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## EMU SIGNS INTERNATIONAL MAGNA CHARTA AGREEMENT



EMU was represented in Salamanca, Spain on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2018, where the Observatory Magna Charta Universitatum was signed by the university. The international agreement has been signed by 816 universities from 86 countries. The document that

adopts the principles of academic freedom and institution autonomy has been signed by 33 universities from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and Turkey. At the meeting which corresponds with the University of Salamanca's 800<sup>th</sup> and Observatory

Magna Charta Universitatum's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam signed the agreement at a cloak wearing ceremony that took place before Felipe VI, the King of Spain and Letizia, the Queen of Spain. The said ceremony will also be attended (p.2)

## EMU ONCE AGAIN APPEARS ON THE TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION LIST

U.K. based higher education ranking magazine Times Higher Education (THE) announced the 2018 – 2019 Academic Year World University Rankings. 1,258 universities from 79 different countries were listed in THE 2018 -2019 World University Rankings and once again Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) is the only university from TRNC appearing on the said list. Thus, having been listed in the World University Rankings for the 3rd time since the 2017 Academic Year, EMU maintains its outstanding success.

Expressing his honor and pride in EMU's remarkable achievement, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that EMU ranks within the 601-800



Band in the world rankings of the said list. Putting forth the fact that success is never a coincidence and EMU continues to grow and improve, Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam concluded his words by saying that EMU is the best in education throughout the island and one of the bests in the world. Some of the best world universities including Oxford, California Institute of Technology,

Stanford, Cambridge, MIT, Harvard and Princeton also featured on the list. The ranking considers factors such as teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook, citations from academic publications, international faculty, number of international students, social activities and civic involvement.

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## EMU SIGNS INTERNATIONAL MAGNA CHARTA AGREEMENT

by EMU Board of Trustees President Boysan Boyra.

### *EMU Will Be Accepted With a Ceremony*

The annual report of Magna Charta Observatory will be presented to the attendees. The event will continue with a number of workshops following the lunch. The second day will be hosted by Mayor of Salamanca Alfonso Fernandez Manueco's reception in honour of

the universities. Then the attending universities will walk through the city and 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary celebrations will begin. The event will end after RTVE Chorus and Amancio Prada guitar concerts at 19:00 pm. EMU had joined the Magna Charta meeting last year in Scotland's Glasgow city and started the process to join the agreement.

The opening speeches of the event will be delivered by University of Salamanca

Rector Prof. Dr. Ricardo Rivero Ortega and Magna Charta Observatory President Sijbolt Noorda on Monday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2017 at the University of Salamanca's Historical Paraninfo Building.

### *What is Magna Charta Universitatum?*

Magna Carta Universitatum is an agreement that was signed on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September 1988 at the 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the University of Bologna. It was

signed by 388 rectors in Europe and beyond. It contains principles of academic freedom and institutional autonomy as a guideline for good governance and self-understanding of universities in the future. To this day, the document has been signed by 816 universities from 86 different countries. The universities that sign the document accept that universities play an important role in the development of societies and aim to adjust their vision and strategies accordingly.



## TRNC PRIME MINISTER TUFAN ERHÜRMAN VISITS EMU

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Prime Minister Tufan Erhürman visited the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) within the scope of the "Equal Opportunities Project" coordinated by the TRNC Youth Department operating under the Prime Minister's Office, in collaboration with EMU. The project is aimed towards high school students receiving an education at TRNC state schools. Erhürman met with the said students at the EMU Senate Hall on Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2018 at 10:00.

Delivering the opening speech of the meeting, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam highlighted his belief that this project is very important indicating that EMU always set goals to obtain the very best. Prof. Dr. Osam concluded by wishing luck to all students involved in the project and thanking members of academic staff.

EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler provided information about the course content stating that the courses will be very useful for the students. In a speech of his own TRNC Prime Minister Tufan Erhürman



noted: "I feel like I am home. I am very happy to be a part of this project." Describing their aim as providing equal opportunities for public and private school students Erhürman relayed his belief that the high school students will be guided by the education they receive in the summer period that will cover range of different subjects.

### *Education will be provided to high school students*

Free education courses in a range of subjects will be provided to high school students receiving an education at TRNC

state schools selected by the Youth Department according to certain criteria. During the summer, courses will be provided on subjects such as Humanoid Robot Programming and Control, Fundamental Robot Design and Application, Microcontroller Programing (Arduino), Introduction to Astronomy, Rhino, AutoCAD, Geographic Information Systems, HTML and Web Design. The education courses that will be delivered by members of EMU academic staff will be taking place on the EMU campus between the 9th of July and the 1st of September 2018.

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

Before the meeting, Erhürman came together with Prof. Dr. Osam at 09:00 receiving information about the latest developments at the university. Also present during the said meeting were TRNC Prime Ministry Chief of Cabinet Mustafa Ergüven, Youth Department Director Şifa Çolakoğlu, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler, Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı and Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu as well as Rector's Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş.

## THROUGH THE EYES OF A SPECIALIST

EMU Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Chair Asst. Prof. Dr. Ender Angin

### WORLD PHYSIOTHERAPISTS DAY MESSAGE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Chair Asst. Prof. Dr. Ender Angin released a statement on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September World Physiotherapists Day which reads as follows:

"Public health and quality of life has been increasing since the emergence of physiotherapy over 100 years ago. Physiotherapy emerged as a profession in Turkey and our country approximately 50 years ago.

A physiotherapist is defined as someone who has received undergraduate education in Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, obtaining the necessary knowledge and skills to become a health professional. A physiotherapist is an important component of the rehabilitation team.

In addition to the physiotherapist, such a team comprises of healthcare personnel such as a physical medicine and rehabilitation expert, specialty physicians, an occupational therapist, a dietician, an orthosis and prosthesis technician, a psychologist and a social service expert. When physiotherapists apply treatment and rehabilitation programs they make use of a range of daily exercises, neuromuscular treatment approaches, manual treatment methods, electrotherapy,

functional activity education and vocational rehabilitation techniques. In our county a physiotherapist can work at hospitals, medical centers, special education schools, rehabilitation centers, fitness centers, sports clubs and old people's homes.

On behalf of the EMU Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation I wish you a happy Physiotherapists Day."



# EMU ONCE AGAIN APPEARS ON THE TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION LIST



EMU is the first and only Turkish Cypriot university to appear on the list. This year only 18 out of the 200 universities in North Cyprus and Turkey were listed.

### EMU Proves that Boundaries in Education Have Been Lifted Universally

Once again with its success, EMU has once again proven in international platforms that education overcomes embargoes. Having appeared in the Turkish Universities category in the previous lists during the former rankings, EMU now features in THE World Rankings list for the first time as a Northern Cyprus university. EMU also takes pride in being the only university from

TRNC having been listed in the World University Rankings since 2016 – 2017 Academic Year.

### EMU Ranks 6<sup>th</sup> Along with İTÜ and METU among Turkish Universities

A total of 23 universities from Turkey and 2 universities from South Cyprus appear on the list. EMU has been listed within the top 13 universities from Turkey among other 1,000 Turkish universities and it co-ranks 6<sup>th</sup> along with İstanbul Technical University and Middle East Technical University. Sabancı University, Koç University, Bilkent University, Boğaziçi University, Hacettepe University, İstanbul Technical University,

Middle East Technical University, Anadolu University, Atılım University, Erciyes University, Gebze Technical University, İstanbul University, Akdeniz University, Ankara University, Bahçeşehir University, Çukurova University, Dokuz Eylül University, Gazi University, İzmir High Technology Institute, Marmara University, 19 Mayıs University, TOBB Economy and Technology University, Yeditepe University are universities from Turkey managing to appear in the said rankings. On the other hand, Cyprus Technology University and University of Cyprus from South Cyprus appear within the top 500 universities in the list.

## EMU HOLDS 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR OPENING CEREMONY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2018-2019 Academic Year Opening Ceremony took place on 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2018 Friday, at 10:30, at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Conference Hall. After a moment of Silence and Turkish National Anthem, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam gave the opening speech. Prof. Dr. Osam mentioned that the First Lesson is very important and it is a source of a new excitement and motivation. Prof. Dr. Osam stated that another reason of the excitement and happiness is that EMU is moving alongside the world in science and advances further by the great work of the EMU employees. Mentioning that the success at Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings continues for EMU, Prof. Dr. Osam also reminded that EMU is now a part of the international Magna Charta Universitatum.



Prof. Dr. Osam also stated that EMU is leaping forward in cooperation. Lastly, Prof. Dr. Osam declared that EMU provided the necessary support on United Nations camp area to become a green field for Famagusta.

Rome La Sapienza University Lecturer and Rector's Advisor Dr. Fabio L. Grassi provided the First Class. Speaking in Turkish, Dr. Grassi stated that he is very happy to be in EMU and he is delighted for the cooperation between La Sapien-



za University and EMU. Dr. Grassi said, "It is thrilling to see the EMU's magnificent campus and modern structure. It is always a privilege for La Sapienza University to conduct cooperation with the reputable EMU." Dr. Grassi then realized his presentation titled, "Ethics, Science and the Communal Duties of the Universities".

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister Kudret Özersay, Turkish Republic Embassy Undersecretary Yasin Temizkan, Iran University of Medical Sciences Representative Mehdi Moghtadaei, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Halit T. Besler, Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural, Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı and Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu, Senate Members, academic and administrative personnel and students were amongst the participants of the opening ceremony. After the First Lesson presentation, Prof. Dr. Osam presented a silver plate to Dr. Grassi in memory of the event.



Dr. Fabio L. Grassi



## TWO NEW COOPERATION PROTOCOLS FROM EMU



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### *New Collaboration Protocol Signed by EMU and University of Bologna*

A new collaboration protocol has been signed by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the University of Bologna that foresees collaboration in the field of Comparative Legal Systems via a joint master's program without a thesis. The said protocol was signed at the University of Bologna on the 12th of July 2018 by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and University of Bologna Rector Prof. Dr. Francesco Ubertini. In previous years, academic collaborations and student exchange programs were held between the two universities.

In a statement Prof. Dr. Osam noted: "I am very happy to have signed another historical document for our university. We have signed this protocol to further our collaboration with the University of Bologna which is always amongst the best

universities in the world. The new protocol signed with Rector Prof. Dr. Francesco Ubertini will be a milestone for our university and academia in our country. I sincerely thank everyone who contributed to the development of our collaboration."

EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova and Faculty of Law Vice Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba were also present at the collaboration protocol signature ceremony.



### *EMU and ITU-TRNC Education and Research Campuses Sign Collaboration Protocol*

A new collaboration protocol concerning the field of engineering has been signed by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Istanbul Technical University – Turkish Republic of Northern

Cyprus (ITU-TRNC) Education and Research Campuses. The collaboration protocol was signed by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and ITU-TRNC Rector Prof. Dr. Ercan Kahya at the EMU Rector's Office on Tuesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2018 at 10:00.

The protocol was also signed by EMU Faculty of Engineering Dean Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın and ITU Faculty of Electrical and Electronics Engineering Dean Prof. Dr. Serhat Şeker were signed as witnesses. Also present during the signature ceremony were EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler and Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı as well as ITU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. İbrahim Önkol, ITU-TRNC Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Serdar Kum and EMU Faculty of Engineering, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department Chair Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel.

Speaking at the signature ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that they have built-up an important momentum with ITU-TRNC, highlighting his belief that they will also carry out important work in the field of engineering. Prof. Dr. Osam thanked the teams of both



universities and wished everyone a fruitful collaboration.

ITU-TRNC Rector Prof. Dr. Ercan Kahya stated "EMU feels like my second home. We are like the only university of the same city. Our relations have strengthened under Prof. Dr. Osam's management. I believe that we will continue carrying out good work together."

The said protocol aims to develop scientific, technological and educational collaboration between the two institutions. Collaboration will take place in joint fields of interests at academic units and research laboratories between students, members of academic staff and personnel.

Within the scope of the protocol, the Cognitive Systems Laboratory that will be set-up on the EMU campus will be under joint coordination of the two universities. Thereby, researchers from EMU and ITU-TRNC will be able to participate in industry and state-funded consortiums and organize international disciplinary research projects in various fields.

