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Organised annually by the International Office operating under Eastern Mediterranean University Vice Rector's Office for International Affairs and Promotion, the "International Night" took place at Atatürk Square on 13 May 2016. During the said event, students of Eastern Mediterranean University from 106 different cultures promoted their own cultures through local dishes at stands set up for the said purpose, musical activities and cultural dances performed in

traditional clothes. Among some of the interesting performances at the event were Cypriot and Turkish Folk Dancing show, Latin and salsa dance shows, fashion shows, Kazakh songs, Turkmen songs and dance performance, Palestinian traditional dance show and songs from Sudan, Iran, Russia, South Africa, Nigeria, Pakistan, Azerbaijan, Chad, Northern Iraq, Tajikistan, Oman and Jordan. During the said night, Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam delivered

a speech and stated that Eastern Mediterranean University has a unique student profile, thanks to students from 106 different cultures studying at EMU. Highlighting the multicultural qualities of EMU, Prof. Dr. Osam put forth that despite the major difficulties the world is currently undergoing, students from different cultures study and live at EMU in peace. At the end of his address, Prof. Dr. Osam presented the supporting firms plaques of appreciation.



EMU Settles Academic Collaboration with Arizona State University

Eastern Mediterranean University established an academic collaboration agreement with Arizona State University of the USA. In this respect, Arizona State University, Global Technology and Development Program Director Prof. Dr. Gary Grossman and his team paid a visit to Eastern Mediterranean University.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam had a meeting with the visiting officials. During the visit possible collaboration topics between the two institutions were discussed. Prof. Dr. Osam also provided detailed information about EMU with a specific

focus on student and faculty profile, campus and infrastructural qualities, collaboration possibilities, faculties, departments and international and national accreditations. Officials from Arizona State University expressed their fascination with Eastern Mediterranean University.

Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen, Vice Rector for Promotion Prof. Dr. Hasan Amca, Distance Education Institute Director Prof. Dr. Muhammet Yaşar Özden, Institutional Development and International Academic Relations Coordinator Cahit Ezel and Public Relations and

Press Office Director Murat Aktuğralı were also present at the said meeting. The visiting officials who attended separate meetings with Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen and Vice Rector for Promotion Prof. Dr. Hasan Amca conveyed their pleasure in establishing collaborations with Eastern Mediterranean University. The academic collaboration was signed by Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen on behalf of Eastern Mediterranean University and Prof. Dr. Gary Grossman on behalf of Arizona State University.



Consul of German Embassy in Nicosia Visited EMU

Consul of German Embassy in Nicosia Peter Neven paid a visit of courtesy to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. During the visit, Neven received detailed information about EMU.

During the meeting with Neven, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam provided detailed information about Eastern Mediterranean University with a

special focus on its history and development as well as its faculty and student profile, campus and infrastructural facilities, faculties and departments. Prof. Dr. Osam also expressed the university's willingness in establishing academic collaborations between Germany and EMU. Highlighting the specific importance given to international accreditations by the university,

Prof. Dr. Osam also provided information about programs with international accreditation. At the end of his visit at which Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen was also present, Peter Neven expressed his pleasure in visiting EMU and added that he is impressed with the university's facilities and academic profile.



EMU Signs a Collaboration Protocol with İzmir Economy University

Eastern Mediterranean University and İzmir Economy University signed an academic collaboration protocol. Signed by Rector of İzmir Economy University Prof. Dr. F.N. Can Şimga Mugan and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, the protocol covers important academic issues including student and academic staff exchange between the two institutions. The protocol will also allow both institutions to exchange resources as well as academic information and experiences.

In a visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam, Prof. Dr. Mugan expressed his pleasure in settling a protocol as such. During the said visit, Prof. Dr. Osam provided information about student and faculty profile of EMU as well as campus and infrastructural facilities, faculties and departments as well as accreditation projects. President of EMU Board of Trustees Mehmet Bayram, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen, İzmir Economy University Board of

Trustees' Chair and İzmir Chamber of Commerce Executive Board Director Ekrem Demirtaş were also present at the protocol signature ceremony. At the

end of the visit, Prof. Dr. Osam presented Prof. Dr. Mugan and Demirtaş a frame made of traditional Lefkara lace.



EMU Collaborates with Cypriot Artists



Eastern Mediterranean University Rector's Office has initiated a project which aims to form an art collection in various branches of art including painting, sculpture, and photography. Entitled

"Eastern Mediterranean University Art Collection", the project aims to collect and protect the art works of Turkish Cypriot artists and contribute to the promotion of productions as such both locally and

at an international level. In other words, the project aims to contribute to the promotion of Northern Cyprus worldwide through the medium of arts.

As the first step of the said project, a meeting was held at EMU Rector's Office at 11:30 a.m. on 2 June 2016. During the said meeting, a collaboration protocol was signed with Turkish Cypriot artist İsmet Tatar, Dr. Arif Albayrak, Gönen Atakol and Zehra Şonya, all of whom are the first contributors to the said collection.

During the meeting, EMU Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Bekir Özer stated that art is an important field which needs to be supported and developed by universities. Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Bekir Özer also put forth that the management of Eastern Mediterranean University Art Collection will be undertaken by the university's Center for Cyprus Studies (EMU CCS). In this respect, EMU CCS will be launching exhibitions, organising conferences and talks and producing printed and visual publications promoting artists and their works.

Polish Academicians Visit EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted Polish academicians who were in the TRNC upon the invitation of the Cyprus Turkish Teachers Trade Union (KTOS). During their stay on the island, the visiting group of academicians paid a visit to Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sozen, Vice Rector of EMU in charge of Academic Affairs, and stated that they were in awe of EMU. The academicians came to Cyprus as part of the "Teacher Exchange Program", an agreement signed by the Cyprus Turkish Teachers Trade Union (KTOS) and their Polish counterparts

Solidarnosc. Upon their visit to EMU, the Polish academicians were provided information about EMU by Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sozen, who noted that EMU comprises of approximately 20,000 students from 106 different cultural backgrounds. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sozen also provided information on accreditation stating that accreditation is an important indicator of the quality in education. At the end of the meeting, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sozen presented the visitors frames made of traditional Lefkara lace.



Dr. George Kyris from University of Birmingham Delivers a Seminar in EMU

Dr. George Kyris delivered a seminar at EMU Business and Economics Faculty, Political Science and International Relations Department as the guest speaker of Eastern Mediterranean University Cyprus Policy Center. Currently working as an academic staff member at Birmingham University Political Science and International Studies Department, Dr. Kyris carries out research on unrecognised countries and conflicts.

During the seminar, Dr. Kyris presented information on his book titled 'The Europeanisation of Contested States' and gave Northern Cyprus, Palestine, South Ossetia, Abhasia, Kosovo, Transnistria, Lugansk,

Nagorno Karabakh, West Sahara, Somali and Taiwan as examples. Kyris put forth that states as such have common characteristics such as lack of international recognition, international isolations, the influence of a patron state, the lack of effective state structures, the lack of effective regional controls and conflict situations involving EU supporters and non-supporters. At the end of the seminar, Kyris answered questions coming from the audience.

