy Department Community Involvement Organisation teaching staff Asst. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir, made a bookshelf for the Children's ward at the Nicosia Dr. Burhan Nalbantoğlu Public Hospital.

The bookshelf was made possible by the sponsorship of Tuğberk Tuver, business owner of Dreams Garden by Tuver and with the support of

Polatpaşa Primary School Headteacher Mehmet Erbil Taşer, who arranged for books to be donated from children and parents from his school.

In order for children who are receiving treatment at the hospital to have some enjoyment during their stay, the collected story books were put ready on the shelves. Clothing items and toys that were also collected, were distributed to families in need by hospital staff.

In her statement, Asst. Prof. Dr. Kandemir told of a book named 'Flea Bag', and how its previous owner, a child named Yalçın wrote on the first

page 'Hello I'm Yalçın, I hope you like this book. I liked it very much, with my love Yalçın'. She said that this was a detail that did not go unnoticed and that sharing is one of the many virtues of living in society.

Assist. Prof. Dr. Kandemir underlined that children would not acquire the ability to share on their own, but it is possible to be provided through families and such activities. She went on to thank Polatpaşa Primary School for their endless support to the project.



## HOPE AGAINST CANCER CONCERT PERFORMED AT EMU

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), as a method of donating to cancer patients, and within the remit of the 'One Donation One Hope' campaign, an amazing concert was organised by the Media and Communication Faculties Public Relations and Advertising Department, in conjunction with the EMU Community Involvement Centre. Taking place at the square in front of the EMU Central Lecture Halls, the free concert was attended by many students.

As part of EMU Public Relations and Advertising Department Vice Head of Department Assist. Prof. Dr. Umut Aymans course; 'Marketing Communication for Social Responsibility,' students and a team of volunteers aimed to provide hope to children in receipt of cancer treatment. Taking stage at the concert were Group Rast, Oğulcan Başarı, Passnote, Voice of Cyprus, Dilara Ferit, Desibel, Dj Haşim Volkan, Dj Bouncer and Dj Ümit Akdeniz.

Attending the concert was EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu and Prof. Dr. Hıfsiye Pulhan, Head of Public Relations and Advertising Department, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anıl Kemal Kaya, Kemal Saracoğlu Foundation for Children with Leukemia and the Fight Against



Cancer Coordinator Servet Özeralp and a large number of students.

During an interview given at the beginning of the night, Assist. Prof. Dr. Umut Ayman initially thanked the performers of the concert, and the sponsoring bodies who contributed; for the procurement of water, Hediye Su, for providing cold drinks, Kaner Group, for the hot drinks, Oza Coffee, and for the desserts, Volkan Lokma and Ekor, and advised that the campaign for donations will continue for a period of time.

In an announcement that was made on behalf of the organising team, a call was made stating, 'With small donations, lets provide a beacon of hope to our children that are waiting to reunite with their health'. In addition the following was recorded:



"In an effort to provide our children with a beacon of hope, we, EMU, are doing what we can to do our share, however we need the help of our valuable community. In this context, to give hope to our child cancer patients, you may make donations to Koopbank 11-304-6206267, UBAN NUMBER: CT16 1200 0011 0000 0000 0052 4179, account name 'DOĞU AKDENİZ ÜNİVERSİTESİ (BİR BAĞIŞ, BİR UMUT)'."

The donation campaign that was organised to benefit the Dr. Burhan Nalbantoğlu Public Hospital, Pediatric Oncology and Hematology Service and the Kemal Saraçoğlu Foundation for Children with Leukemia and the Fight Against Cancer, completed the concerted part of the campaign, however donations continue.

## 24 HOUR GAME DEVELOPMENT EVENT TAKES PLACE AT EMU

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, Department of Animation and Game Design and the EMU Game Development Platform operating under the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate organized a 24 hour long game development event.

The event attended by approximately 50 participants formed a basis for groups comprised of Animation and Game Design academic personnel and students from numerous departments and disciplines to carry out game development. In events titled 'Game Jam' that conduce game development in a limited amount of time random subjects and themes are established. A total of 7 games were developed on the 'Edge of the World' theme.