## EMU FACULTY OF EDUCATION ONE STEP CLOSER TO OBTAINING AQAS ACCREDITATION



The Pre-School Teacher Education Program of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Education, Department of Elementary Education hosted the Agency For Quality Assurance Through Accreditation of Study Programs (AQAS) team between the 4th and 5th of June 2018. The work has been carried out since 2016 to obtain the accreditation. The AQAS team comprising of two academicians, two field experts and a student held a series of meetings with the Pre-School Teacher Education Program academic staff members, students and collaborat-



ing school management. The productive meetings focused on the development of the program, researching its quality and branching out. During their visit to

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, the AQAS team provided important feedback about the Pre-School Teacher Education Program. After this visit, the

Pre-School Education Program reached the final stage of the AQAS accreditation process; receiving official feedback.

## EMU HOSTS PROF. DR. ALLAM

The German University in Cairo academic staff member Prof. Dr. Abdelmegid Mahmoudabdalla Allam visited the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) from the 26<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2018.

Prof. Dr. Allam who is a co-supervisor of a student at the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering delivered two seminars on two consecutive days. The seminars held for the EMU students were on "Aviation Navigation" and "Diagnosis of diseases in human tissue using microwave antenna sensors".

### Visit to Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Prof. Dr. H. Tanju Besler

During his time at EMU, Prof. Dr. Allam visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler. During the visit, he received information about EMU and discussed possible collaborations between the two universities.

In addition student exchange programs, a joint scientific project, the design and production of antennas small enough to integrate into the human body at EMU and the formation of a laboratory where they can be tested were discussed. Prof. Dr. Allam provided information about the German University in Cairo also

stating that he was hosted very well at EMU which he described as an impressive university. During the visit Prof. Dr. Allam was accompanied by Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Chair Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel and Vice Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rasime Uyguroğlu.

### Who is Prof. Dr. Allam?

Prof. Dr. Allam is currently the Chair of the Communication Department of the German University in Cairo. He has numerous publications and laboratory work on antennas, microwave antennas, modern vehicle antennas, special antennas and implant antennas.



## LUFTHANSA TURKEY'S GENERAL MANAGER KEMAL GEÇER VISITS EMU

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism hosted Lufthansa Turkey's General Manager Kemal Geçer. Coming together with tourism students, Geçer provided examples from his own life and information about Lufthansa.

Sharing his experiences, Geçer noted that it was difficult for him to reach where he is today. Touching upon the importance of hard work, Geçer stated that Lufthansa has been around for approximately 60 years and that it will continue to grow and develop. At the end of the presentation which was attended by a large number of students, EMU Faculty of Tourism Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç presented Geçer a plaque of appreciation.

### Who is Kemal Geçer?

Kemal Geçer was born on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December 1984 in Antalya. He graduated from the Schumpeter School of Business and Economics with a double Major in Economics and Business Administration. He started his professional



career at the age of 18 as an entrepreneur in the telecommunication sector whilst he was continuing his education. During his university education he worked at start-up initiatives, in the sales department of Vodafone and as a project manager of sales channels in a famous marketing agency. He later gained experience in international mergers and an acquisition projects at MAYLAND AG and Deloitte & Touche Corporate Fi-

nance in the field of corporate marriage. He worked for PriceWaterhouseCoopers as a strategy consultant in one of Germany's leading DAX30 companies. In 2013, he was appointed to the position of General Manager of HEINE Medizin GmbH. Geçer successfully managed the reconstruction of the company in 20 countries including business development, branding, the establishment of a sales network, supply chain man-



agement and human resources. Geçer is also the founder of the company European Turkish Business Center which provides consultancy for companies that want to expand to the European market. Since the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2016 he is the General Manager of Lufthansa Group Turkey (Lufthansa, Swiss and Austrian Airlines). In 2017 he was selected as the most successful manager in Turcovision "Those Who Add Value to Turkey".

## OPENING OF 3 NEW LABORATORIES TAKES PLACE AT EMU FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The "Physics 1", "Physics 2" and "Mathematics Research" laboratories have been put into service at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Present during the opening ceremony of the laboratories which took place at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences were EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler, Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı and Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Rector's Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş, Student Affairs Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Derviş Subaşı, faculty deans, department chairs and personnel.

Speaking at the opening, EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan indicated that the new laboratories were built using EMU's own resources. Highlighting his belief that the laboratories will help add to EMU's success Prof. Dr. Özarslan drew attention to the fact that EMU's quality has been officially registered by numerous institutions and organizations such as Times Higher Education and QStar. In a speech of his own, EMU

Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam underlined that EMU values quality and that they will continue to work all together in order to ensure that the university keeps moving forward. Prof. Dr. Osam noted that EMU will follow developments in the region whilst continuing to work in unity without making compromises regarding ethical values.

After the opening speeches, the laboratories were put into service with a ceremonial ribbon cutting by Prof. Dr. Osam and Prof. Dr. Özarslan. Department of Physics and Chemistry Chair Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı provided information about the laboratories. Stating that they are fit to EMU's international structure and quality with the latest technological features Prof. Dr. Sakallı noted that EMU's quality of education will be further increased. Following a short video screening of the laboratories' preparation period and Physics Department Chair Asst. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Okcan providing information about the experimental sets of the laboratories the ceremony came to an end with a cocktail.



## WORLD-RENOWNED YOUNG MATHEMATICIAN TO TEACH AT EMU

World-renowned young mathematician Dr. Arran Fernandez takes office at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Mathematics as a guest scholar. Despite being at the age of 23, Dr. Fernandez has accomplished various successes and now will teach at EMU, Department of Mathematics and Faculty of Engineering. Dr. Fernandez had the highest score at the GCSE mathematics exam in 2003 and became the youngest person ever to complete the exam with the highest score. Dr. Fernandez, began his educa-

tion on Difficult High Mathematics in 2010 when he was only 15 years old.

### *Completed PhD in Cambridge at the Age of 23*

Dr. Fernandez became the youngest student ever accepted to an undergraduate program by Cambridge University since 1773. The prior youngest undergraduate student that was accepted to the program was the former Prime Minister of England, William Pitt, who also is renowned as the youngest Prime Minister in the history of England. William Pitt served in the office

between 1783-1801 and 1804-1805. Dr. Fernandez graduated from Cambridge University, Mathematics Undergraduate Program in January 2013 with a High Honor Degree and was awarded "Senior Wrangler" title that is given to the best mathematicians in England and which is considered as "the highest level of intellectual success". Dr. Fernandez completed his doctoral degree in Cambridge University in the field of Mathematics in 2018, at the age of 23.



## RESULTS OF THE "PRESIDENTIAL SYSTEM AND PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM WORKSHOP" EVALUATED

Extended reports of the workshop on "Ideal System of Governments for the TRNC: Presidential System and Parliamentary System" which was organised by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Business and Economics and Dr. Fazıl Küçük Foundation in Kyrenia between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of May were shared with the public at a press meeting held at EMU Rector's Office meeting room at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2018. Among notable names who attended the meeting were former TRNC Parliamentary Spokesperson and Dr. Fazıl Küçük Foundation Honorary President Dr. Sibel Siber, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Business and Economics Faculty Vice Dean and Workshop Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu, President of Dr. Fazıl Küçük Foundation Mehmet Küçük, Vice Rectors and members of EMU Board of Trustees. During the said press meeting, a booklet featuring the extended reports of the workshop was distributed to the participants.



### "A Workshop of Great Importance"

Delivering a speech at the press meeting, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, stated that the workshop was an important organisation which is closely linked with the TRNC's governance system. Prof. Dr. Osam also added that EMU is fully aware of its position as a state university and is determined to fulfill its responsibilities in the public,

political and educational dimensions. Putting forth that EMU now ranks within the 101-150 band in UK-based Times Higher Education's Young University Rankings, Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted the fact that EMU is among the league of the world's best universities. Prof. Dr. Osam concluded his speech by stating that EMU will continue to collaborate with working groups in the country regarding community related topics.

### Outcomes of the Workshop Should be Taken Seriously

Former TRNC Parliamentary Spokesperson and Dr. Fazıl Küçük Foundation Honorary President Dr. Sibel Siber also delivered a speech at the said event. In her speech, Dr. Siber highlighted the problems in the current system and added that during the workshop, academicians, bureaucrats, and politicians examined causes of the current structure of the country and discussed possible solution models with great maturity and commitment. Dr. Siber also added that rather than those who thrive on desperation and hopelessness, those who support rational solutions will be needed within the society. Dr. Siber also recommended that detailed outcomes of the workshop are taken seriously by the government and evaluated at a commission consisting of officials who would take active roles in the recommended system.

### Not Sustainable

Workshop Coordinator Assoc. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu provided information on the workshop and extended conference report. Assoc. Prof. Dr. İşçioğlu stated that academicians from Italy, TRNC and Turkey provided their views on the presidential and parliamentary systems, and that the report contains summaries of their views without any interpretations. Stating that the workshop has not reached an ultimate recommendation pointing one system over the other, Assoc. Prof. Dr. İşçioğlu added that all views have been reflected in the report. Assoc. Prof. Dr. İşçioğlu concluded her speech by stating that according to the outcomes of the workshop, the current system is not sustainable and that all participants highlighted the problems in the patronage system, lack of quality and inspection mechanisms and the election system.



## EMU ATATÜRK RESEARCH AND APPLICATION CENTRE BOARD MEMBERS VISIT PROF. DR. NECDET OSAM

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam received the new board members of the EMU Atatürk Research and Application Centre (ATAUM) who came to office after a University Executive Board decision in his office on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 at 10:00. The aforementioned University Executive Board decision was taken on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2018. The visit to Rector Prof. Dr. Osam was attended by ATAUM Board of Directors President

Asst. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk and board members Prof. Dr. Turgut Turhan, Asst. Prof. Dr. Nimet İlke Akçay, Dr. Kenan Başaran and Erkan Malkoç. EMU ATAUM President Asst. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk stated that the primary goal of ATAUM is to ensure that our youth correctly learns about Atatürk's System of Thought and the National Turkish Cypriot Struggle before proceeding to touch upon ATAUM's activities and goals for the new term.



### *Atatürk Portrait Presented*

Indicating that ATAUM has important activities planned for the upcoming year which is the 40th anniversary of the foundation of EMU, Asst. Prof. Dr. Göktürk thanked EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam for his support. Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted the importance of EMU ATAUM's duties and wished

the best of luck to the new Board of Directors whilst relaying his belief that the Centre will be carrying out important activities. At the end of the visit, ATAUM President Asst. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk presented Prof. Dr. Osam an Atatürk portrait on behalf of the ATAUM Board of Directors.

## EMU IEEE STUDENT CHAPTER DEVELOPS MIND-CONTROLLED ROBOTIC SYSTEM



Eastern Mediterranean University Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers - IEEE (The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) Student Chapter has added another remarkable achievement to their existing ones through their participation in one of the largest robotics competition, Robotex 2018, with their mind controlled robot system. EMU IEEE Student Chapter formerly participated in IEEE Region 8 Acceleration Program and represented EMU at the said organisation with the training they provided.

Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Edison are among notable founders of IEEE, a reputable organisation which boasts over 430 thousand members in 160 countries. IEEE's EMU Student Chapter formerly received an award for the training they offered under the title of "Robotic

Operating System". Having organised numerous seminars, training sessions, career and technical trip organisations, EMU IEEE Student Chapter participated in IEEE Region 8 Acceleration Program and provided training on "Robotics Operation System", for which they received the second place award within Region 8 in the "University Education Category".

### *Mind-Controlled Robotic System Developed*

IEEE EMU Student Chapter Robotic Team developed a Mind-Controlled Robotic System with the support they received from EMU Rector's Office and Electrical and Electronic Department. Through the software platform they developed on the Robotic Operation System, the team analyzed the signals they received from the

brain sensor and created an infrastructure that could control different functions, providing a controllable robot capable of performing many different functions and controlling the humanoid robot, which is the NAO Robot. Through the developed system, the electrical brain waves generated during different brain functions are detected by a sensor and classified by Artificial Intelligence algorithms after being encoded by Digital Signal Processing methods. After the classification process, it is possible to realize the desired movements on the robot by wirelessly transferring the electrical decision signals corresponding to different functions.

IEEE EMU Student Chapter Robotic Team paid a visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam with the Chair of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department

Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel. During the said visit the team asked for support regarding their participation in the largest robotics competition of the world, Robotex 2018.

