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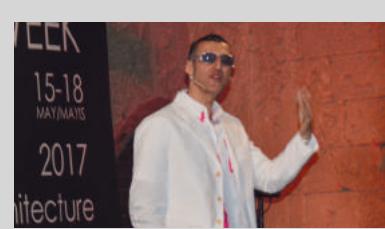


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## Springs are Festive at EMU!



Eastern Mediterranean University's 23rd annual Spring Festival took place between the 17th and 20th of May 2017. During four day festival a range of social, sporting and cultural activities took place. On the 17th of May 2017, Bob Marley's son Ky-Mani Marley performed a concert on the main stage after

a DJ performance at 22:00. Participation was high for the concert during which Marley performed reggae and hip-hop songs. At the end of the concert, Marley was presented a plaque of appreciation by Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden.

### Parade Walk

The 23rd Spring Festival commenced with a parade walk starting from the Famagusta Youth Academy and ending within EMU campus. The walk on the 17th of May 2017 started at 17:30 and included EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rectors, EMU>> p.16 - 17

## EMU Among the World's Best Young Universities!

UK-based Times Higher Education (THE), one of the most reputable publishers of the worldwide university rankings, announced "The World's Best Young Universities Rankings 2017" (also known as 'Under 50 Rank-

ings'), featuring the list of the world's best universities under the age of 50. In the rankings, Eastern Mediterranean University has achieved remarkable success after having been ranked within the 151-200 band. It is worth men-



tioning that Eastern Mediterranean University is the only university from the TRNC appearing on the list.

The Times Higher Education 'Under 50 Rankings' applies the same performance indicators as the THE World University Rankings to provide the most comprehensive and balanced comparisons, which are trusted by students, academics, university leaders, industry and governments. The performance indicators are grouped into five areas, namely, teaching quality, scientific research, citations, international outlook and income from the industry. Featuring 200 institutions, the World's Best Young Universities Rankings have been announced on the official webpage of the Times Higher Education on 5 April 2017.

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## EMU Signs a Collaboration Protocol with ITU - TRNC

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) signed a collaboration protocol with İstanbul Technical University TRNC Education – Research Campus. The protocol signature ceremony took place on the 12th of May 2017. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and ITU-TRNC Rector Prof. Dr. Ercan Kahya put their signatures on the protocol, which will allow the two universities to develop joint programs in both undergraduate and postgraduate levels and to carry out educational, scientific and administrative collaborations.

Speaking at the protocol signature ceremony, ITU TRNC Rector Prof. Dr. Ercan Kahya expressed his pleasure in signing a protocol with EMU, the most prominent university in TRNC. Stating that EMU and ITU-TRNC are sister universities from the same city, Prof.

Dr. Ercan Kahya highlighted that with the signed protocol the two universities will be walking side by side in order to achieve the set goals.

After the signature ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam expressed his pleasure in signing the protocol with ITU. Prof. Dr. Osam stated "As a result of the protocol signed, I believe that we will carry out all sorts of scientific and cultural collaborations with ITU-TRNC, a university that is in very close proximity to EMU." Present at the signature ceremony were EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkarmanlı, Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden, Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren and Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Rector's Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş and ITU – TRNC representatives.



## EMU Signs a Collaboration Protocol with the European University of Lefke

Eastern Mediterranean University signed a collaboration protocol with the European University of Lefke at 10.30 a.m on Friday, 14 April 2017.

The EMU Rector, Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, and the Rector of the European University of Lefke, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Yükselen, put their signatures on the said protocol which aims to enhance and strengthen ties between the two institutions, as well as to increase student and research groups.

During the signature ceremony, Prof. Dr. Osam stated his pleasure in establishing collaborations with the European University of Lefke. Prof. Dr. Osam added that EMU has established numerous collaborations at the international level, and the second institution of higher education they have established collaboration with within the TRNC is the European University of Lefke.

In his address, Prof. Dr. Yükselen stated that located in the western part of the TRNC, the

European University of Lefke has a special mission for the region. According to Prof. Dr. Yükselen, the protocol they have signed has a unique significance for both institutions.

### Higher Education in the TRNC also Discussed

Prior to the protocol signing ceremony, Prof. Dr. Osam provided information about EMU to the visiting group at a meeting which took place in his office. Prof. Dr. Osam started that EMU is the first and only university within the TRNC managing to appear on the Times Higher Education's 2016-2017 Academic Year World University Rankings. Prof. Dr. Osam also added that EMU also appears within the 151-200 band of the Times Higher Education's 'The World's Best Young Universities Rankings 2017' , also known as 'Under 50 Rankings'.

During the said visit, views were also exchanged on the higher education in the

TRNC and the island's quest in becoming a university island.

Among those who were present at the meeting were EMU Vice Rectors, Prof Dr. Cem Tanova, Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren, Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkarmanlı, Rector's Coordinator Asst. Prof.

nator, Asst. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş, Public Relations and Press Office Acting Director Murat Aktuğralı, the European University of Lefke Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Carolina Smochina and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Akin Celatoglu and the Rector's Advisor Asst. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Egemen.



## The International Association of Festivals Visits the President of EMU Board of Trustees

Vice-President of the International Association of Festivals, North Cyprus Head of the International Council of Organizations of Folklore Festivals and Folk Arts (CIOFF) and Cyprus Turkish Folk Dance Federation President Özlem Kadırağa visited Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Board of

Trustees' President İlker Edip in his office. During the visit of courtesy, Kadırağa presented Edip a plaque of appreciation for his contributions to festival organizations and Edip presented Kadırağa a unique Cypriot Lefkara frame. During the visit, possible future collaborations were also discussed.