The event was also preliminary preparation for the annual international competition 'Global Game Jam'. The 'Global Game Jam' event has been taking place synchronously in centers across the globe, every year on the same date since 2009. In 2019, EMU also participated in the event along with over 40 thousand participants from 113 different countries. EMU is going to participate in the 48 hour-long 'Global Game Jam' event taking

place in January 2020. The competition will provide participants the opportunity to carry out

team work, cooperate and gain experience about the process of professional game development.





## NTV SPORTS DIRECTOR NEBIL EVREN AND BRTK FOOTBALL PROGRAM PRODUCER AND PRESENTER OSMAN DINLER GAVE A CONFERENCE IN EMU

Organised by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Sports Sciences, a panel titled "Explaining Sports Correctly" was held at EMU Faculty of Health Sciences Amphitheater at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Moderated by Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, the panel hosted NTV Sports Director Nebil Evren and BRTK Football Program Producer and Presenter Osman Dinler as speakers.

The panel during which the speakers shared their valuable experiences with the audience was held in the form of question-answer format with the participation of EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Vice Deans Assist. Prof. Dr. Gülten Sucu Dağ and Assist. Prof. Dr. Seray Kabaran, Sports Sciences Department Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Berkiye Kırmızıgil,

academic staff, research assistants, Sports Sciences Department students, sports lovers and sports writers. At the end of the panel, EMU Faculty of Health Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç presented plaques and certificates of appreciation to the speakers.

### Visit to EMU Rector

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam received NTV Sports Director Nebil Evren and BRTK Football Program Producer and Presenter Osman Dinler in his office. EMU Health Sciences Faculty, Sports Sciences Department Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Berkiye Kırmızıgil, Sen. Inst. Can Jeffry Roy Chauchat and Sen. Inst. Ahmet Özyaşar were also present at the said visit. At the end of the visit, Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam presented gifts to Nebil Evren and Osman Dinler for their contributions to the panel.



## EMU HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY HOLDS THE 3<sup>RD</sup> STUDENT PANEL

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Health Sciences Faculty, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Student Panel on Wednesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2019. The said panel commenced at 15:00, in the amphitheatre SBF YB006. The panel coordinated by EMU Health Sciences Faculty, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics academic staff member Prof. Dr. Perihan Arslan featured the following presentations under the heading of "Sport and Nutrition": "The Importance of Pre and Post-Diet Workouts" by Buğra Cenker Atıcı, Energy, "Macro and Micro Nutrients in Football" by Ceren Çizmeçi, "Specific Micro Nutrient Deficiencies in Football" by Yasemin Öztinen and "Ergogenic Aids Specific to Football" by Yağmur Başaran. The panel chair was Cansu Arslanbaş at the event presented by EMU Health Sciences Faculty, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics student representative Mecde Çelen. The panel was attended by players from the youth team of Dumlupınar Turkish Sports Club who received certificates of appreciation at the end of the panel.





## SCT ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT CONTINUES WITH VOCATIONAL OBSERVATION VISITS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) School of Computing and Technology (SCT) Electrical and Electronic Department students continue with their traditional occupational observing visits in scope of Renewable Energy course. SCT delivers its education programs with social and professional responsibility, aims to graduate its students in accordance with the present conditions and prepare them with the necessary equipment, information and skills for the related sector.

Ignoring the nature and emissions from fossil fuel use is causing global warming and breaks the ecological balance of our world. It is necessary to use alternative and renewable energy sources to avoid climate catastrophes. In this context,

Electrical and Electronics Department students visited a solar power plant. The visit to Vadili's 1 MW solar power plant took place under the supervision of EMU SCT Instructor Ahmet Köylüoğlu. During the visit, North Cyprus Turkcell Engineer and EMU graduate Tayfun Atsoy gave information about the facility.

EMU SCT Director Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nazife Dimililer stated that they will continue to organize such observation visits during the upcoming weeks and that these kind of events and opportunities will increase the efficiency considering the professions that the students will choose. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dimililer said, "Occupational technical visits are helping the students for learning the recent applications at the

related sector. Also, one of the biggest advantages is the education they receive and the skills they gather from the university and they will be used when they start their business life. This increases the motivation of our students and accordingly, their success. These types of visits also raise the awareness of the students for selecting the area that they will specialize in."

As a first in TRNC, Electrical and Electronic Department of EMU SCT has been accredited by ASIIN. The program boasts a diploma that is recognised all over the world and continues to bring up graduates equipped with current information and skills.