### *The Team to Compete in Robotex*

Visiting EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, 28 May 2018, IEEE EMU team provided information on their project which received Prof. Dr. Osam's appreciation. Among those present at the said meeting were Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı and Rector's Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş. At the end of the visit, Prof. Dr. Osam expressed the university's full support regarding the team's participation in Robotex 2018's "Mind-Control Category" in November 2018.

## EMU RANKS AS TURKEY'S TENTH BEST UNIVERSITY

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) ranked tenth on the Nature Index universities ranking of Turkey. On the Nature Index 2017 list that covers the time period from the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2017 to the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2018, EMU ranked tenth leaving behind many established Turkish universities. In the 2018 Middle East & West Asia university rankings, EMU featured within the top 25 earning a Nature Index badge.

Indicating that the Departments of Physics and Biological Sciences operating under the EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences played a big role in EMU's Nature Index achievements, EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan stated that 3 out of the 4 high quality articles were written by Department of Physics researcher academicians whilst 1 was written by a Department of Biological Sciences research assistant.

"A statement by Prof. Dr. Özarslan reads as follows: "The Department of Physics' work on Einstein's General Relativity played a big part in the achievement. The contributions of EMU Department of Physics academic staff member Prof. Dr. Mustafa Halilsoy who brought the topic of General Relativity to our country cannot be ignored. Dr. Ali Övgün and Dr. Zahra Amirabi are the authors of 3 articles that featured in European Physical Journal C. along with Asst. Prof. Dr. Tuğçe Karaderi whose obesity research featured in the Nature Genetics journal they played a big part in this success."

Highlighting that the faculty's vision regarding quality played a big part in the important achievement, Prof. Dr. Özarslan stated that similar achievements will continue and increase as the faculty continues to move within its strategic plan to reach quality goals

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## EMU FACULTY OF TOURISM RANKS FIRST AMONG TURKEY ADDRESSED PUBLICATIONS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism, successfully came first among for publications addressed from Turkey, including the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC).

Cem Oktay Güzeller and Nuri Çeliker (2018) published an academic article on "Advances in Hospitality and Tourism Research" titled "Bibliometric Analysis of Tourism Research for the Period

2007-2016". In this article, a collection of studies that focused on tourism and accommodation sectors between 2007 - 2016 including TRNC from 19 academic publications take place. (Tourism Management, International Journal of Contemporary Hospitality Management, International Journal of Tourism Research and International Journal of Hospitality Management, etc.) According to the evaluation, EMU Faculty of Tourism excelled at ranking

in first place for publications addressed from Turkey and according to the same evaluation, Tourism Faculty Member Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe also ranked in the first place as the most published article writer becoming the most productive writer. According to the research, 13.6% of the total publications addressed from Turkey (including TRNC) were published by Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe between 2007 - 2016.



## PROF. DR. UĞUR ULAŞ DAĞLI, HEAD OF EMU DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE REPRESENTED EMU IN ANTALYA

Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağlı, (Faculty of Architecture, Head of Department of Interior Architecture at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), represented EMU at the 12<sup>th</sup> Interior Architecture Department Chairs Meeting held in Antalya. The meeting has been collaboratively organised by Akdeniz University's Faculty of Architecture, Department of Interior Architecture and Antalya Bilim University's Faculty of Fine Arts and Architecture, Department of Interior Design and Environmental Design. During the first day of the meeting, Prof.

Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağlı (Head of Local Accreditation Committee and Head of the Department of Interior Architecture at EMU) and Dr. Münevver Özersay (Accreditation Board Consultant for TMMOB) have given a presentation on the studies conducted by the Local Accreditation Board concerning Interior Architecture Education Programs.

Afterwards, a panel was held on accreditation including Prof. Dr. Dağlı as the moderator, and with the participation of Emrah Kaymak (President of the Chamber of Interior

Architects, TMMOB) and other committee members. During the study, which aims to form an assessment board for education quality, the Working Principals and Legislation of the Accreditation Board was approved by the Heads of Departments.

During the second day of this 12<sup>th</sup> Interior Architecture Heads of Department Meeting, the main topic was student internships; which are largely beneficial for occupational development and student improvement.



## EMU ACADEMICIAN EDUCATES YOUNG LEADERS IN MACEDONIA

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication academic staff member and Institutional Communication, Social Media and Web Office Coordinator Dr. Raziye Nevzat delivered a training on Digital Marketing and Social Media at The School for Young Leaders in Macedonia. Dr. Raziye Nevzat attended the training program that took place between the 27<sup>th</sup> of August and 1<sup>st</sup> of

September 2018 upon invitation from the Republic of Macedonia Presidency.

The School for Young Leaders is a project of the President of the Republic of Macedonia Dr. Gjorge Ivanov which was initiated following his idea and vision to enable the young, talented and ambitious people from Macedonia to upgrade and improve their skills, to develop their creativity and managerial

capacities. This year's School for Young Leaders is the ninth of its kind.

### *"I am Happy and Proud"*

Expressing that she is proud to have received an invitation from the Republic of Macedonia Presidency and happy to be sharing her experiences with young people, Dr. Nevzat indicated that participants were very satisfied with the training they received. Relaying

that she had the opportunity to meet with President Dr. Gjorge Ivanov in his office Dr. Nevzat noted that they carried out a conversation regarding education as well as the positive and negative effects of digitalization.

### *"Education is Provided by Experts from All Over the World"*

In eight years, approximately 320 young people from all over the country and abroad received training at the School organized for the first time in August 2010, in Ohrid. Those who participated in the School did so with the aim of developing their leadership skills and talents in different academic and professional fields. The mission of the School is to stimulate the positive values of the young intellectual elite and future political, cultural and economic leaders of the country and moreover to develop their capacities to take on the challenges which have emerged with global technologies, international competition and cultural as well as religious diversities. The program includes lectures and training delivered by experts from all over the world in the fields of leadership and management. The vision of the School for Leaders is to be a training center with high standards and a responsibility for integration of the modern political, scientific and technological knowledge and skills, based on respect for the basic human values.



## EMU AEGEE FAMAGUSTA REPRESENTED IN POLAND

Operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Social and Cultural Activities Directorate, The European Students' Forum (AEGEE) Famagusta attended AGORA, the general assembly of AEGEE which takes place twice a year.

800 delegates participated in the event which took place in Krakow, Poland. 9 members of AEGEE

Famagusta represented Famagusta by voting to create the Europe of tomorrow. AEGEE Famagusta is the only member of AEGEE from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). AEGEE is one of the largest non-governmental youth organizations in Europe. Since its establishment, AEGEE Famagusta successfully represents the Turkish Cypriot Community, Famagusta and EMU.



## EMU'S QUALITY REPRESENTATIVES RECEIVED CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Total Quality Management Center presented achievement certificates to EMU's Quality Representatives for successfully completing the Turkish Standards Institute (TSE) ISO 9001-2015 Quality Management System and ISO 10002-2014 Student Satisfaction Management System training programs. The certificate ceremony took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 Wednesday, at 10:30, at EMU Rector's Office Senate Meeting Hall. EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, EMU Total Quality Management Center Director Hasan Kavaz, Kuzey Güneşi Consulting Firm Coordinator and Instructor-Consultant Latif Sakar and EMU quality unit representatives were amongst the attendees of the ceremony.

### "A First"

The opening speech of the ceremony was given by Kuzey Güneşi Consulting Firm Coordinator and Instructor-Consultant Latif Sakar. Sakar mentioned that the documentation structure of EMU has improved sizably since 2015



and reached international standards and the quality certificates that EMU has obtained are a first in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) for both public and private institutions. In his speech, EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova mentioned that EMU's academic and administrative

units are working with the philosophy of constant development. Prof. Dr. Tanova underlined the fact that EMU demonstrated the success as the only university from TRNC to be listed in England based higher education ranking council Times Higher Education (THE) and said that criticism or suggestions for the university are very important

opportunities for further development. Prof. Dr. Tanova thanked all the EMU quality representatives for their success on obtaining international quality standards. After the speeches, Prof. Dr. Tanova and Sakar presented a thank you and an internal supervision training certificate to EMU quality representatives.

## EMU LAUNCHES THE ONLY ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACTUARY SCIENCES PROGRAM IN TURKEY AND ON THE ISLAND

The Actuary Sciences Program, which will be jointly run by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Mathematics Department and Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Banking and Finance and will start its academic life in the Fall Semester of the 2018-2019 Academic Year. The program which is the only English language Actuary Sciences program in Turkey and Cyprus aims to train qualified professionals for the sector. A meeting between the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Association of Insurance and Reinsurance Companies Executive Board and EMU regarding the program that will contribute to the development of the private sector was attended by EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan, Business and Economics Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Eralp Bektaş, Mathematics Department Chair Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov and Banking and Finance Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nesrin Özataç. The meeting took place at the Association of Insurance and Reinsurance Companies headquarters in Nicosia.

### Favorable Opinions of Sector Representatives

Association of Insurance and Reinsurance Companies' Chairman of the Executive Board Ülker Fahri stated that they are very pleased with the foundation of the new program and highlighted that they are always ready to carry out sectorial collaborations. During the meeting sectoral representatives also gave favorable opinions about the foundation of the program. There is a serious demand for actuaries from the 34 insurance companies in the sector. State institutions are also expected to hire program graduates. Wages of actuaries can reach up to 40 thousand TL per month. The Actuary Sciences Program approved by the Higher Education Planning, Accreditation and Coordination Council as well as The Council of Higher Education will proceed with private sector collaborations.

### Would you Like to Become an Actuary?

The science of Actuary is regarded as a scientific discipline with an increasing emphasis on the risky economic conditions of today's world, although the foundations are based on the 1870s. In this area of science, risk assessment is made in many areas of the economy, especially in the fields of insurance and



finance, by using mathematical and statistical methods as well as dealing with finance. "Actuaries" mainly use statistics to predict non-specific events such as accidents, premature deaths and natural disasters. Actuaries are professionals who can evaluate financial risks, offer solutions, and examine the long-term outcomes of each solution. The actuary does not only evaluate financial uncertainties in the present but also in the future. Proposals for strategic decisions are made by predictions.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Place Amongst 10 Most Popular Jobs

EMU Faculty of Arts & Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan and Faculty of Business and Economics Dean Prof. Dr. Eralp Bektaş provided information about the new program which will be launched at the beginning of the upcoming term and stated that

Actuary profession is in the first five among the top ten professions in terms of finance, prestige and job satisfaction in the United States of America (USA) and Europe. Özarslan and Bektaş also emphasized that it is in the highest Occupational Security in 2017 according to News & World Report in USA, ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> place among the first 26 jobs (97.070 US dollars as average annual income).

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Prof. Dr. Özarslan and Prof. Dr. Bektaş stated that the employment rate of actuaries is foreseen to grow by 22% between the years of 2016-2026 and according to the "Actuarial Regulations" in Turkey, they underlined that every insurance company that operates under the area of life needs to employ an actuary registered to Actuary Registry.

## EMU INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING GRADUATE BANU AKELOĞLU ADDS BEING AN AUTHOR TO HER SUCCESSFUL CAREER

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Engineering, Department of Industrial Engineering 2004 graduate Banu Akeoğlu's new book "Çünkü" is now available for purchase in Turkey. The crime novel has received overwhelmingly positive reader feedback and is being described as a delightful page turner. Describing the book as containing love, murder, jealousy, compassion, suspense and devotion Akeoğlu noted "The readers will find a piece of themselves in this book."



### "My Best Years"

Indicating that she arrived in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) in 1998 to receive her university education, Akeoğlu touched upon her time at EMU: "My best years were in Cyprus. When I first arrived I was staying in a dormitory on the Salamis Road. I acclimatized quickly. EMU gave us a lot with both its great campus and its successful international academic environment. We had very

good teachers at the Department of Industrial Engineering. The fact that we studied in English also prepared us for our professional lives in the best way possible. I still visit Cyprus from time to time today."

### Carrying Out Her Dream Job

After graduating from EMU Banu Akeoğlu started her career in the automobile sector, working for the



company ASEL Engineering in Nicosia. Akeoğlu then worked for a number of different automobile companies in İstanbul before being employed by TEMSA in 2008. Since 2014, Akeoğlu has been working as Director of Purchasing in TEMSA's headquarters in her hometown of Adana. She is also a successful female crime novel author.