A full copy of the seminar video will soon be available on the webpage of EMU Cyprus Policy Center (cpc.emu.edu.tr) for those who wish to obtain further information about the seminar.



An Important Seminar by EMU Cyprus Policy Center

Cyprus National Hydrocarbons Company CEO Dr. Charles Ellinas delivered a seminar in EMU upon the invitation of Cyprus Policy Center Executive Director and EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen. During his speech, Dr. Ellinas stated that there is a huge decrease in natural gas prices in 2015 but better results are expected in 2016. Dr. Ellinas also added that the market has gone worse due to America's current exporter position for the first time in history and the lift of embargoes on Iran. Additionally the current situation of Egypt as a country, which currently exports natural gas, instead of importing it in the past, and the ever increasing terrorist attacks have all posed a negative effect on the market.

Parallel to these developments encountered at the global natural gas market, Cyprus gas is losing its profitability due to the low productivity of Cyprus's Aphrodite gas. According to Dr. Ellinas, energy companies make their investments to gain more profit, not for political reasons. Stating that the interest paid to Cyprus gas by international companies has been quite high, Dr. Ellinas added that short term profits are essential for the continuation of the investments.

Turkey's current conflict with Russia has naturally elevated the importance of Cyprus gas, which can cater for half of Turkey's annual demand. Israel's Leviathan gas is also another alternative for Turkey. However, in order for the Israel's Leviathan gas to be sold to Turkey, it still has to go through Cyprus. The biggest priority here is the need for a solution to Cyprus conflict. Dr. Ellinas also stated that the replacement of gas from Russia with Iran gas is almost impossible due to its high price.



The Number of EMU SCT's Accredited Programs Reaches Twelve

Nine associate programs (2 and 3-year programs) of Eastern Mediterranean University School of Computing and Technology have recently gained ASIIN accreditation. With the awarding of ASIIN accreditation to the said programs, School of Computing and Technology has increased the number of accredited programs to twelve. In this respect, EMU School of Computing and Technology Director Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mustafa İlkan and academic staff members presented the certificates of the said nine programs to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam.

EMU School of Computing and Technology's Construction Technology (2 and 3-year programs), Electrical and Electronic Technology (2 and 3-year programs), Computer Programming (2 and 3-year programs), Biomedical Equipment Technology (2 and 3-year programs) and Mapping and Cadastral Technology (2-year program) are currently being inspected by a group of inspectors from ASIIN Accreditation organisation. Director of EMU School of Computing and Technology Assoc. Prof. Dr. İlkan stated that SCT is the first academic unit established in Eastern Mediterranean University. As the first and only organised vocational school of the country, EMU SCT brings up intermediate workforce for the industry. Assoc. Prof. Dr. İlkan added that the school houses an elite group of academic and administrative staff members who work professionally with amateur spirit.

Putting forth that accreditation is the process to ensure that the third party meets, and maintains

minimum standards of quality and integrity regarding academics, administration, and related services, Assoc. Prof. Dr. İlkan also added that their school boasts accreditations recognised within 28 countries within the European Union. Assoc. Prof. Dr. İlkan further stated that accreditations are proof for the educational quality of any institution. Assoc. Prof. Dr. İlkan highlighted the importance of Germany as a country delivering top quality vocational training and added that that's why their school successfully gained German-based FIBAA and ASIIN accreditations. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mustafa İlkan also stated that accreditation should not be perceived as a club membership as it requires a serious process of

evaluation and inspection as well as the production of annual reports. According to Assoc. Prof. Dr. İlkan, accreditation is indeed a dynamic process. Expressing his happiness and pride in School of Computing and Technology's successful achievements, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that EMU is a prominent institution of higher education which does not sacrifice from its educational quality. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mustafa İlkan finally added that within the framework of community services, the school offers numerous exam free admission opportunities to students graduating from vocational high schools in TRNC, high schools of commerce and industrial vocational high schools.



EMU Architecture Department Successfully Undergoes NAAB SE Inspection

Eastern Mediterranean University Architecture Faculty, Architecture Department undergraduate program has successfully completed one of the most important phases of the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) Substantial Equivalency accreditation process, which was the third and final visit of NAAB team members Kwendeche, Robert Boynton, Corey Saft and Joel Pominville.

The said team had meetings with administrators, students, academicians and research assistants, and paid visits to all venues used by Architecture Department for research purposes. During their stay, the inspection team also went through all architectural design projects, learning outcomes for all courses, exams, assignments, academic publications of academic staff members and professional products.

The NAAB team also attended a reception which took place at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center and had a chance to exchange and share information with EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rectors, central and local administration representatives, academicians and research assistants, non-governmental organisation representatives, and graduates. On the last day of the



visit, the team leader of NAAB group Kwendeche shared a summary of the report they prepared on the final visit. EMU Architecture Department Chair Prof. Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek stated that the official result of visit three will be evaluated by NAAB Executive Board and will be communicated to the department within a few months. Putting forth that only 7 universities throughout the world, excluding the

USA and Canada, have initiated the international accreditation process, Prof. Dr. Dinçyürek added that EMU Architecture Department acts as a leader among institutions offering studies on architecture. Following the successful completion of NAAB SE process, EMU Architecture Department will take its well deserved place among high quality institutions offering architectural study opportunities.

EMU Hosted Oxford Teachers Academy Course

Eastern Mediterranean University, Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School hosted "Oxford Teachers Academy Course" organised by Oxford University Press in collaboration with Deniz Plaza.

Entitled "ELT Management", the three-day course is part of a certification program developed by Oxford University Continuing Education Department. Participated by 35 instructors, the said course which consisted of 19-hour 9 workshops

was delivered by Oxford University Publishers teacher and leadership trainer Keith Harding.

Upon the completion of the course, the evaluation forms of the course participants were sent to Oxford University Continuing Education Department in the UK. Upon the finalisation of the relevant evaluations, certificates will be sent to the TRNC.

EMU Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School Director Ahmet Hidiroğlu expressed

his pleasure in hosting a highly prestigious organisation as such. Hidiroğlu also highlighted the importance paid towards professional and institutional development.

Oxford University Publishers TRNC representative and educational consultant İlhan İnçay thanked EMU Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School for their interest. İnçay also added that further courses will be launched during the upcoming semesters.



EMU Hosted a Seminar Entitled "Coping with the Memories of the Spanish Civil War"

Eastern Mediterranean University Business and Economics Faculty, Political Science and International Relations Department hosted a seminar entitled "Coping with the Memories of the Spanish Civil War: A Past that does not Die Out". The seminar was delivered by Francisco Colom González, research professor of the Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences at the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC). During the seminar, Prof. Dr. Francisco Colom Gonzalez provided information about Spain's reckoning with the civil war and Francisco Franco regime which was between 1939 and 1975. Prof. Dr. Gonzalez also stated that Spain's transition to democracy between 1975 and 1982 was a political transition which did not include transitional justice.