## EMU JOINS THE GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE MOVEMENT

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) joined the "Global Climate Strike" movement that took place at the same in many different regions of the world. During the Global Climate Strike which took place on the EMU Campus, the Interaction Club operating under Social and Cultural Activities Directorate delivered the message: "Don't change the climate, change the system". English and Turkish declarations were read at the event which was supported by numerous student clubs such as the Molecular Biology Club and the Cinema Club. Those attending the strike planted a pine tree in the garden to send the message "Produce oxygen and support green". The activists walked to the main entrance of campus whilst reciting slogans. The declaration which was read indicated that the strike

was deliberately held on "Black Friday" a day when consumption is increased.

### "Don't Change the Climate Change the System"

The EMU Interaction Club declaration reads as follows: "We are the future of our planet and on the fourth Global Climate Strike held in our country we are taking to the streets with children and young people across the world to protest climate change and ecological crisis. The Global Climate Strike has chosen the 29<sup>th</sup> of November especially because of "Black Friday" which encourages us to consume via sales applied to numerous products. With this strike, we hope to make our voices heard at the 25<sup>th</sup> United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP25) that is going to be taking place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2019 in Madrid. According to an Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) report, 1 million of the 1.7 million species on earth will face the risk of extinction if measures are not taken."

### "We Want Our Future"

The declaration continued as follows: "We want climate justice in other words we want to secure human rights and development in terms of climate change, fair sharing of climate change effects and a search for fair and joint solutions to climate change. If we don't halve CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of greenhouses gases which are currently 53.5 billion tons per year by 2030 the temperature will increase by 1.5 °C by 2040 and 2 °C by 2060. The movement started by our activist friend Greta Thunberg which involves striking instead of going to school on Fridays has

brought about big achievements as more and more young people from across the world are making their voices heard with the goal of protecting their future. As Greta said: "Change is coming whether you like it or not!" On this day of "Global Climate Strike" we invite municipalities to re-evaluate the Famagusta – İskele – Yeniboğaziçi City Development Plan which is directly related to the environment and climate. During the strike the slogans "The climate is in a state of emergency!", "Stop the usage of fossil fuels!", "Don't save corporations, save the planet", "No carbon future or no future!", "Last 11 years to reduce greenhouse gasses", "We want our future" and "We don't have another planet" drew great attention.





## EMU- FLEPS CLEANED BEDİS PICNIC AREA AND BEACH IN SCOPE OF "ENVIRONMENT AND NATURE" PROJECT

Eastern Mediterranean University Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (FLEPS) cleaned Bedis picnic area and beach in scope of the Community Involvement Project titled "Environment and Nature".

Organised by Team Leader and academic staff member Mehşen Ercanlar and lead by academic members Şerife Hocanın Aşıksoy, Damla Simsaroglu and Selcan Sinal, the "Environment and Nature Project" was held at Bedis picnic area and beach.

The instructors and students partaking in the cleaning project immensely enjoyed their activity and stated that they would maintain their sensitivity towards a clean environment and would spend effort to raise awareness in the people around them. After completing the cleaning activity, the students and teachers played volleyball on the beach and picnic area, explored the area and expressed that life is much better in a clean and well-maintained environment. Stating that they found the beach and picnic area much cleaner this year compared to last year, the project instructors added that seeing the young people with increased environmental awareness and responsibility each year is promising for our future.



## EMU-FLEPS ORGANIZES EVENT TO RAISE BICYCLE AWARENESS



Within the scope of their social responsibility projects, Eastern Mediterranean University Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (EMU-FLEPS) organized an event with "The Biking Club" comprised of elementary level students to raise awareness about cycling. The said event took place on Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2019. EMU-FLEPS students and academicians stopped at the EMU and Famagusta roundabouts to draw attention to the fact that bicycles are a part of traffic too. Brochures on increasing the usage of bicycles were handed out and slogans chanted.

### Positive Feedback from the Community

Members of "The Biking Club" received positive feedback from the community during their 10 kilometer ride. In the Famagusta Old City, the team chanted slogans such as "More bicycles, less cars" and received support from the shopkeepers. After the colorful and enjoyable event, "The Biking Club" members stated that they are going start working on establishing a club to operate under the EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate in order to be able organize events that can be attended by larger numbers of people.



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