Answering questions regarding her

book Akeoğlu stated: "This is my first book. When I decided to write the book, I shared this with my father and this made him very excited as well as happy. Before the book was completed we lost my father. Therefore I dedicated this book to him. For this reason the book is very important for me. I am also very proud to be a female crime novel author. I hope that my work will gain everybody's appreciation."

## EMU GRADUATE TO DIRECT TURKEY'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES



### Eastern Mediterranean University

"Virtue, Knowledge, Advancement"

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Engineering, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, graduate of 'Class of 2000' Ömer Abdullah Karagözoğlu has been appointed as the President of the Information and Communication Technologies Authority (BTK).

Having been appointed as the president of the said authority following President of the Republic of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's executive order with reference number 2018/106, Karagözoğlu worked for Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration (İSKİ) between 2002 and 2004, following his graduation from EMU. Starting from 2004, Karagözoğlu worked for

BELBİM, a technology corporation operating as a subsidiary for İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality. During his tenure in BELBİM, Karagözoğlu provided services as a Software Engineer, Project Engineer, Project Manager, Performance Feedback Chief and Information Systems Chief. In 2006, Karagözoğlu left BELBİM and was appointed as the President's Advisor and Board Member at BTK.

### What is BTK?

Established in 2000 for regulating and inspecting the telecommunications sector by an independent administrative authority and formerly named as Telecommunication Institution, with the Electronic Communication Law that



came in effect on 2008, the institution was named as the Information and Communication Technologies Authority (BTK).

The authority is formed by a President and the Information Technologies and Communication Board. It operates under law and has its own autonomous

budget. The authority legislates the necessary regulations that are needed for the digital transition. 5G being in the center of this transition, BTK also controls the cybersecurity and communication infrastructure both of which play an important role in Turkey's future vision.

## EMU "LIFE IN PURGATORY" ART GALLERY OPENED BY PRIME MINISTER ERHÜRMAN

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector's Office has organized an art gallery exhibition for 2018-2019 Academic Year Opening titled "Life in Purgatory" which consists of the works of art of by EMU Art Collection Artists, on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018, at 19:00, in Bedesten (Walled City – Lefkoşa). Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Prime Minister Tufan Erhürman, TRNC General Assembly Vice President Zorlu Töre, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rectors, EMU-Center for Cyprus Studies (EMU-CCS) Art Coordinator and Exhibition Curator Zehra Şonya, academic and administrative personnel, artists, bureaucrats and the public were amongst the attendees of the event.

### "We Are Planning To Create A Museum"

The event began with EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education music concert. EMU-CCS Art Coordinator and Exhibition Curator Zehra Şonya gave the opening speech of the event. Şonya stated that they would like to consolidate EMU and art even further and the art exhibition is a first for the university. Şonya mentioned that the

title of the exhibition "Life in Purgatory" stands for remaining in purgatory and the artists had the opportunity to express the social problems we are facing in their own way. Şonya said, "We would like our exhibitions to become traditional and planning to create a museum that is worthy for the art of our island, with the valuable contribution of our artists in 4-5 years. We would like to thank all the artists and our Rector for their support of the art exhibition."

### "393 Work of Art to Meet With Public"

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated: "Exhibitions play an important role for the harmonization of the university and public. For this reason, we decided to make the 2018-2019 Academic Year Opening with this art exhibition. As EMU we began collecting works of art a couple of years ago and the number of collected works has reached 393. All of these work of art are insured. However, these works of art that are kept in certain places and need to meet with the public. We require the support of the government in this sense. EMU needs necessary venues for opening these art works to the

public. We will constantly keep supporting art. On the other hand, we are proud of reaching our goal and gaining a place in the academic world rankings. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the organization of this event."

### "EMU Proven Itself in World Rankings"

In his speech, TRNC Prime Minister Tufan Erhürman stated that he is very happy to be present at the opening of this exhibition as a member of EMU, and said: "It is not easy to remain on the purgatory. Our art and artists provide us with a fresh breath of air. Whenever it is said that we are under isolation, I remember our universities, scientists and artists. We see that EMU has significantly proven itself on the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings. This struggle for this achievement has been great yet, it has been done. The number of universities, scientists and artists are so many in such a small population that these successes needs to combine under one umbrella and turn into a success story. We can prove our existence if we work more and join forces. I would like to thank EMU Rector's Office, EMU-CCS and our artists who contributed to this exhibition." After the speeches, the keenly participated art exhibition was open to for touring with a simultaneously held cocktail.

### 30 Works of Art Presented

30 Works of Art were presented at the "Life in Purgatory" Exhibition. Until today, EMU has signed a protocol with a total of 22 artists and incorporated 393 art works into the EMU Art Collection. The artists who contributed to the exhibition are; Arif Albayrak, Aşık Mene, Bahar Çıralı, Batu Gündal, Eser Keçeci Malyalı, Gökçe Keçeci, Gönen Atakol, Haidi Trauthman, Hüseyin Özinal, İnci Kansu, İsmet Tatar, Kemal B. Caymaz, Mehmet Ulubatlı, Mustafa Öztunç, Nilgün Güney, Nilüfer İnandım, Osman Ketten, Serkan İlsever, Simge Uygur, Şenol Özdevrim, Taylan Oğuzkan and Türksal Ince.



## EMU STUDENTS ENJOYED MUSTAFA SANDAL CONCERT

The "Welcoming Night" of the 21<sup>st</sup> Orientation Days was completed with a number of entertaining events and Mustafa Sandal concert. The main sponsor of the event was North Cyprus Turkcell. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler, Vice Rector for Financial Affairs Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural, Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu, Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı, senate members, academicians, students and public of Famagusta were amongst the attendees of the wonderful night.

The "Welcoming Night" that was organized for celebrating the newly registered students begun at 19:00 at the EMU Stadium. After EMU Cyprus Folk Dance Community show and EMU Music Club – Abandoned Town concert, the students enjoyed Mustafa Sandal concert, one of the Turkey's popular singers. Mustafa Sandal was on stage for approximately 1.5 hours.

### *EMU Rector Presented a Plaque to Mustafa Sandal*

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam presented a plaque to Mustafa Sandal on the stage for entertaining EMU students and the people of Famagusta.

Prof. Dr. Osam called out to the newly registered students and said, "Firstly, I would like to thank Mustafa Sandal for this magnificent concert. Our new coming students; welcome to Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and EMU. Thank you for preferring us. Make sure that you study a lot in these four years ahead of you, and attend all social activities that are prepared for you, alongside with your classes. I wish you have a great year of study." Mustafa Sandal also thanked EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and said, "If you accept me, I am a voluntary EMU student as well. I wish all the students a very successful academic year." Mustafa Sandal then sang his favorite songs for the enthusiastic crowd titled "Reset", "Aya Benzer Yüreğim", "Demo", "Onun Arabası Var", "İsyankar".

Moreover, faculties, schools and student clubs promotions, various sports contests, stage shows and recreation events took place at the "Welcoming Night". Rector Prof. Dr. Osam and Vice Rectors visited stands and the event zone. New students and their families had the opportunity to try traditional Cypriot food in addition to meeting and socializing with other students, under the sponsorship of Koop Süt Ltd., Oza Kahve, Pınar and Coca Cola.



## EMU "MEDITERRANEAN SHARK" RANKS IN FIRST 10



**Mediterranean Shark**

"Mediterranean Shark" vehicle, designed and produced by the Electric Vehicle Development Center (EVDC) operating under Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector's Office successfully ranked in the first 10 cars at the finals of Elektromobil 2018 competition organized by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK). Consisting of EMU Faculty of Engineering students, the "ADA" team was the only team that participated in the Electromobile category of the competition from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC).

"Mediterranean Shark" electric car passed the dynamic driving and technical tests in first try successfully between 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018. A total of 46 cars passed these tests and earned the right to compete at the final. "Mediterranean Shark" had the opportunity to compete in the final round of the competition on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at Turkey's Kocaeli Province Körfez Track and completed the finals within the first 10, being the car that completed the competition with the least penalty points.

**"Students Worked with Great Devotion"**  
EMU Electric Vehicle Development Center (EVDC) President and Project Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyalı stated: "My students worked with great devotion and brought this success to EMU. The success belongs to my students. I congratulate all from my heart and would like to thank the Rector's Office and the other units who with us with their full support since the start." Assist. Prof. Dr. Solyalı mentioned that their car had an unfortunate accident during the competition, caused by another car crashing on to "Mediterranean Shark" and this caused them to stop. However they finally managed to complete the competition in the first 10. Assist. Prof. Dr. Solyalı also underlined that they were evaluated in engine, battery management system, stable charging unit, vehicle

control system, energy meter, electronic differential, carbon fiber monocoque, rims, telemetry and speed control system over the steer.

### **"I Congratulate the Whole Team"**

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam expressed that he congratulates the whole team from his hearth and said, "You are the future. Not believing in you is equivalent to not being able to read the future. We are marching to our objectives with clean energy. I would like to thank Assist. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyalı who locked on the target by believing in my vision and our very valuable team mates."

EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler and Academic Affairs Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tanel Babagil also arrived at Kocaeli Körfez Track in order to wish good luck to the team prior to the competition.



## EMU BANKING AND FINANCE STUDENTS DOMINATE "INVESTIMATE" COMPETITION

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Banking and Finance students earned 4 of the top 5 places in Turkey's prestigious virtual investment competition "INVESTIMATE". This year a total of 3079 students from Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) attended the competition organized by the Boğaziçi University Business and Economics Club. Asem Allobani, Omar Ali Almagouri, Mohammed Saeed Al-Kindi and Reema Wael AlShurafa from EMU Faculty of Business and Economics were presented their awards by Turkish Bank executives and members of the jury at a

ceremony hosted by Turkish Bank. The EMU Business and Economics Faculty, Department of Banking and Finance was also awarded the jury special prize for displaying the best performance of universities that attended the competition. EMU Business and Economics Faculty, Department of Banking and Finance also won the competition last year.

### Sponsored by Important Institutions

During all stages of the competition students were provided consultation from EMU Business and Economics Faculty, Department of Banking and Finance academic staff members Assoc. Prof. Dr. Korhan Gökmenoğlu and

Bezhan Rustamov. The first stage of the competition took place between the 12<sup>th</sup> of March and 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2018. Competitors made virtual investments for a period of six weeks using a range of investments instruments. 50 students who made the most profit earned the right to compete in the second stage of the competition. During the second stage of the competition students compiled a financial report containing trade strategies and presented their reports to a jury. After jury evaluation, 5 competitors presented to 8 jury members from Turkish Investment, Deutsche Securities, Boğaziçi University, Economist Magazine and Anadolu Agency. After the final stage of

the competition the competitors earned the right to receive a range of prizes.

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

The successful students paid a visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam along with Department of Banking and Finance Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nesrin Özataç and academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Korhan Gökmenoğlu. During the visit that took place on Tuesday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2018, Prof. Dr. Osam was informed about their achievements. Prof. Dr. Osam congratulated the students and wished them the continuation of their success.



## EMU ATTENDS "CCNA CYBERSECURITY OPERATION" EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) attended the "CCNA CyberSecurity Operation" education program which took place at the Lebanese University. The event which was sponsored by Cisco Systems, the world's most respected internet infrastructure firm took place between the 19<sup>th</sup> of March and the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2018. At the program which featured the participation of 85 engineers from the Middle East and North Africa, EMU was represented by Computer Center Directorate Section Chief and Cisco Certified Excellence Expert instructor Yusuf Küçük.

After the practices and exams of the said program, 23 of the 85 participants managed to become Cisco CyberSecurity Experts and Instructors. As Yusuf Küçük from EMU was amongst the 23 successful participants he has earned the right to deliver globally sought after CCNA Cyber Operational courses. The program touched upon topics such as Security of Information and Informa-

tion Security Centers, Windows, Linux, Network Protocol Services, Network Infrastructure, Network Security Principles, Network Attacks, Network Protection, Cryptography and PKA Infrastructure and Infringement Data Analysis.

It is estimated that cyber-crime expenditure will reach 6 trillion American Dollars by 2021. According to market research this amount was 3 trillion in 2015. The same research foresees that 1 trillion USD will be spent globally on cyber security products between 2017 and 2021. In 2016, 1 million cyber security experts were employed. In the light of all of these developments it has become very valuable to form Information Security Centers in order to fight against cyber-crimes. Industrial certificate programs that teach how to defend against attacks have also become extremely valuable. The Cisco CCNA Cyber Operational program is one of these programs.



# EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY GRADUATES OVER



Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam



Mustafa Akıncı



Cemal Özyiğit



Zeki Çeler

Eastern Mediterranean University 2017-2018 Spring Semester Graduation Ceremony took place at EMU Stadium at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 20 June 2018. The graduation ceremony during which over 2,100 candidates were granted undergraduate and associate degrees had a very remarkable turnout. The said ceremony was broadcast live by EMU TV. With increasing number of graduates each passing year, Eastern Mediterranean University's number of graduates has exceeded 55,000.

### President of the TRNC was at the Ceremony

President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Mustafa Akıncı and his spouse Meral Akıncı, Minister of National Education and Culture Cemal Özyiğit, Minister of Labour and Social Security Zeki Çeler, Member of the Parliament from HP Mesut Genç, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Transport and Public Works Kemal Bağzıbağlı, Famagusta District Governor Dürdane Acı, Representative of the Nigerian Embassy in Ankara Ahmed Mohammed Monguno, President of EMU Board of Trustees Boysan Boyra, Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Representative of Times Higher Education Michael Caruana, members of EMU Board of Trustees, Vice Rectors, Senate members, academic and administrative staff, graduands and a crowded group of guests attended the ceremony. The ceremony commenced with a cortege walk of the graduates accompanied by Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Senate members. Following the placement of the graduates to their seats, a moment of silence and the national anthem, Faculty of Health Sciences, Nutrition and Dietetics Department top ranking student Melis Aysu Sünel and Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Psychology Amer Kanaan delivered speeches on behalf of the graduates. Then, a symbolic tree planting ceremony took place.

### "We are Graduating our First Doctors"

Delivering a speech at the ceremony, Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam thanked all attendees who came to the TRNC from different corners of the world to participate in the ceremony. Stating his pride in the success of EMU graduates, Prof. Dr. Osam also expressed his happiness in bringing up the first graduates of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty and Marmara University Medicine Faculty joint Medicine Program.

Graduate of EMU and TRNC Minister of Labour and Social Security Zeki Çeler also delivered a speech in which he stated that graduation is not an end but a new beginning. Extending his best wishes to young graduates, Minister Çeler advised young graduates to work hard to put their dreams into life and reach their targets. In his speech, Minister of National Education and Culture Cemal Özyiğit described graduation as the beginning of a new path and wished the new graduates all the success in their lives.

### "Graduates from 56 Countries"

President of the TRNC Mustafa Akıncı extended his best wishes to all students and their families. President Akıncı also stated that EMU is graduating students from 56 countries at the present term. President Akıncı addressed the graduates as follows: "You are going back to 56 different societies. I wholeheartedly believe that you have the power of changing your society."

Following President Akıncı's speech, faculty and department top ranking students were presented their diplomas and awards by President Akıncı and members of the protocol. The first graduates of T.R Marmara University and TRNC



Eastern Mediterranean University International Joint Medicine Program received their diplomas from EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora, Marmara University Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hakan Gündüz and Marmara

University Medicine Faculty Vice Dean Prof. Dr. Ümit Şehirli.

### A Concert by Gülşen

Following the presentation of diplomas to associate and undergraduate degree graduates, graduates and their families

## 2,100 STUDENTS FROM 56 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES



had an unforgettable night, thanks to popular Turkish singer Gülşen's magnificent concert.

### **2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester Graduates Bid Farewell to the City Through A Torchlight Procession**

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2017 – 2018 Academic Year Spring Semester graduates bid farewell to the city through a Torchlight Procession which took place at 8:30 p.m. on Monday, 18 June 2018. Approximately 2,800 graduates were present at the procession wearing their gowns.

EMU 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester graduates, academicians, administrative staff members, students and families started the procession with torchlights at the Famagusta Development Academy and walked to EMU Atatürk Square. Singing songs during the walk, the graduating students bid farewell to the city of Famagusta and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. The procession took approximately one hour and welcomed the participation of EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs, Prof. Dr. H. Tanju Besler.

After the completion of the march, the enthusiastic group of graduates were welcomed by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanli. Prof. Dr. Osam wished good luck to the graduates and stated that they feel very proud of every single graduate as the EMU family. After the short speech of Prof. Dr. Osam, the graduates continued with the graduation celebrations at the square.

### **EMU Organises A Special Reception For EMU Spring Semester Graduates And Families**

Within the scope of the Eastern Mediterranean University 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester Graduation Week activities, a Graduation Reception was

organised for EMU graduates and their family members who have great contributions in their success. Among notable officials who attended the reception at the Rector's Building poolside were Representative of Nigerian Embassy in Ankara Ahmed Mohammed Monguno, Representative of Times Higher Education Michael Caruana, Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rectors, Coordinators of the Rector's Office, Administrative Directors and academic staff.

The reception commenced with the screening of EMU Promotional Film and a cinevision show titled "Being a Student in EMU". At the reception during which family members shared the happiness of their graduating sons or daughters, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rectors visited each table and talked with the graduates and families. During the reception, students also took selfies with EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam.

**"We are Proud of our Graduates"**  
Delivering a speech at the graduation



ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam expressed his happiness and pride in hosting graduates and their families both at this beautiful reception and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Prof. Dr. Osam also expressed his pleasure in graduating over 2800 students during the current year. At the end of his speech, Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted the importance of families' support in the success of the graduates and extended his congratulations to all family members in this respect.

### **Concert by Ayhan Sicimoğlu**

Turkish musician, traveler, radio and TV program maker, and one of the leading percussion artists of Turkey Ayhan Sicimoğlu performed at the reception with Latin All Stars Band. Graduates and their families had colorful moments with Ayhan Sicimoğlu and his team's Latin music performance. Graduates, their families and friends danced through the night despite the rain. During the concert, Ayhan Sicimoğlu addressed Turkish and international students in a humorous way in Turkish and English.



## EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK FACULTY OF MEDICINE PRODUCES ITS FIRST GRADUATES

The joint Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine and Marmara University "International Medicine Program" is proud to have given its first graduates in the 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester. A total of 169 graduates threw their caps at a graduation ceremony that took place in İstanbul Beykoz Kundura on Monday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2018. The said ceremony was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Marmara University Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Emin Arat, EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora, Marmara University Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof. Dr. Hakan Gündüz, Vice Rectors, academic staff, students and parents.

### "We Have Left Behind a Successful 6 Year Period"

Before the ceremony commenced a graduation cake was cut and 169 students entered the hall with music. Delivering an opening speech after the students took their places on stage EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam indicated that they have left behind a successful 6 year period. "We formed this collaboration with Marmara University to train better doctors. We are graduating our first students. We are here today to celebrate together reaping the rewards of this collaboration. Our students are very happy and I haven't received any negative feedback during the past 6 years." Expressing that they are trying to place EMU amongst the world's best universities Prof. Dr. Osam stated "We have managed to do this over the last three years. We rank 101st in the young university rankings and 4th in Turkey". In the world university rankings we rank 600<sup>th</sup> out of 25 thousand universities. We value quality. This is our biggest goal"

### "We Managed to Feature on World University Medicine Rankings"

Indicating that they are very proud EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora noted: "We needed to compete with medicine faculties from both the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and South Cyprus. We managed to do this. Our managers, directors, students and their families believed in us. Whilst graduating our first students we are proud to feature on the world university medicine rankings. Our students earned the right to take exams in America, Canada and Australia. For this reason as the founding dean I am very proud and excited. Our students are going to bring good health and solve problems all over the world."

### "Very Important Program"

"Providing information about the program, Marmara University Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof. Dr. Hakan Gündüz said the following: "We are producing the first graduates of the Marmara University-EMU joint program we started in the 2012-2013 Academic Year. 22 of our students will be graduating from this program. At the same time today we will be carrying out Marmara University Faculty of Medicine's 30<sup>th</sup> Term Graduation. A total of 169 esteemed students are taking the first steps towards their careers. The first three years of their courses were delivered at EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine. Most of the courses were delivered by Marmara University Faculty of Medicine academic staff that travelled everyday by plane. Their practical education was received at Marmara University Faculty of Medicine. This is a very important program in terms of international relations."



## EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK FACULTY OF MEDICINE ORGANIZES "HIPPOCRATIC OATH CEREMONY" FOR FIRST GRADUATES

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine and Marmara University Joint International Medicine Program has produced its first graduates. A "Hippocratic Oath Ceremony for First Graduates" took place at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center on Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

22 new doctors received their diplomas at the same night during the 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester Graduation Ceremony. The "Hippocratic Oath Ceremony for First Graduates" commenced with the entrance of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora, Marmara University Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof. Dr. Hakan Gündüz and Vice Dean Prof. Dr. Ümit Şehirli, EMU Faculty of Medicine academic staff and the 22 graduates. After a moment of silence and the national anthem a Latin music recital was delivered by EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education academic staff member Serkan Çankaya and his group.

Delivering the opening speech of the ceremony Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora stated that the day was very special for them: "Today, we are proud to be making history by graduating our first students." Indicating that the graduates have opened the doors of their new lives after years of hard work and struggle Prof. Dr. Gökçora relayed that their graduates come from five different nations. Speaking after Prof. Dr. Gökçora, Prof. Dr. Hakan Gündüz stated that they are sharing the joy of EMU. Underlining that the 22 students are taking the first steps of their new lives, Prof. Dr. Gündüz also relayed information regarding Marmara University and Marmara University İstanbul Pendik Education and Research Hospital. Next, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam took the stage. Highlighting that this is an important day for EMU, Prof. Dr. Osam stated that since the university's foundation, the concept of health has reached an important position. Extending special thanks to Marmara University, Prof. Dr. Osam emphasized that the two universities have compatible philosophies and that the graduates will be starting their new lives as a result of the two institutions' mutual commitment. Prof. Dr. Osam concluded by thanking everyone who contributed on the road to the organization after describing EMU's fundamental academic mission as raising quality individuals that will come in contact with the world.

### **Dr. Besim: "Be Doctors that Produce Knowledge"**

TRNC Minister of Health Dr. Filiz Besim stated that she is very happy and excited to be present at the organization marking this special occasion. Stating that EMU is very special for the TRNC, Dr. Besim noted that the university is very special



Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam



Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora



Prof. Dr. Hakan Gündüz

for her also because she is familiar with its substantial development. Addressing the graduates by stating that they should be doctors that produce knowledge, Dr. Besim noted that production increases as the production potential is apprehended.

Telling the new doctors to love their profession Dr. Besim advised them to be investigative, interrogative and full of love towards patients. In a speech of her own, 2017-2018 Top Ranking Student Dr. Çisem Çağdaşer stated that they are proud to be the first graduates of the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine, noting that they are very happy to be gaining the rewards of their hard work. As the Top Ranking Student, Dr. Çağdaşer nailed her name on to the Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Graduation Log with Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora. Delivering a speech on behalf of international students, third ranking student Dr. Whitney Onuarah Aadaeze stated that it was very exciting to meet people with different cultures. Indicating that their education was not easy Dr. Whitney highlighted that they never gave up and eventually reached their happy ending.

Following the opening speeches, the top five highest ranking students were presented their plaques and awards. After the final lesson presentation of Anatomy Professor and Marmara University Faculty of Medicine Vice-Dean Prof. Dr. Ümit Şehirli, the new doctors took their Hippocratic oaths accompanied by Prof. Dr. Gökçora. Caps were tossed in air with music. The ceremony came to an end with the cutting of a cake with the Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine logo and a cocktail.

### **22 Olive Trees Planted in the Faculty Yard**

Meanwhile, within the scope of the "Hippocratic Oath Ceremony for First Graduates" 22 olive trees were planted in the Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Yard on behalf of the graduates. The names of the graduates were tagged on the trees.



## GRADUATES OF EMU HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY TOOK OATH



Eastern Mediterranean University Health Sciences Faculty organised an oath ceremony for the graduands of 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester. During the said organisation which took place at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center at 9:30 a.m. on 19 June 2018, over 400 newly graduating health professionals recited their oaths.