The political amnesty act taking effect in 1977 and the absence of truth commissions ensured that crimes committed by Franco's administration remained unreported. Additionally, due to the introduction of the said elements, victims of the civil war which took place between 1936 and 1939 could not benefit from symbolic compensation. The political resolution for the said period was based on forgetting about the past. Prof. Dr. Gonzalez added that a solution model for Cyprus which does not include facing the past will eventually bring out problems.



EMU Academic Staff Member Prof. Dr. Mostafa Ranjbar Carries Out Research in Collaboration with Rolls Royce and Brighton University

Eastern Mediterranean University, Faculty of Engineering, Mechanical Engineering Department academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Mostafa Ranjbar's article has recently been published in SCI Indexed Smart Materials And Structures Journal.

Entitled "Vibroacoustic Optimization Of Anti-Tetrachral And Auxetic Hexagonal Sandwich Panels With Gradient Geometry", the said article focuses on improving the mechanical qualities of materials by modifying the internal geometry of the materials through the use of negative Poisson rate.

Assist. Prof. Dr. Ranjbar stated that the materials he worked on in his research are the latest technology items used in the space, automotive and aviation industry. Assist. Prof. Dr. Ranjbar also added that the said research was carried out in collaboration with U.K. based world renowned Rolls-Royce firm and Brighton University laboratories.

EMU Engineering Faculty, Mechanical Engineering Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Hacışevki expressed the department's happiness in witnessing the publication of Assist. Prof. Dr. Ranjbar's article in a journal with international reputation. Eastern Mediterranean University Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Hasan Amca and Mechanical



Engineering Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hacışevki jointly stated that ABET accreditation of EMU Engineering Faculty is an indicator of the importance and value given to quality and research by Eastern Mediterranean University. Prof. Dr. Amca and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hacışevki

also put forth that EMU Mechanical Engineering Department pays special importance to research as a result of which Mechanical Engineering Department has reached the highest academic staff member scientific publication rate within the faculty.

EMU Academic Staff Member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Şükrü Tüzmen Delivers Training at NIBGE in Pakistan

Eastern Mediterranean University, Arts and Sciences Faculty, Biological Sciences Department, Molecular Biology and Genetics Program academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Şükrü Tüzmen, delivered a workshop at the National Institute of Biotechnology & Genetic Engineering (NIBGE), in Faisalabad, Pakistan within the framework of Pa-

kistan Higher Education Commission (HEC), the Visiting Scholars Program (VSP). Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tüzmen, who stayed in the said place for a period of two weeks, delivered six different courses and two conferences for postgraduate students and prominent scientists at Pakistan National Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering. During

his stay in Pakistan, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tüzmen also promoted EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty, Biological Sciences Department, Molecular Biology and Genetic Program. It is due to his efforts and effective training sessions that a group of Pakistani students registered for the said program for the new academic semester.



EMU Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center Hosted Avva Executive Board Chair Volkan Atik

In line with its mission to bring up graduates who possess entrepreneurial skills, Eastern Mediterranean University Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center organised a conference entitled "The Birth of AVVA Brand and Entrepreneurship". AVVA Executive Board Chair Volkan Atik was the guest speaker in the said event which took place at Prof. Dr. Mehmet Tahiroğlu Hall on Wednesday, 16 March 2016. In his opening address, EMU Business and Economics Faculty,

Business Department and EMU Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center Chair Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer stated that it is an honor for the faculty to host Volkan Atik.

During his presentation, AVVA Executive Board Chair Volkan Atik provided information on the emerging process of AVVA, its development as well as the importance of the entrepreneurship risks and the spirit of leadership. Atik also

provided a general overview of the textile sector and shared the experience he gained during his studentship years at the university. Atik also provided information about the formulas he applies in this successful career path. At the end of the conference, EMU Business and Economics Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Eralp Bektaş presented Atik a plaque of appreciation. AVVA Deputy General Director Yekbun Akbaş was also present at the said event.



EMU Architecture Faculty Hosted Famous American Futurist Architect Mark Foster Gage

World renowned American architect Mark Foster Gage visited Eastern Mediterranean University Architecture Faculty to deliver a conference presentation. Known as a designer beyond time, Architect Mark Foster Gage delivered his presentation at Eastern Mediterranean University's Prof. Dr. Mehmet Tahiroğlu Hall.

As a practicing and licensed architect, professor, and writer, Mark Foster Gage is famous for extraordinary, futuristic and revolutionary designs. Mark Foster Gage's presentation entitled "Design Liquidity" addressed architecture and other related disciplines of design.

Mark Foster Gage is the head of his firm "Gage Architects" in New York City. He is also the Assistant Dean at the Yale University School of Architecture where he has been on the faculty since 2001. Gage has numerous innovative and applied pieces of designs in different scales among which are Metropal Hotel, Tribeca, Bard College and twenty-two story "Aurum" residential tower in Manhattan. His work also includes smaller, advanced technology projects that have pioneered the use of physical interactivity, virtual reality, robotics, 3d printing, and spatial social

media for clients such as Intel Corporation, Lady Gaga, Google, Diesel, H&M, Samsung, and Vice Media. Additionally, Mark Foster Gage's 3d innovative designs have been featured at the

Museum of Modern Art, the Museum of the Art Institute of Chicago, the Venice Biennale, the Beijing Biennale, and the Deutsches Architektur Zentrum in Berlin.



Graduate of EMU Pursues a Successful Career in One of the Leading Airline Companies of the World



Eastern Mediterranean University, Business and Economics Faculty, Political Science and International Relations Department 1997 graduate Atlihan Atilla Ersöz is successfully employed as the marketing manager of the Lower Saxony State Branch of the world-renowned Turkish Airlines in Germany.

Following his graduation from EMU, Ersöz continued his education in Berlin Frei University and upon his graduation, started his employment at Berlin Turkish Airlines Office as the marketing representative in 2000. In 2006, Ersöz became the commercial chef responsible for Berlin and Branderburg regions.

Ersöz put forth that he has been working at the same company since 2009 as the marketing manager at Lower Saxony state of Germany and added that the education he received in EMU has played an important part in his career. Highlighting his pleasure in belonging to the EMU family, Ersöz stated that he has closely been observing successful achievements of EMU. Finally, Ersöz added that studying in EMU is a privilege.

EMU Interior Architecture Program Students' Outstanding Success

Within the framework of a project "Stand Against Violence" jointly carried out by the Association for Women to Support the Living (KAYAD), Cyprus Turkish Bar Association, and Universal Special Education and Psychological Services Association, Eastern Mediterranean University, Architecture Faculty, Interior Architecture Department third year students Sercan Korkmaz and Ali Dikbaş became the winners of a competition organised for the design of a monument for the same purpose by the said authorities. Korkmaz and Dikbaş's project

will be exhibited as a symbol of the "Struggle Against Violence" at the roundabout on Kemal Şemiler Street under the support of Nicosia Turkish Municipality.

Expressing her pleasure in the remarkable success of the said students, EMU Interior Architecture Chair Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağlı stated that EMU Interior Architecture Department brings up young professionals who possess creativity in all areas of design. Prof. Dr. Dağlı added that their department graduates creative, critical and modern designers who have a broad vision. Extending her congratulations and best wishes to the winning students, Prof. Dr. Dağlı also put forth that Eastern Mediterranean University's Interior Architecture Department is the only department possessing international accreditation among Interior Architecture Departments providing study opportunities both within the Republic of Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

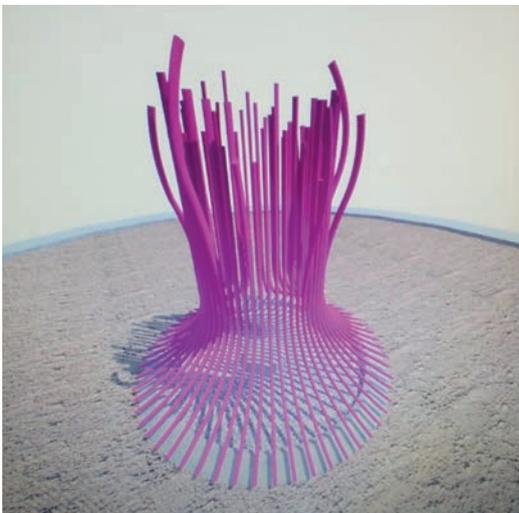
Selcan Korkmaz -TRNC

We took part in the competition with the motivation of our instructors. Our aim was to experiment our skills at a platform supporting our development. I am very happy to have participated in this competition. It was a very valuable experience for us. Each piece of iron in our project represents a person and they become stronger when they stand

together. I am extremely pleased with the education we receive in EMU Architecture Faculty.

Ali Dikbaş – TRNC

I am extremely pleased with our success in the competition. Our aim was to explore our skills through the said event. I am pleased to study in EMU as we are continuously supported by prominent faculty members who possess professional skills and qualities. We are planning to work in Dubai in the future so any success we obtain would contribute to our employability. I recommend everyone to pursue their higher education in Eastern Mediterranean University.



EMU Hosted Eastern Mediterranean International Medical Students Congress



Organised by Eastern Mediterranean University Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, Student Scientific Research Club, the first International Medical Students Congress of Cyprus took place at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center between 19 and 21 May 2016. During her opening address, Dean of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora thanked everyone for their participation and stated the importance of research in the field of medicine. Stating that their faculty motivates and encourages students to conduct research, Dean Prof. Dr. Gökçora provided detailed information about projects carried out within the faculty. At the end of her speech, Prof. Dr. Gökçora thanked all those who contributed to the organisation of the congress. Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Osam also delivered a speech during the said congress, where he stated the importance of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty. Prof. Dr. Osam also provided detailed information about Eastern Mediterranean University and wished all participants a productive congress.

Following the opening addresses, keynote speaker Community Health Professor Dr. Stephen H. Gehlbach delivered a presentation entitled "Evidence-based Medicine". Poster presentations of students were also points of interest during the congress. Student presentations included topics as twin projects, prevalence, work health, multimorbidity, obesity, hypertension, and thalassemia. During the congress, participants also delivered workshops on putting a catheter on, listening to heart beat,



listening to lungs, stitching, breast examination and tendon reflex examination. The congress also hosted social activities including workshops on Indian dance as well as silk weaving.



EMU Celebrates "International Solidarity Day of Azerbaijanis"

Eastern Mediterranean University International Office, Azerbaijan Student Association and Azerbaijan Cyprus Youth Organisation organised various activities celebrating "International Solidarity Day of Azerbaijanis" at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center.

Commencing with Azerbaijan's national anthem, the event continued with the opening addresses of EMU Azerbaijan Student Association Chair Toghrul Abbasov, EMU Student Council Chair Melih Yıldırım, Azerbaijan Tourism and Management University academic staff member Aligul Aghayev, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen and Member of the Parliament Zorlu Töre.

At the end of his speech, MP Zorlu Töre presented a framed photo of Rauf Raif Denktaş to Azerbaijan Student Association Chair Abbasov. Azerbaijani singer Flora Karimova and saz player Agshin Tariyelöglü also brought color to the organisation with their stage performances. The event also hosted a video screening, poetry reading, various dance performances and stands offering Azerbaijani food.

Azerbaijani Singer Visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam

Azerbaijani singer Flora Karimova and saz player Agshin Tariyelöglü, who visited EMU within the framework of the "International Solidarity Day of Azerbaijanis" celebrations, visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam in his office. During the visit, Karimova thanked Rector of EMU for their hospitality and expressed her fascination with EMU. Karimova also wished EMU further international success. Expressing the university's pleasure in hosting Karimova in EMU, Prof. Dr. Osam provided detailed information about the university. At the end of the visit at which Vice Rector for Promotion Prof. Dr. Hasan Amca was also present, Prof. Dr. Osam presented Karimova and Tariyelöglü a frame made of traditional Lefkara Lace.



EMU 2015-2016 Fall Semester Graduation



silence and the national anthem also hosted speeches by Architecture Faculty, Interior Architecture Turkish-medium program top scoring graduate Berkay Ergür and School of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Tourism and Hospitality Management Program top scoring graduate Akjamal Nizamedinova.

Following the symbolic tree planting ceremony, North Cyprus Graduates Foundation General Coordinator and EMU Tourism and Hospitality Management Program 2003 graduate Müjdat Çarhoğlu delivered a speech in which he stated that they always feel a part of the grand EMU family. Extending his best wishes to all graduates in the new phase of their lives, Çarhoğlu expressed his wish to also meet the new graduates in Ankara where the said foundation is located.

EMU: The Biggest Achievement of the Turkish Cypriots at the International Arena

Eastern Mediterranean University 2015-2016 Academic Year Fall Semester Graduation Ceremony took place at Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Center at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 9 February 2016. During the ceremony, around 1300 students graduated from associate, undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral degree programs.

The ceremony which started with a moment of

Eastern Mediterranean University Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam delivered a speech on behalf of the university and stated that graduation ceremonies contribute to the better understanding of the universal values. Expressing Eastern Mediterranean University's pride in hosting this meaningful event, Prof. Dr. Osam put forth that Eastern Mediterranean University endeavors to contribute to the betterment of the world we live



EMU Welcomes 22nd Spring Festival

Eastern Mediterranean University's 22nd Spring Festival commenced with a magnificent cortege walk which took place on 18 May 2016. Taking place under the main sponsorship of North Cyprus Turkcell between 18 and 21 May 2016, the festival's theme has been announced as "Unity in Diversity, Diversity in Unity". Within the framework of the said theme, the festival featured numerous social, cultural and sports activities.