At the ceremony which commenced with a moment of silence and the national anthem, Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Chair Prof. Memduh Özdemir and academic staff member Erkan Dağlı delivered a mini musical performance followed by the speeches of the top ranking graduand of Health Sciences Faculty, Nutrition and Dietetics Department Melis Aysu Sünel and the top ranking graduand of School of Health Services, Physiotherapy Associate Program Dilay Sungur. Expressing their happiness in graduating from a world-renowned institution of higher education, the valedictorians thanked EMU for supporting them throughout their studies by all means. Stating that they will leave the university with an awareness of protecting the right to health and supporting the development of health, students also promised to fulfill all requirements of the profession.

EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç also delivered a speech in which she stated her honor in observing the first step of the young health professionals taken towards their careers. Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç continued her speech by providing information on Health Sciences Faculty and their mission, which is to bring up highly qualified health professionals who would deliver services at different corners of the world. Addressing the new graduates, Prof. Dr. Malkoç said "Today, you are taking your first step towards your profession. Do not forget that you are a member of the EMU Family and also live the pride of being a graduate of EMU Health Sciences Faculty."

In a speech of his own, EMU Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated "EMU is a university with a mission located at high levels. Despite the fact that the concept of health is new to EMU, the university has achieved immense development in the said field. Eastern Mediterranean University has achieved the impossible by managing to make it to the 101-150 band in the world's best young universities under 50. Life will not be easy as it is here at the university. Surely, you will encounter difficulties but the point that you have to remember is that humans are the roots of the problems and that you have to understand them to solve the problems. Our university's identity will go hand in hand with your identity for the rest of your lives. Harming this identity will only damage your own identity. I believe that you will do your best to protect it. I congratulate all students and parents on this meaningful day and wish them all the success".

Following the opening addresses, Prof. Dr. Osam presented gifts to the top ranking students of the faculty and school. Then, Departments of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, Nutrition and Dietetics, Nursing, Health Management and Sports Sciences graduands recited their oaths as well as graduands of the associate programs, namely Oral and Dental Health, Anaesthesia, Surgery Services, Dialysis, Physiotherapy, First and Emergency Aid, Radiotherapy, and Medical Imaging Techniques. The oaths specific to each department, were recited together with department chairs.

All health personnel take oath before starting their careers in the field. The oath shows devotion to the principles and ethical values they will abide by throughout their careers. Oaths that are generally accepted as tradition in the field of health can show slight variations between different universities and departments.



# GRADUANDS OF EMU PHARMACY FACULTY TOOK OATH



Eastern Mediterranean University Faculty of Pharmacy organised an oath taking ceremony prior to the 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester Graduation Ceremony at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

During the said organisation which took place before the 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester Graduation Ceremony set to take place on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 75 pharmacists swore to serve humanity as well as to support the ideals and commitments of their profession. They swore to respect their teachers that played a part in their development throughout their life and not to act in a manner that fall against the oaths of their profession.

**Following a Moment of Silence and the National Anthem, Faculty of Pharmacy Dean**

Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin delivered an opening speech in which he noted that today was a very proud day for the faculty. Stating that the event is an important step in the path towards becoming a qualified pharmacist, Prof. Dr. Şahin added that the faculty is graduating highly qualified professionals from different nationalities. Prof. Dr.

Şahin also stated that he believes all of the graduates will be good pharmacists and expressed his belief that graduates will further elevate the reputation of the Eastern Mediterranean University at the international arena. Prof. Dr. Şahin concluded his speech by wishing the graduates best of luck for the rest of their lives.

Speaking at the ceremony, Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that EMU is about to enter an important week, the graduation week which will be celebrated with an array of festivities. Stressing the increasing number of graduates each passing year, Prof. Dr. Osam added that each and every graduate of EMU Pharmacy Faculty will represent their university in their countries. Prof. Dr. Osam addressed the graduands as follows:

“Throughout your lives, you will carry your university’s identity as you carry your own identity. Giving harm to your university’s identity will only ruin your own identity. I believe you will spend your best efforts to protect it. Graduating from the Eastern Mediterranean University is not an end, but a new beginning. I congratulate all graduates and wish them all the success in their professional careers.”

Following the opening speeches, the participants enjoyed a short musical performance by the students of Education Faculty, Fine Arts Education Department which was followed by the presentation of awards to the top ranking students of Pharm. B. and Pharm. D. Programs by Prof. Dr. Osam and Prof. Dr. Şahin. Then, students were presented the oath certificates by Vice Rectors, Vice Deans of Faculty of Pharmacy and academic staff members. The ceremony ended with a cocktail organised in honor of the graduating students.



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



Eastern Mediterranean University 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester Postgraduate Graduation Ceremony took place at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The ceremony was broadcast live via EMU TV. With over 20,000 students from 106 different countries, Eastern Mediterranean University is a locomotive institution of higher education that combines academic, social and cultural life. Living the excitement of graduating approximately 2,800 students, EMU pays special attention towards the organisation of graduation week activities. In this respect, Representative of Nigerian Embassy in Ankara Ahmed Mohammed Monguno, Times Higher Education Representative Michael Caruana, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rectors, Deans, Department Chairs, academic staff members and over 250 graduands of postgraduate programs and their families attended the ceremony.

### Emotional Moments

The ceremony commenced with the entrance of the 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester graduands into the hall with music and applause. During the entrance of the graduands, families and academic staff members had emotional moments. The ceremony continued with a moment of silence and the national anthem followed by a short musical performance of EMU Education Faculty, Music Teaching Program academic staff members Assist. Prof. Dr. Alev Müezzinoğlu, Assist. Prof. Dr. Başak



Gorgoretti, Sen. Inst. Selen İşmen and Instructor Heran Mirillo. Then, EMU Education Faculty, Foreign Language Education department, English Language Teaching Master's Program graduate Zehra Değirmencioğlu delivered a speech on behalf of the 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester graduates.

### "We are Proud to be a Part of EMU"

Expressing her pride and honor in being a part of the EMU Community, Değirmencioğlu stated that postgraduate education is a long and difficult journey which requires genuine efforts of those who take part in it. Adding that postgraduate education is also a process of transformation, Değirmencioğlu stated that as a member of the modern youth, they will continue to love learning and knowing. Değirmencioğlu added that they will work towards the development of humanity and thanked all those who contributed to their studies. EMU Business and Economics Faculty, Political



Science and International Relations Department Doctoral Program Graduate Hamidreza Monibi also delivered a speech representing graduates. Monibi stated that it is a day of pride for all graduates as continuing their studies at postgraduate and doctoral programs requires great courage. Adding that EMU has provided its students every type of support during their academic studies, Monibi put forth that it is due to EMU's valuable support that they have achieved this academic success. Stating that the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus is a very secure and beautiful country, Monibi expressed his pleasure in studying at this beautiful country. At the end of his speech, Monibi thanked all academic staff and families who contributed to their success.

### Prof. Dr. Osam Addressed Graduates

Delivering a speech at the graduation ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam expressed his happiness in hosting graduates, families and academic staff



at Rauf Raif Denktaş Congress Center. Addressing young graduates, Prof. Dr. Osam mentioned famous quote "Nanos gigantum humeris insidentes" (we are dwarfs sitting on the shoulders of giants) attributed to Bernardus Carnotensis (1115) and re-expressed by Sir Isaac Newton in 1676. Prof. Dr. Osam advised the graduates to adopt this philosophy and base their academic research on the work of great researchers.

The 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester Postgraduate Graduation Ceremony continued with the awarding of diplomas to the students. Graduates of the PhD programs received their diplomas from EMU Rector whilst graduates of master's programs received their diplomas from the acting Director of the Institute for Graduate Studies and Research Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Hakan Ulusoy and Assistant Director Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Rızaner. The ceremony ended with the tossing of the graduation caps in air.

## EMU FACULTY OF EDUCATION STUDENTS DELIVER "END-OF-YEAR CONCERT"



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education, Music Teaching Program students delivered an "End-of-year concert".

The concert which took place at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall attracted the attention of students, parents, academicians, administrative staff and members of the general public. Music Teaching Program students put on a musical feast for those in attendance at the end of their education year.

Delivering the opening speech at the concert, Department of Fine Arts Education Chair Prof. Memduh Özdemir stated the students are excited to share what they have learned throughout the year with the public. Also underlining the importance of continuing to organize similar events Prof. Özdemir thanked everyone who contributed in the organization of the concert.

The performances delivered at the concert under the conduction of academic staff member and choir master Erkan Dağlı



were as follows: Academic staff member; Serkan Çankaya's Quartet, Lale Langel's Folk Music Community and Aleksandr Zabolotkov's students' Yaylı Sazlar Orchestra. In addition the concert featured final year student; Deniz Amcazade's

piano recital as well as Şevval Altay and piano accompanist academic staff member Maka Rothery's vocal concert.

At the end of the concert, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam indicated that the

student performances get better each year underlining his belief that the department will continue to improve in upcoming years. Prof. Dr. Osam noted that he was very happy about the concert, thanking everyone involved in its organization.



# EMU'S 3<sup>RD</sup> TRNC INTERNATIONAL CHORAL

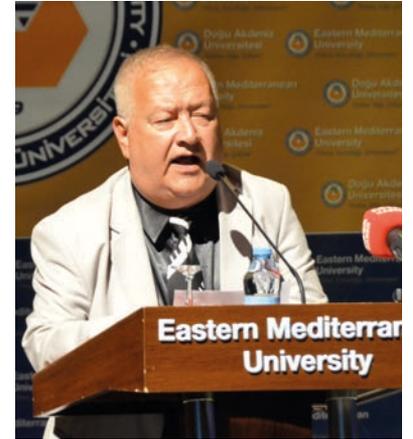
An Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) organization, the 3rd Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) International Choral Festival commenced with an opening ceremony at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall on Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2018 at 17:00.

Amongst the many in attendance were TRNC Parliamentary Speaker Teberrüken Uluçay, Minister of Tourism and Environment Fikri Ataoğlu, Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources Erkut Şahali, Famagusta District Governor Dürdane Acı, Famagusta Mayor İsmail Arter, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler, Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı and Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu as well as many deans and department chairs.

The festival commenced with a Cyprus Dance Education Center dance show after the screening of EMU's Promotional Film. This was followed by a promotional video featuring the attending choirs. Speaking at the opening of the festival EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education academic staff member, Festival Director and conductor Erkan Dağlı welcomed everyone to the festival and thanked them for their participation. Dağlı described the festival's primary theme as sharing love and art's intrinsic emotions with all generations from Turkey and other nations.

### *"I Believe That It Will Strengthen Friendships"*

EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education Chair Prof. Memduh Özdemir highlighted his belief that artistic beauty will be shared and friendships solidified during the festival. Providing information about the Faculty of Education, Prof. Özdemir thanked everyone involved in the organization of the festival indicating that he hopes to meet at other festivals.



# FESTIVAL WAS A COLORFUL EVENT

In a speech of his own Famagusta Mayor İsmail Arter stated "Firstly, I am very happy about such an event taking place in our city. Famagusta is the capital of art and culture. As a result of the recent collaboration protocol signed with EMU I believe that we can now call our city a capital of education too."

## "Bringing all Forms Art to the Community is an Inextricable Vision"

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that bringing all forms art to the community is an inextricable vision of EMU in addition to generating knowledge: "We will continue to value art and follow in the path of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk". Indicating that the festival is becoming very important for the country and university, Prof. Dr. Osam wished everyone a good festival. Prof. Dr. Osam concluded his speech by stating: "Try to obtain a good understanding of the TRNC and Turkish Cypriots so that hand in hand our relationship and brotherhood can reach a peak level."

TRNC Parliamentary Speaker Teberrüken Uluçay stated that he believes the festival would very enjoyable and that Famagusta would be blown away by beautiful of choral music. Uluçay noted that promotion is very important for the country's development and tourism, highlighting that culture/art activities and festivals are very important in terms of economic development as well as culture.

Following the opening speeches, the "Eastern Mediterranean University Service to Choral Music Award" were presented to EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education Chair



and composer Prof. Memduh Özdemir, Turkish composer Asst. Prof. Dr. Nedim Yıldız and Asst. Prof. Dr. Aykut Önder Sarıçiftçi by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam.