The cortege walk of the festival which commenced in front of Famagusta Youth Academy at 5:00 p.m. on 18 May 2016 brought color to the city. Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rectors, student clubs, student associations, academic and administrative staff members participated in the walk which finished at the festival area at 7:00 p.m.. After the walk, the official opening ceremony of the 22nd Spring Festival was held with the participation of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rectors and EMU Special Olympics Project Unify Turkey Honorary President Dr. Dilek Sabancı. The opening ceremony also hosted a bi-communal folk dancing show.

On the first night of the festival, Algerian singer Rachid Taha entertained music lovers with a magnificent concert which included French, English and Arabic songs. Prior to Taha's concert, the audience had colorful moments with zumba shows, a concert by Consonants, international student associations' shows, Rookfour+1 concert and DJ Ümit Akdeniz's performance.

The first day of the festival also hosted a panel

entitled "The Role of Media in Bridging Diversity" with the participation of famous names from the TRNC press including Süleyman Ergüçlü, Mete Tümerkan and Rasih Reşat. Having taken place under the moderatorship of EMU Communication and Media Studies Faculty academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy, the panel addressed important issues including political, cultural and gender equality within the society, media's role in supporting the diversity in democracy, statements and expressions used in media and Cyprus conflict and media. The 22nd Spring Festival which continued with an array of interesting activities on 19 May 2016 hosted famous music band Gripin's concert at EMU Stadium at 10:00 p.m. Special children from Turkey who are visiting EMU within the framework of EMU Special Olympics Unify Project also attended the concert during which they took photos with the singers of Gripin.

EMU Welcomes Famous Singer "Hadise"

Within the framework of the 22nd Spring Festival concerts, Eastern Mediterranean University hosted famous Turkish singer Hadise at EMU Stadium at 10:00 p.m. on 20 May 2016. During the said event, thousands of music lovers had a memorable night with the unique performance of Hadise and her orchestra. Among popular songs sang by Hadise during the concert were "Nerdesin Aşkım", "Düm Tek Tek", "Aşk Kaç Beden Giyer", "Steer Me Up", "Deli Oğlan", "Yaz Günü", "Sil Baştan" and "Sarışınım". At the end of the concert, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Hıfısiye Pulhan presented Hadise a plaque of appreciation and a bouquet of flowers.



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in and, at the same time, pave the path towards excellence in students' and graduates' professional development.

Prof. Dr. Osam added that as the crown jewel of the Turkish Cypriot Community, Eastern Mediterranean University has proven its well-deserved place at the international level. At the end of his address, Prof. Dr. Osam asked the new graduates to promote their university and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus abroad in the best way possible. Prof. Dr. Osam added that this will be the biggest indicator of graduates' faith towards EMU, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the Turkish

Cypriot Community. The ceremony continued with diploma awarding to faculty/school and department top scoring graduates by the protocol followed by the presentation of diplomas to doctoral, master's, undergraduate and associate program graduates. The ceremony finished with a concert by popular Turkish pop-singer Irem Derici.



Spring Festival Hosted an Array of Activities

Along with ravishing concerts, Eastern Mediterranean University's 22nd Spring Festival hosted an array of activities including talks, conferences, theatre performances, art workshops, dance shows, and Colorfest. As part of the festival, popular columnist of Hürriyet Daily Ayşe Arman, TV producer Saba Tümer also known as "Miss Laughter", producer and director Osman Sınav, Mahalle film crew, radio program producer and DJ Mr. J, famous documentary producer Coşkun Aral, author of the

book "You Have a Message from the Universe" Evren Çolak, and personal development specialist and life coach Hakan Mengüç spent delightful moments with students in talk organisations. In addition to the said events, theatre lovers enjoyed "Frankenstein", a play performed by famous players including Kerem Alışık, Cansel Elçin, and Deniz Uğur, for two consecutive nights at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. On Saturday, 21 May 2016, the final night of the festival, students spent vibrant moments during the unique Colorfest at EMU Stadium.



EMU Hosted Social Media and Brand Week



Organised by Eastern Mediterranean University Social Media Unit in collaboration with EMU Communication and Media Studies Faculty, "Social Media and Brand Week" commenced at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall at 10:00 a.m. on 6 April 2016. In her opening address, EMU Institutional Communications and Social Media Coordinator Raziye Nevzat welcomed all participants and stated that Social Media, a platform used by billions today, is a great area that carries special significance for marketers, brand managers, social media experts and people. Providing information about EMU Social Media Unit, Nevzat thanked all those who contributed to the event.

EMU Communication and Media Studies Faculty Acting Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ümit İnatçı also delivered an opening address during which he stated the importance of Social Media. Assoc. Prof. Dr. İnatçı wished all participants a productive conference and thanked them for their participation.



On behalf of Eastern Mediterranean University, Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam delivered a speech and expressed the university's happiness in being a pioneering institution within the region in the field of social media. Talking about EMU becoming a brand, Prof. Dr. Osam put forth that the biggest indicator for this is the students coming to EMU from 106 different cultures. Adding that social media is the weapon of our age, Prof. Dr. Osam stated that social media can be used both for good and bad purposes. At the end of his speech, Prof. Dr. Osam presented conference sponsors Turkish Airlines, North Cyprus Turkcell, and Cookies Bake Shop plaques of appreciation.



During the organisation Thomas Van Schaik delivered a presentation entitled "Athlete Branding", Maarten Reijgerberg talked about "Sketching the global social media landscape with a focus on Europe and The Netherlands", Director of North Cyprus Turkcell İsmet Yazıcı delivered a talk entitled "Fast and Furious" and Azra Betül Yaşar from Turkcell talked about "Customer Care and Social CRM".

On 7 April 2016, Brand Coordinator Amal El Alami delivered a talk entitled "Private vs Public sector: In your corners!", Berk Günsev from Sony presented information about "Life of a gamer: How to communicate with gamers" and Fatih Tüylüoğlu from C-Section enlightened the audience with his talk entitled "Brands of today: Campaigns worth sharing."

EMU Translation and Interpretation Department's Documentary Days

Eastern Mediterranean University, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Translation and Interpretation Department's 5th Documentary Days took place between 16 and 24 May 2016. Having taking place under the theme "A Tribute to Islands", the event hosted screenings of documentary films synchronised and deciphered by the final year students of the said department.

The event highlighted different qualities of islands as they are places where different destinies can meet and intersect in the full isolation of time. The first documentary screened in the event was National Geographic's Cyprus Documentary translated by Görsel Monargalı followed by Naked Science's The Legend of Atlantis translated by Buğra Etikan.

On the 17th of May 2016, Ibiza (Trans.Ömer Bor) and Cuba (Trans.Ayşe İnsan) were screened. On 18 May, documentaries titled Easter (Trans.Sevinç İnsan) and Hawaii (Trans.



Ziya Mert) were screened. Two documentaries titled "New Zealand" translated by Aziz Tuncay and "Bermuda" translated by Hulisi Özyahyalar met the audience on 23 May. On the final day of the event, two documentaries titled "Taiwan" (Trans.Affet Aksakallı) and Iceland (Trans.Gizem

Dönmez) were screened. EMU Translation and Interpretation Department coordinator and project advisor Neslihan Binatlı Hekimoğlu stated that documentaries translated by the said students are the indicators of their readiness for their prospective professions.

EMU, Civil Engineering Department Final Year Students Produced a Floating Canoe Made of Concrete

As part of their graduation project, Eastern Mediterranean University, Engineering Faculty, Civil Engineering Department final year students managed to float a canoe made of concrete.

Muzaffer Yaygın, Osman Ciyce, Emre Gedik and Serkan Kopsen, all of whom are group of students from Eastern Mediterranean University, Civil Engineering Department, floated the canoe named "Othello" at Glapsides pond. The canoe which has the dimensions of 6 m. X 80 cms. X 40 cms. is made up of around 300 kgs. of concrete and 20 kgs. of iron. The students stated that it took them 5 months to design and carry out the project.

Expressing their happiness in observing that their project has yielded positive outcomes, the students added that they carried out experiments in laboratories for 4 or 5 days per week.

EMU Civil Engineering Department Chair and project manager Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren stated that students put great effort in the project which is only carried out at prominent universities of the world. Prof. Dr. Eren also congratulated the four students on their success. Stating that the current project is the second project of its kind, Prof. Dr. Eren added that in 2012, former students of the department also managed to float a concrete canoe in a pond.



EMU Public Relations and Advertising Department Honor and High Honor Certificate Awarding Ceremony

Eastern Mediterranean University, Communication and Media Studies Faculty, Public Relations and Advertising Department organised a certificate awarding ceremony for the successful students of the Spring Semester of the 2014-2015 Academic Year.

During the said event which took place at EMU Communication and Media Studies Faculty's Purple Hall between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Friday, 18 December 2015, 112 successful students of EMU Public Relations and Advertising Turkish and English-medium programs received honor and high honor certificates.

Organised with a cultural concept, the ceremony hosted students with traditional clothes. Following the awarding of the certificates, students enjoyed songs from different cultures performed by EMU Education Faculty, Fine Arts Education Department, Music Teaching Program chorus under the conductorship of Erkan Dağlı.



EMU Journalism Department Honors Students

15 students studying at Eastern Mediterranean University Communication and Media Studies Faculty Journalism Department received certificates of honor and high honor for their outstanding success during the 2015-2016 Academic Year Fall Semester. In her opening address at the certificate ceremony, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nurten Kara congratulated the students and stated that the department will be welcoming new media and digital journalism courses during the upcoming semester.

4th year student İpek Efedayioğlu delivered a speech on behalf of Journalism Department and put forth that success is not impossible and it all lies within oneself.

Certificates were presented to the students by guest journalist Hikmet Durgun, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tuğrul İliter and Assist. Prof. Dr. Dr. Yetin Aslan.



EMU English Language Teaching Department Awards Successful Students

Eastern Mediterranean University, Education Faculty, English Language Teaching Department organised a certificate awarding ceremony for students who qualified for honor and high honor certificates as a result of their outstanding success during the Spring Semester of 2014-2015 Academic Year. At the event opening, English Language Teaching Department Acting Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Javanshir Shibliyev delivered an

opening address and congratulated all students on their successful achievements.

Following Assoc. Prof. Dr. Shibliyev's opening speech, students were presented honor and high honor certificates by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Education Faculty Acting Dean Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam and academic staff members. Following the presentation of the said

certificates to students, students and academic staff members attended a New Year's party organised by the department.

The event hosted colorful musical and dance performances of English Language Teaching Department students who joined the EMU community from more than 20 different countries.



EMU Civil Engineering Department Certificate Awarding Ceremony

Eastern Mediterranean University, Engineering Faculty, Civil Engineering Department organised a certificate awarding ceremony for 130 students who demonstrated outstanding success during the Spring Semester of 2014-2015 Academic Year.

During the said ceremony which took place at EMU Civil Engineering Department, 55 students were presented honor and 75 students were presented high-honor certificates by EMU Engineering Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın, Civil Engineering Department Chair Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren, department vice chairs and academic staff members.

In his address during the said ceremony, Civil Engineering Department Chair Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren stated that Civil Engineering Department is one of the first three departments of the Institute of Higher Technology established in 1979. Prof. Dr. Eren added that since the conversion of the said institution to Eastern Mediterranean University in 1986, their department has graduated over 2000 students. In his address, Prof. Dr. Eren also highlighted the international structure of the department as it currently houses 1217 students from 44 different countries.



Prof. Dr. Eren advised the students to be innovative individuals who carry out research. Following Prof. Dr. Eren's address, Engineering Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın provided information about the faculty with a special focus on ABET Accreditation. Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın also congratulated all successful students on their outstanding achievements.

EMU Department of Interior Architecture Organises a Technical Observation Trip to Apostolos Andreas Monastery in Karpaz

The Interior Architecture Department of the Architecture Faculty at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has been offering undergraduate courses since 1997. It has also been offering Master's courses since the 2010-2011 Fall Academic Term. The Master's courses can be completed both with or without a thesis. In the Master's course titled INAR 506 'Renovation Practices' the protection of historical buildings and terms related to renovation are discussed. Alongside theoretical discussion, on-site technical observation is also a part of the course.

For the first trip of the course convened by EMU Interior Architecture Department staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Hacer Basarir, students currently pursuing their postgraduate and doctoral degree studies in EMU traveled to Apostolos Andreas Monastery located in Karpaz region. The UNDP is currently carrying out restoration work at the Monastery.

The trip that took place with the permission of the UNDP provided students with the opportunity to examine and discuss the practices on location. During the technical trip, UNDP architects and



contractors provided information about the restoration taking place and the historical and sociological significance of the site. Students

found the trip quite beneficial as they had the opportunity to convert theoretical information into practice.

EMU Interior Architecture Department Organised a Technical Trip to Berlin

A group of students from Eastern Mediterranean University, Architecture Faculty, Interior Architecture Department paid an 8-day technical visit to Berlin within the framework of BINAR/ITAS100-ITAS300A courses. Berlin was chosen as the target city for the said visit as it is one of the best examples of modern interior design and developed urban approach within European cities. During their stay, students visited Jewish Museum, Pergamon Museum, Neues Museum, Bauhaus Archive, and East Side Gallery and

received information on the interior space design of museums as well as the importance of design in contemporary museums. The students also had a chance to conduct architectural analyses on thematic shopping malls including KaDeWe, Bikini, Arkaden, Quartier 206 and Andreas Murkudis.

Another place which students analysed during the technical trip was Berliner Philharmonie Hall. During their visit to the said venue, students

explored the important role of acoustics in the design of interior spaces and received first hand information from experts. During the technical trip, students also paid a visit to the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey, where they met Ambassador Hüseyin Avni Karslıoğlu and Berlin TRNC Representative Mustafa Kemal Gökeri. Students also carried out an architectural analysis of the said building and were given presentations on the design and construction phases of the embassy building.

During the next phase of the trip, students were taken to Berlin Olympic Village, TV Tower, Berlin Parliamentary Building and Berliner Dome.