The participating choirs performed the Cypriot ballad "Bahçada Guzu" in unison. The ballad was arranged by Turkish Cypriot composer Oskay Hoca. After this performance a concert was delivered by the "Papageorgio String Quartet", a quartet that has performed at numerous organizations on both the north and south of the island since 2011. After the opening ceremony choral music was performed by the KPKD Othello Polyphonic Choir, Aksaray University Chamber Choir, Ankara Development Choir and Cyprus Folk Songs Association Choir. The festival lasted until the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2018.



## A COLLABORATION FOR A CLEANER AYLUGA POND

With the collaboration of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Famagusta District Governorate, Famagusta Municipality and Famagusta Women's Development Center (MAKAMER), the 'Ayluga Pond Cleaning Event' was held on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Thursday) between 08:00 and 10:00. The event was given great support from Kemal Serpal (Famagusta District Governor, İsmail Arter (Mayor of Famagusta), Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı (EMU Vice Rector: Administrative and Technical Affairs), Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu (Vice Rector for Student Affairs), Çağan Coşkun (Environmental Protection Department, Unit Manager), Sıdıka Özdoğan (President of MAKAMER); and also from representatives from all organisations supporting the project and Namık Kemal High School students. 'Ayluga Pond Cleaning Event', organised within the scope of the preparation and execution of the 'Ayluga Wildlife Park' project, aims for the protection of the area, its use by the locals and its promotion.

### "Please Do Not Litter"

İsmail Arter, Mayor of Famagusta, stated that this area is an opportunity for the locals of Famagusta to breathe; and continued: "Several projects have been developed for Ayluga Pond. Last year, the project prepared within the scope of a study collaboratively conducted by EMU and Famagusta Municipality has made a considerable progress. However, seeing this area covered in garbage saddens us deeply. We clean it but like other areas of Famagusta, people keep littering. Please keep the environment clean. I hope to never see this area in such a condition again. I deeply thank everyone who contributed to this cleaning event".

### "We Need to Collaborate"

Kemal Serpal, Famagusta District Governorate, emphasised the magnitude of the littering problem

in our country. Serpal said: "Our efforts remain insufficient. Adults are the ones littering. We organised a campaign on September 15th, World Cleanup Day. With contributions from our municipalities and associations, we cleaned the traffic islands and their surroundings from the exit of Famagusta to Aslanköy. Naturally, these works need to continue. We need to collaborate and inform the public about environmental cleanliness".

### "We Aim to Create Awareness"

In his speech, Famagusta Environmental Protection Department Unite Manager Çağan Coşkun stated that their goal was to support non-governmental organisations and create awareness on environment; and continued: "Our environmental problem is a major one. Our aim is to get the locals accustomed to 'not littering'".

In her speech, EMU Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Naciye Doratlı expressed her happiness for EMU's participation in this event. "We are preparing a project for Ayluga Pond, or as we call it, 'Ayluga Wildlife Park'. The project is now in the finalisation phase. In this project, representatives from EMU, Famagusta Municipality, Famagusta District Governorate, Environmental Protection Department and MAKAMER gather on each Friday and work on the matter. We observed that the garbage we can only partially see at the moment is actually spread all around the pond. This event was organised to create awareness and announce the inception of our project. Neither Famagusta Municipality, nor EMU play any part in the exploitation of the pond or any other wetland areas. I thank all our voluntary participants".

### "Laws Need to Be Made with Sensitivity"

Sıdıka Özdoğan, President of MAKAMER said: It is very good that such problems are taken into



consideration and such events are organised in Famagusta and in our country. As MAKAMER, we support such projects. However, the permanent solution to this problem would include sensitivity from our government officials and those in charge of our legislation and law enforcement. The laws should be enacted with a consideration for maintaining the ecological balance and in the future, the local authorities should take the responsibility of enforcing these laws maintaining the continuity of environmental cleanliness".



## EMU'S XII. SAND SCULPTURE FESTIVAL AND COMPETITION HAS ENDED

EMU's traditional and annually held 'Sand Sculpture Festival and Competition', collaboratively organised by the Faculty of Architecture, Department of Interior Architecture and EMU Design Club, was held this year for the 12<sup>th</sup> time on October 7<sup>th</sup> 2018, Sunday between 10:00 – 18:00 at EMU's Beach Resort (Beach Club) in Famagusta. Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu (Vice Rector: Student Affairs), Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı (Vice Rector: Administrative and Technical Affairs), Prof. Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek (Faculty of Architecture, Dean) and Prof. Dr. Uğur Dağlı (Department of Interior Architecture, Chair) attended the event along with hundreds of other participants.

### *A Display of Creativity*

Many people participated in groups to this traditional event which, the people of Cyprus each year look forward to. Enriched especially by the participation of students from different universities, the event has brought upon a different excitement to the unparalleled beaches

of Famagusta, like it has done so for years. The event, which utilises the natural beauties of our country to pave the way for alternative activities, has created a platform for everyone, especially for youngsters, to enjoy themselves in a healthy manner and demonstrate their creativity.

Usually held in May or June, the Sand Sculpture Festival and Competition was held at the beginning October this year. Thus, the festival created the opportunity for a warm welcome for the students who freshly arrived at our island. While creating their sculptures in their own sections, the participant groups also had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather and of course, the sea. The participants also got to dance to the upbeat music during the DJ performance and enjoy themselves. The winners of the entertaining 12<sup>th</sup> EMU Sand Sculpture Festival and Competition, which also hosted creative works, were 'Sand Man and Woman', 'Crocodile Tears', 'Daliler', 'Astana – ENU' and 'Mad Max 2'.



## EMU GASTRONOMY AND CULINARY ARTS DEPARTMENT GRADUATE TO RECEIVE EDUCATION AT EL CELLAR DE CAN ROCA

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Term graduate Cem Mengülluğlu will be receiving education for eight months at the El Cellar de Can Roca restaurant run by the Roca brothers. El Cellar de Can Roca is a three Michelin starred restaurant which took second place in the 2018 edition of the World's Best 50 Restaurants List.

### *The Aim is to Train Chefs that will Have A Global Impact*

EMU Faculty of Tourism Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that EMU students have previously travelled to Italy, South Korea, America and the UK noting that the first student from the TRNC to go to El Cellar de Can Roca will be from EMU. Indicating that they expect this success to continue Prof. Dr. Kılıç described their aim as training chefs that will have a global impact. Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that with over 850 students, the EMU Faculty of Tourism will continue to stand out with its different opportunities and education. Revealing that the EMU Faculty of Tourism, Department of Tourism and Hospitality

Management gained over 30 students after the 2018 Entrance and Scholarship Exam including the student who got the highest points in the Sport Special Skill Test, Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that tourism education in TRNC is reaching the level it deserves as a result of their promotional efforts. Indicating that over 120 students chose the Gastronomy and Culinary Arts program after the EMU Entrance and Scholarship Exam Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that this program is receiving a great deal of student interest.

### *What is El Cellar de Can Roca?*

Located in Girona, Spain the restaurant run by the Roca brothers Joan, Joseph and Jordi features amongst the top three restaurants on the Top 50 Restaurants List every year. This year it appeared in second place on the list. At the restaurant which has had 3 Michelin stars since 2009, the cuisine chef is the oldest brother Joan, the wine expert and sommelier is the middle brother Joseph and the pastry chef is the youngest brother Jordi. In order to get a seat at the restaurant which accommodates only 50 people for lunch or dinner, reservation is required months in advance.



## EMU FACULTY OF TOURISM, DEPARTMENT OF GASTRONOMY AND CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS OBTAIN RATIONAL CERTIFICATES

Within the scope of the GAST 304 - Kitchen Planning and Design course, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts third year students completed their education on Rational different oven using techniques and received their certificates.

Within the scope of the course delivered by Rational Turkey Regional Sales Director Devrim Gümüşsoy, guest chefs from Turkey demonstrated different features of the Rational 5 Senses oven and cooking techniques. Releasing a statement about the course, EMU Faculty of Tourism Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç

indicated that an important characteristic of Rational is that they only produce ovens and that they have two Self Cooking Center Rational 5 Senses ovens, which are the most used ovens in the world, in their application kitchen.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç, stated that the Self Cooking Center thinks and works together with the person cooking in order to cook the food in optimum fashion. The Self Cooking Center learns its user's habits and preferences and can communicate with the user. Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by thanking Rational Turkey for their useful education.





## A STATEMENT ON IODINE DEFICIENCY DISORDERS

**Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Academic Staff Member and Internal Diseases Specialist Assist. Prof. Dr. Bülent Sezgin**

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty academic staff member and Internal Diseases Specialist Assist. Prof. Dr. Bülent Sezgin released a statement about the Week for the Prevention of Iodine Deficiency Disorders, observed during the first week of June each year. Sezgin's statement reads as follows:

"Every year during the first week of June, various awareness raising practices are organized to draw the community's attention to iodine deficiency diseases and to prevent health problems caused by these diseases at an early stage.

### **Why is Iodine Essential for Body?**

It is important that iodine amounts are adequate for a healthy continuation of thyroid hormone functions that govern the growth, development and energy metabolism of the body. Iodine needs increase especially during pregnancies. Iodine has an important role in the entire development and learning process, including early development of the baby's brain. Iodine deficiency is an important cause of mental development problems in children and there are many effects on children during school, including reproductive functions and reduced IQ (intelligence) levels.

### **Why is Iodine Added to Table Salt?**

Endemic goiter and iodine deficiency are two of the major public health problems all over the world as well as in Turkey. The World Health Organization (WHO) identified iodine deficiency in 1 out of 3 of the population in the study conducted in 18 countries in the Eastern Mediterranean Region. Due to the deficiency of iodine in the nutrients, the growth of the regional thyroid gland is called endemic goiter in humans. Necessary legal arrangements have been introduced to fight against Iodine deficiency and endemic goiter and since the year 2000 the use of iodized salt has been made widespread.

### **Who is Under Iodine Deficiency Risk?**

- Pregnant women

- People living in countries with very little iodine in their soil
- People who do not use iodized salt
- People who follow a vegetarian and vegan diet.

### **What are the Symptoms of Iodine Deficiency?**

- Overgrowing of thyroid gland and swelling in the front of neck (goiter)
- Gaining weight
- Feeling of tiredness and weakness
- Hair loss
- Dry skin
- Problems in learning and memorization
- Low body temperature
- Lowering heart rate
- Problems in pregnancy and/or becoming pregnant
- Severe menstrual irregularities or menstrual periods

### **What is the Most Important Adverse Effect (complication)?**

The most serious complications of iodine deficiency are the effects on pregnant women and their babies. Problems in the development of the brain, nerves, muscles, internal organs of babies may cause mental retardation in their future ages.

### **How is Iodine Deficiency Treated?**

In order to maintain iodine amounts at a healthy level, the daily amount of iodine should be 150 µg (micrograms). This amount meets 97-98% of all iodine needs in healthy adults.

### **Which Types of Food Contain High Levels of Iodine?**

1 egg, 1 glass of milk or yoghurt a day and a quarter teaspoon of iodized salt are observed to meet the daily need of an adult person.

### **Why is Iodine Deficiency Observed Frequently at the Black Sea Region in Turkey?**

Most iodine deficiency is observed at the Black Sea Region in Turkey. This may be due to the frequent consumption of foods such as savoy cabbage and radish, both of which have goitrogenic (goiter producing) effects.



## THALASSEMIA DISEASE

**Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Academic Member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tayfur Toptaş**

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Academic Member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tayfur Toptaş released valuable information about Thalassemia Disease, which reads as follows:

"Thalassemia and other hemoglobin diseases are important health problems creating emotional, psychological and economic burdens on millions of people. There have been major developments in the formation mechanism and treatment of thalassemia. However, the difficulty and cost of the treatment have not changed. In economically disadvantaged communities, awareness about disease is still insufficient and access to treatment is difficult. Regarding this, it is extremely important to understand how important the prevention of the disease is.

If no precautions are taken, an average of 60,000 children with beta thalassemia and 240,000 children with sickle cell anemia are expected to be born each year. This is an optimistic calculation. The real expectation is far above this. It is observed that most of these children cannot survive long term if their anemia, which is defined as the low blood red cells carrying oxygen to the blood tissues, is deep in these children, if they encounter treatment and disease related problems and if they do not receive adequate treatment. Therefore; getting appropriate treatment, access to health centers are important for long-term survival and good quality of life. Especially, in the last 25 years, the rates of thalassemia births have been significantly reduced by health education, widespread screening and genetic counseling programs around the world, particularly in countries within the Mediterranean basin.