During the trip which took place under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Uğur Dağlı, Assist. Prof. Dr. Kamil Güley and academic staff member Seyit Ermiyagil, students had great pleasure in exploring venues designed by famous designers including Norman Foster, Daniel Libeski and Karim Rashid. In this respect, Karim Rashid's famous design Nhow Hotel, Daniel Libeski's design Jewish Museum, Peter Eisenman's design Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, and Norman Foster's design Reichstag building and Free University's Philology Building attracted the students' interest the most.

Academic staff members who took part in the trip stated the importance of studies based on practice and application and added that it is not possible to provide high quality education only with books in classes.



Eastern Mediterranean University International Career Fair Completed

The 4th annual EMU Career Fair, organized by EMU Alumni Relations and Career Research Directorate in collaboration with the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Industry and the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce started on the 1st of April 2016. The opening ceremony of the said event which hosted 91 different firms took place at the Lala Mustafa Pasa Sports Complex at 11:00. The fair provided students with numerous job and placement opportunities whilst also exhibiting locally produced goods.

There is a need for qualified labour force

After a moment of silence and the national anthem, Deputy Head of the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce Vargin Varer stated that the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce is very happy to be playing a part in such an event. Underlining the need for qualified labour force, Varer noted the importance of education when taking the first step in business. He also, noted that problems await the uneducated, as a result of the decrease in requirement for unskilled workers. Varer went on to point out that the Career Fair brings together employers and students and thanked all involved in the organization of the event.

Head of the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Industry Ali Cirali noted the importance of the relationship between university and industry suggesting that future events could be expanded to an international platform. Addressing the students Cirali stated "Use the knowledge and experience you gain to form your own businesses and help your local economy."

EMU will continue to provide community services

Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Rector of the Eastern Mediterranean University, noted that today was an important day and continued to highlight the



fact that EMU has always valued production in the community. Prof. Dr. Osam went on to state that EMU will continue providing services other than education for the community.

After Prof. Dr. Osam, Ismail Arter, Famagusta Mayor, gave a speech in which he addressed the students suggesting that they set goals for when they have graduated and position themselves in a way that will enable the transformation of these goals into reality. Arter also highlighted the importance of enjoying the career path one chooses.

Industry, Production and Education cannot be separated

TRNC Internal Affairs and Labour Minister Asim Akansoy noted that career is a road that never ends and a road on which improvement is always possible. Akansoy stated that when choosing a career one must identify a field where he or she can continually improve and focus on this field if it is economically and socially satisfying. Underlining the

fact that industry, production and education cannot be separated Akansoy noted that this organization brings together those seeking workforce and those seeking work. Pointing out that unemployment is one of the biggest problems in the country, Akansoy gave out figures relating unemployment and employment rates. In addition Akansoy provided information about ministry projects that aim to improve the employment rate. Akansoy thanked EMU, the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Industry and the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce for the roles they played in the organisation the event.

After the opening speeches TRNC Internal Affairs and Labour Minister Asim Akansoy, Famagusta Mayor Ismail Arter, President of the Board of Trustees Mehmet Bayram, Rector of the Eastern Mediterranean University Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Head of the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Industry Ali Cirali and Deputy Head of the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce Vargin Varer took part in the ribbon cutting that officially opened the Career Fair.



EMU Introduces a New Tuition Fee Payment Method

To ease students' tuition fee payment process, Eastern Mediterranean University has introduced a new application. In line with an agreement settled with Coop Central Bank and Turkish İş Bank, students will be given the option to pay tuition fees via Virtual POS.

Through the new application, students will be able to submit their tuition fee payments with their existing credit cards via Eastern Mediterranean University's epay.emu.edu.tr page.

The said application has been made available for the newly registered students who are nationals of third countries other than the TRNC and Turkish Republic as of March. Through the new application, the university aims to overcome problems and difficulties encountered in international money transfers to the TRNC.

Eastern Mediterranean University Computer Center is currently working on the finalisation of the system enabling the students use Virtual POS in tuition fee payments. The said application will be offered to all students of EMU as of the 2016 and 2017 Academic Year.



EMU Underwent ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 10002:2014 Inspections

Eastern Mediterranean University underwent the inspections of the world renowned IQ Net member Turkish Standards Institute ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management System and ISO 10002:2014 Student Satisfaction Management System. The inspection process started with an informative meeting at the Senate Hall located at EMU Rector's Office at 10:45 a.m. on 22 February 2016 and finished with a closing meeting which took place at the Senate Hall at 11:00 a.m. on Friday 26 February 2016.

Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rector for Financial Affairs Prof. Dr. Salih Katircioğlu, Turkish Standards Institute (TSE) TRNC Director Kemal Kızıltan, TSE representative Abdullah Ekinci, EMU Total Quality Management Inspection Center Director Hasan Kavaz and academic/administrative unit representatives attended the meeting.

In his address, Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted the importance EMU gives to quality, both in academic and administrative dimensions. Prof. Dr. Osam also added that the university continuously hosts professional bodies to certify its existing quality. At the end of his speech, Prof. Dr. Osam thanked all those who contributed to the ISO inspection process.

TSE TRNC Director Kemal Kızıltan also delivered a speech and stated that the 5-day inspection process was quite productive. Kızıltan also added that their aim is to detect problems and provide recommendations to overcome them.



Kızıltan also expressed his pleasure in observing staff members working with team spirit in EMU. Kızıltan also added that they will communicate the inspection findings to TSE Ankara Executive Board, who will give the final decision.

TSE representatives held meetings with unit managers and carried out inspections on

documentations between 22 and 26 February 2016. The said representatives also conducted field trips with the purpose of observing the functioning and operations of each single unit within the university. Following the inspections, EMU hopes to gain ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management System and ISO 10002:2014 Student Satisfaction Management System certificates which have recognition in 36 countries.

EMU FCMS VACD Organised a Photography Exhibition

A photography exhibition featuring the works of the students of Eastern Mediterranean University Communication and Media Studies Faculty, Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Department was launched by academic staff member İsmail Gökçe on Thursday, 28 April 2016.

Stating that the exhibition features the works of students developed within the framework of the end-of-semester projects as well as pieces produced during the semester, Gökçe put forth that the exhibition aims to display the creative ideas of students.

Following the launch of the exhibition, EMU Communication and Media Studies Faculty, Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design students were presented high honor and honor certificates at a ceremony.



EMU Sand Sculpture Festival and Competition Provided Colourful Moments for Participants

10th annual Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Sand Sculpture Festival and Competition took place at EMU Beach Club on Sunday, the 22nd of May 2016. As usual, the event was organized by EMU Architecture Faculty, Interior Architecture Department in collaboration with EMU Design Club.

The annual event which has become a highly anticipated event amongst the Cypriot community included involvement from anybody interested including students from all universities across the island.

EMU Sand Sculpture Festival and Competition took place in the city of Famagusta, a city known for its natural beauty and historical architecture. The competition provided participants the opportunity to design and build the structures of their dreams.