Red blood cells that carry oxygen to tissues and organs have a structure called hemoglobin. The function of this structure is to connect oxygen. For this reason, impairment in this structure reduces the oxygen carrying

capacity of red blood cells. In addition to this, if the hemoglobin structure is impaired, red blood cells are broken into pieces either in the bone marrow or in the spleen. Thalassemia is an inherited disorder that characterized by impairments or deficiencies in the construction of protein building chains involved in hemoglobin structure. Individuals with this disease may have to take red blood suspensions regularly and consistently, according to the degree of genetic susceptibility. Some patients may not have blood-borne needs, even if they have anemia. The most severe form of thalassemia syndrome is beta thalassemia major. In these patients, anemia is prominently severe, accompanied by other problems involving many organs.

Some of these problems include the growth and developmental delays in children, the formation of new focuses that cause blood formation in tissues and organs outside the bone marrow and problems related to them (such as severe pain, impingement on organs, impaired organ functioning, etc.), spleen overgrowth, infections, problems related to the regular blood donations, cardiac dysrhythmia, cardiac insufficiency, iron overload, cirrhosis, retardation in sexual development, retardation in bone development, osteoporosis, vascular occlusions, psychological problems, heart problems, diabetes, and infection from blood products.

If these patients are not properly treated, their expected life span is between 5 and 10 years. The most important issue about the disease is prevention of the disease. For this purpose, screening of carriers and genetic counseling are important factors in the creation of a standard policy. The treatment methods of the disease are blood transfusion policies according to international standards and the removal of iron from the body. It is also very important for patients to be monitored in terms of the other side effects mentioned above. In short, through a conscious society, genetic diseases as such will diminish. "

## EMU HOSTED ÖMÜR GEDİK

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted journalist, artist and animal rights defender Ömür Gedik on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018, Thursday at an event titled "Kampüsteki Candostlar" was organized by Animal Welfare Club which operates under Social and Cultural Activities Center Directorate. Ömür Gedik gave a presentation here considering animal rights.

Ömür Gedik launched a photography exhibition "Kampüsteki Candostlar" before the conference at the foyer area

of the Social and Cultural Activities Center Directorate. She mentioned that the "Animal Friendly Campus" project of EMU has to be a great example for the other universities. Ömür Gedik was already informed about the Animal Friendly Campus Project since she visited EMU last year for the same cause.

### Importance of Animal Rights

At the conference which took place at EMU Activity Hall, Ömür Gedik informed the students and participants about animal

rights and how to help animals in danger. Gedik also gave information about the association she found named "Haçiko" and their work on protecting animals. Gedik mentioned that they are doing their best to close pet shops. Gedik also stated that protection of animals should not be only focused on cats and dogs, but also all other living things. At the end of the conference, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu presented a gift made of traditional Lefkara Lace to Ömür Gedik.



## EMU FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION STUDENT BİRCAN AKÇAGİL EARNS FIRST PLACE

Bircan Akçagil, a third year student in Eastern Mediterranean University's (EMU) Faculty of Communication, Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design, earned the first place and the right to partake in two exhibitions, at the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Prime Ministry's Photography Competition

(for the 19-30 age category): 'Cultural Heritage'. This first-time held competition/exhibition, as part of the 2018 Europe Cultural Heritage Year Events, aims to help more people (especially the younger generation) discover our country's cultural heritage, develop an interest, enhance their knowledge and establish a sense of belonging to the land they live in.

### Other Awards Also Received for Exhibition

Bircan Akçagil, was awarded first place for her piece called 'The Making of Hand-crafted Sele\*' by the competition's panel including Kadir Kaba, İsmail Gökçe, Tijen Erol and Umure Örs. Akçagil also earned the right to display her two other photographs called 'The Making of Village Bread' and 'Carpet

Weaving'. With the slogan: 'Our Heritage: a Convergence of Past and Future', the combined opening/award ceremony of the competition was held on October 1st, 2018 (18:30) at Atatürk Cultural Center in Nicosia. The digital competition took place in two different categories: Category A for ages 12-18 and Category B for ages 19-30.



## EMU INTERNATIONAL OFFICE HOLDS GRATITUDE MEAL

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) International Office operating under the Vice Rector's Office for International Affairs and Promotion held a thank you meal for personnel and students who contributed to one of the university's biggest and most colorful cultural festivals- EMU International Night 2018. The 17<sup>th</sup> annual EMU International Night was attended by thousands of students from 106 different countries. The said organization was held at the EMU Beach Club on

Tuesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2018. Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. H. Tanju Besler attended the meal on behalf of the EMU Rector's Office. The meal included activities. During the night that also included prize draws, a certificate ceremony also took place. Companies providing sponsorship distributed prizes to winners of the draws and games. Those attending the night sang songs and danced throughout the night, adding color to the event.



## EMU FACULTY OF PHARMACY MARKS THE WORLD HAND HYGIENE DAY

Eastern Mediterranean University, Faculty of Pharmacy organised an awareness raising activity on the World Hand Hygiene Day. Within the scope of the project, Ozioma Onyedikachukwu Ezeofor, Faculty of Pharmacy student, whose thesis is on 'Awareness of Hand Hygiene among University Students', distributed the brochures she prepared with her friends to the students of EMU. Ozioma showed other students how to ensure hand hygiene by rubbing hands at a stand opened in front of CL building. Participated by students, the event hosted colourful scenes.

### **Prevents Infectious Diseases**

EMU Faculty of Pharmacy released a statement on hand hygiene which reads as follows: "Hand hygiene is ensured by cleaning (rubbing) hands with alcohol-based

antiseptic products or washing hands with soap. In order to prevent the spread of infectious diseases among individuals, we need to have clean hands. If you are planning to clean your hands with antiseptic products, you need to rub hands with the said products for at least 20-30 seconds. If you are using soap for this purpose, this period should be between 40 and 60 seconds. We must pay attention to touching every part of the hand during the application of these methods. Hand hygiene is the simplest, least expensive and most effective strategy used for the prevention of infections and limiting the transmission of microorganisms from person to person or from one surface to another. During the upcoming years, we plan to raise awareness among the students of EMU regarding the importance of hand hygiene.



## EMU CONTINUES TO BE A PARTY TO HOPE

Within the scope of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Personnel Office Directorate's "Be a Party to Hope with EMU" project, second hand objects in a good condition were collected in order to be given to those in need. Objects collected during the said campaign which is the second event of the "Be a Party to Hope with EMU" project will be donated to those in need via the Help Those with Cancer Association and the Zeytin Ağacı Aid Society.

The objects collected with the support of each EMU unit and faculty were handed over to the Help Those with Cancer Association President Raziye Kocaismail and Zeytin Ağacı Aid Society President Rabia Özcömert. In her speech Kocaismail stated that they are very happy and that the treatment of approximately 20 cancer patients can be met with the donations. EMU Personnel Office Director Özlem Avcı accepted a unique Cypriot Lefkara board from Kocaismail on behalf of EMU personnel. Meanwhile, Özcömert thanked EMU and indicated that aid campaigns are very important, underlining that the needs of many families will be met.



## EMU FACULTY OF TOURISM ORGANISES INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE EVENT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism students carried out an "International Day of Peace" event under the coordination of EMU Community Involvement Center Executive Board Member Asst. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso. The event aimed towards Syrian and Palestinian students took place at the Nicosia Mayza Park Café with the slogan 'Wishing for a world without war'.

EMU students from Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Nigeria, China, Turkmenistan, Palestine, Jordan, Russia, Turkey, Egypt and Pakistan participated in the event performing local dance and songs. The children showed great interest in the event at which cross-cultural interaction was high. The event featured a range of different activities such as a local garment fashion show, a cupcake competition, a clown performance, balloon games, modelling clay and an illusion show.

EMU Faculty of Tourism Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç noted that with the money raised from the sale of food prepared by EMU Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts students during the

Tourism Festival the children were purchased shoes, clothes, sandals and other requirements. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also expressed his gratitude to Unipass Ltd. representative Yeşim Direl for hiring the venue in Lefkoşa and providing catering sponsorship. At the end of the event which aimed to introduce different cultures to primary school students, the Palestinian and Syrian students prepared thank you cards for the EMU students in Turkish and Arabic.



## EMU DEPARTMENT OF GASTRONOMY AND CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS ATTEND THE "4<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL COOKING CAMP"



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts students attended the "4th National Cooking Camp" that had 230 participants from 56 universities and 72 departments. Along with EMU Faculty of Tourism research assistant Tanya Kilitkayalı, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts students attended the camp organized by the Mengen Municipality with the support of the sectors' leading producers.

EMU Faculty of Tourism Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç indicated that those who participated in the camp were very lucky as the camp featured many of Turkey's best chefs. Revealing that approximately

1.5 tons of white meat and 1 ton of red meat were used at the camp in addition to sea food and other products, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that this is an important indicator of the camp's quality. Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by underlining that they will be continuing to attend the camp in future years.

EMU research assistant Tanya Kilitkayalı who led the group during the camp stated: "We received fundamental education throughout the week. We participated in all sorts of education involving everything from bulgur wheat to rice, from sushi to lamb, from beef to chicken and duck. This allowed us to reinforce our knowledge and skills".

## EMU CONTINUES TO LEAD BABY CARETTA CARETTAS TO THE SEA

The annual release of baby Caretta Carettas to the sea, jointly organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University Underwater Research and Imaging Center (SAGAM) and the Famagusta Mesarya Lions Club took place in the İskele region on Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of July 2018 with the contributions of the Eastern Mediterranean Branch of AIESEC. The project ran by center representative Asst. Prof. Dr. Burak Ali Çiçek located the nesting areas of sea turtles and put them under protection which allowed them safe passage from their nests. AIESEC Eastern Mediterranean provided the participation of 16 volunteer students from 8 different countries.

### Increased Chance of Survival

An event which took place in the İskele region that released baby Carettas to the sea included the participation of the Famagusta Mesarya Lions Club, the EMU Underwater Research and Imaging Center, AIESEC Eastern Mediterranean and the local community. Research which suggests that the chance of baby Caretta Carettas surviving

after they reach the sea is only 1-2% sheds light on just how important the volunteer work carried out actually is. Participants indicated that the increase of social responsibility projects which raise awareness about being more sensitive to the environment and living beings is promising for our future.



## EMU HOSTED 500 STUDENTS FROM 17 COUNTRIES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

Organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Vice Rector's Office for International Affairs and Promotion with Turkish Airlines Sponsorship, the 9<sup>th</sup> annual EMU International Summer School took place with the participation of more than 500 students from 17 different countries. Over 500 students from different age groups have travelled from Russia, Ukraine, Turkey, Germany, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Egypt, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Morocco, Belarus, England, Kirgizstan, Uzbekistan and Palestine to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) where they received English language education. The students participated in an enjoyable summer experience that included numerous activities in addition to the courses delivered by

EMU Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School academic staff.

The summer school students had the opportunity to witness university life and Cypriot culture first hand by participating in cultural, artistic

and sporting activities in addition to the English language education they received. The 9<sup>th</sup> International Summer School students get to enjoy the clear blue sea and sun at the EMU Beach Club as well as participate in weekly cultural trips to different regions of the island.

### Brilliant Gala Night

Within the scope of the 9<sup>th</sup> EMU International Summer School "The Gala Night 2018" took place at the EMU Beach Club on Thursday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2018.

The talents of students were showcased with artistic performances and dance choreographies. The gala night was attended by International Summer School students, university personnel and EMU International Summer School sponsors. The performances supported by the EMU International Office produced colorful scenes and enjoyable activities took place. The 9<sup>th</sup> EMU International Summer School will be continuing until the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2018.



## EMU DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS SCIENCES STUDENT BERK EKENSOY ACHIEVES INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Sports Sciences student and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Jiu Jitsu National Team athlete Berk Ekensoy made EMU and our country proud with his achievements in France.

At the Paris Spring International Open 2018 Tournament Berk Ekensoy who competed for the national team came first in the Nogi-Gi category, second in the Gi-Open category and third in the Gi category. Regarding EMU Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Sports Sciences student Berk

Ekensoy's success Faculty of Health Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç underlined the importance of such achievements for both EMU and the country, congratulating Ekensoy and wishing the continuation of his success.



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