The aim of the activity was to continue this type of festival seen in numerous countries across the world in order to make use of the natural beauty present in our island whilst creating alternative

activities. At the end of the festival a panel consisting of seven jury members awarded five groups with plates.

The award winning teams were Dream Team with their sculpture titled Castel, Crocodile with their sculpture titled New Hopes, Elephant with their sculpture titled Trakatul Tahribat, Octopus with their sculpture titled Ahtaboji and The Big Goril with their sculpture titled Gorillass.



Breathtaking EMUATHLON Race

Eastern Mediterranean University 22nd Spring Festival hosted a breathtaking EMUATHLON race organised by the Sports Affairs Directorate. During the said race, teams of 8 were expected to pass 17 endurance barriers involving jumping, climbing and mud-crawling, within the shortest duration possible. Participated by teams of 8 consisting of 4 males and 4 females each, the

competition also required each team to have a member over 40 years of age.

Compared to the previous year's competition which hosted 13 participating teams and a total of 104 participants, this year's event attracted record-breaking number of participants and teams, which were 240 and 30, respectively.



7th International Futsal Tournament Finishes in EMU

The 7th annual International Futsal Tournament organised by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Sports Affairs Directorate came to an end on Wednesday the 6th of April 2016. The final matches and award ceremony took place at EMU Lala Mustafa Pasa Sports Complex. This year the tournament included 30 men's and 10 women's national teams. The group stages of the tournament took place between the 16th and 28th of March 2016 whilst the quarter finals were played on the 30th of March 2016, and the semi-finals on the 4th of March 2016. The final matches saw Iran becoming champions in the men's category and TRNC winning the women's category.

On the way to the title Iran defeated Jordan 3-1 whilst the TRNC defeated Turkey 1-0. Jordan finished second in the men's category and Turkey finished second in the women's. In the third place matches Nigeria's Men's team defeated Sudan 3-1 to finish third. Nigeria's Women's team also finished third after defeating Cameroon 3-1. After all of the matches were completed an awards ceremony took

place and the players were handed their cups and medals. The champions were awarded their cups and medals by Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. The teams that finished second were awarded by Vice Rector in charge of Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Hifsiye Pulhan. The teams that finished third were awarded by the Dean of the Faculty of Education Prof. Dr. Ulker Vanci Osam and the Student Affairs Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dervis Subasi. The teams that finished fourth were awarded by the Director of Sports Affairs Cemal Konnolu.

Further awards were also handed out on the night. Kader Dudukcu was named the Best Female Goalkeeper and Mohammad Karimzadeh was named the Best Male Goalkeeper. The top scorer in the women's category was Ayse Mullaçuma and in the men's category it was Alireza Zarrin. The Fair-Play Award went to Fikriye Kanli in the women's category, and Zaid Alshirh in the men's. Duygu Yildiz was named the Best Female player of the tournament whilst Alireza Zarrin was named the Best Male player. The fair-play awards went to the



Pakistan women's team and the Syrian men's team. These awards were presented to the teams and players by the staff of the Sports Affairs Directorate.

EMU Hosted Special Olympics Turkey Project Unify

Eastern Mediterranean University Special Olympics Unify Project organised in collaboration with Special Olympics Turkey, which provides year-round sports training and athletic competitions in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, was held at Eastern Mediterranean University.

The two-day event which commenced on Thursday, 19 May 2016 hosted mixed basketball and mixed football games. Among participating Turkish teams in the said event were Şişli Saadet Special Education and Vocational Training Center, Şişli Anadolu High School, Etimesgut Special Education and Vocational Training Center, Bilkent High School, Ayas Special Education and Rehabilitation Center, Ayas College, Ege Artı Special Education and Rehabilitation Center, İzmir American College, Varyant Special Education and Rehabilitation Center, and 19 May University. Teams from Special Education Foundation, Famagusta Special Education Center, Dumlupınar and Famagusta Turkish Power players and EMU sports players also took part in the said event.

In mixed teams, special children and other participants cooperated to win. At the end of the matches, medals were presented to sports players by EMU Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu and other officials. Participating special children also had the opportunity to take part in various colorful activities taking place within the framework of the 22nd Spring Festival. Commencing at EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Center at 10:00 a.m., the event hosted the opening addresses of Special Olympics Turkey Executive Board Chair Mehmet Civelek, Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Hifsiye Pulhan, Special Olympics Turkey Honorary President Dr. Dilek Sabancı and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. Extending his appreciation to EMU for their hospitality, Civelek stated that they are extremely happy to carry out the project at EMU.



In her address, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Pulhan expressed her happiness in hosting the special guests on 19 May, a day which carries special significance for the youth.

In her opening remarks, Special Olympics Turkey Honorary Chair Dr. Dilek Sabancı extended her best wishes to all on the occasion of 19 May Atatürk Commemoration and Youth Day. Dr. Dilek Sabancı added that Special Olympics Turkey carries out its operations under Special Olympics, an organisation in 177 countries working in collaboration with 225 partners. As part of an international family reaching a total of 4,5 million members worldwide, Special Olympics Turkey aims to support special children's integration into the society.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam also delivered an opening address during which he stated the importance of 19 May. Putting forth that within the framework of the university's policy on the provision of community services, Eastern Mediterranean University spends its best efforts in taking part in projects focusing on special education. Prof. Dr. Osam also highlighted the

importance of special concepts such as solidarity, friendship and values, and expressed his hope on the formation of new friendships within the framework of Special Olympics Unify Project.

Dilek Sabancı Visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam

Following the opening ceremony, Special Olympics Turkey Honorary Chair Dr. Dilek Sabancı, Special Olympics Turkey Executive Board Chair Mehmet Civelek and the team of officials and press representatives paid a visit of courtesy to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. Extending their happiness in carrying out this special organisation in the TRNC, Sabancı and Civelek also expressed their willingness to hold bigger joint projects with EMU. Sabancı further added that with its special qualities, Eastern Mediterranean University is an institution setting samples for universities within Turkey. Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted the importance of humanistic values and added that EMU is always ready to support the community as well as people with special needs in every way.

Hungary Wins International Writers' Football Tournament



Hosted by Eastern Mediterranean University between 5 and 9 May 2016, EMU International Writers' Football Tournament finished with the final match between the TRNC and Hungary at EMU Stadium on Sunday, 8 May 2016.

Teams from Germany, Hungary, Austria, England, Turkey and the TRNC competed in "EMU

International Writers Football Tournament". Over one-hundred writers and artists from the countries listed above appeared in the tournament which took place with the slogan "Football Without Borders". The organization was held in collaboration with the Turkish Sports Writers' Association, the Turkish Cypriot Football Federation and the Turkish Cypriot Sports Writers' Association. Hungary team won the

final match against the TRNC team with a score of 3-1 on 8 May 2016. After the completion of the final match, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam presented silver plates and gifts to players of all participating teams. In his address during the closing ceremony of the event, Rector Prof. Dr. Osam extended his appreciation to all participating teams and congratulated Hungary team.



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