## THROUGH THE EYES OF A SPECIALIST

9th of May, Celiac Disease Awareness Day is a globally important day for raising awareness and supporting individuals with this disease. Celiac Disease (also known as Gluten Enteropathy) is a serious autoimmune disorder that can occur in genetically predisposed people where the ingestion of gluten leads to damage in the small intestine. Celiac disease is a problem some people have with foods that contain gluten, a type of protein found in the grains wheat, barley and rye and flour produced from these grains. When a person who has celiac disease consumes foods containing gluten, his/her immune system reacts badly and the intestinal lining becomes damaged. In line with the recent developments, patients as such may be recommended to consume limited oat under close monitoring.

The only recommended treatment for celiac disease is a strict gluten-free diet, excluding wheat, barley, rye and food items produced from them from the diet. Instead of food items containing gluten, patients are recommended to consume corn and rice and flour produced from them. However, it should always be kept in mind that each individual are recommended separate nutrition and

dietary applications in diseases as such.

### Foods to Avoid for Celiac Disease:

- All types of products containing wheat, barley and rye. (e.g. flour, cracked wheat, cracked wheat pilaf, semolina, macaroni, vermicelli, couscous, bread, cake, cookies, biscuits, pastry, buns, wafer, bagel, cracker, ice-cream cone, deserts with flour, tomato paste containing gluten, ketchup, soup containing flour, sauces, tarhana and cracked wheat).
- Meat products like chicken, fish and meat cooked with bread crumbs.
- Drinks containing malt, beer, malt drink, vodka, gin.
- Ready-made soups and seasoning items including gluten;
- Some items such as vinegar, chocolate, pudding, chewing gum, ketchup, mayonnaise, and ice-cream may contain gluten. Before consuming items as such,

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## Celiac Disease and Nutrition



information on the ingredients of the product should be obtained.

- Dried nuts with salt or sauces should also be avoided as they contain gluten. Gluten-free nuts are also available and can be consumed.

### Important Recommendations for a Gluten-free Diet

Those with celiac disease should take time to go over the labels for items bought from supermarkets. Before consuming over the counter products, patients should inspect the nutrition information for each product and check whether the item contains gluten or not. While consuming food at schools or restaurants, gluten free meals should be selected. Food for children with celiac disease should be prepared separately by families. Finally, the most important recommendation for individuals with gluten enteropathy or celiac disease is to ensure close monitoring by a doctor or dietitian.

# EMU Among the World's Best Young Universities!

Eastern Mediterranean was formerly ranked within the top 600-800 universities in the Times Higher Education's World University Rankings which only includes the most prestigious 980 universities among more 25000 universities in the world. In "BRICS and Emerging Economies University Rankings", Eastern Mediterranean University once again confirmed its quality after having been ranked the 173rd. With this remarkable achievement, Eastern Mediterranean University appeared within the top 7 universities within 200 universities in Turkey.

### Three Universities from Turkey Appeared on Last Year's List

Only three universities in Turkey managed to appear on THE's The World's Best Young Universities Rankings 2016. In the former list of the World's Best Young Universities, Sabancı University ranked 13<sup>th</sup>, Bilkent University 28<sup>th</sup> and Koç University 51<sup>st</sup>.

### With EMU's Appearance on the BRICS Rankings, North Cyprus Listed within Countries

With EMU's appearance on THE's "BRICS and Emerging Economies University Rankings" as the 173rd university, Northern Cyprus' name was listed amongst countries appearing on the list for the first time. After appearing on the list of Turkish universities in former rankings, EMU appeared on the list as an institution in Northern Cyprus for the first time, confirming the fact that education overcomes embargoes. On the other hand, EMU's success in "BRICS and Emerging Economies University Rankings" and the appearance of Northern Cyprus on the list as a

country were protested in South Cyprus.

### Prof. Dr. Osam: "I am deeply honored and proud"

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam expressed his deep honor and pride in EMU's outstanding achievement, as also confirmed by an official letter from the editor of THE. Highlighting the fact that EMU is an institution of higher education providing education at world standards, Prof. Dr. Osam put forth that EMU's educational quality has been confirmed by accreditations gained. Prof. Dr. Osam also stated that on the 38th anniversary of its foundation, Eastern Mediterranean University is a source of pride both for the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the neighboring region. Prof. Dr. Osam added that the university will proceed towards further achievements with continued efforts. Prof. Dr. Osam also extended his appreciation to all staff members for their selfless contributions in achieving this remarkable success.

### EMU Ranks 50<sup>th</sup> in International Student Profile Category

In addition, The Times Higher Education (THE), comprised an International Student Table based on data collected from institutions for the World University Rankings. The list comprising of 200 universities used figures on the percentage of international students provided by the institutions. EMU ranked 50th on the International Student Table achieving another important feat.

Currently, EMU boasts about 20 thousand students from 106 different countries and the number of international students is on the rise every year. In



a recent statement, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam indicated that by featuring on this list EMU has once again proven that it is a truly international university. Prof. Dr. Osam stated: "Thousands of students from many different countries receive high quality international education in our safe campus environment with strong infrastructure and prominent faculty members. International students that are satisfied with our university, lead to more international students arriving at our university. Our graduates gain the opportunity to work at respectable

positions in their countries. Therefore, our international student population increases every year."

Sixteen universities from London featured in the top 200, making it one of the most represented cities in the ranking. UK was the most represented country on the list with 72 of its universities featuring on the top 200 list. 27 universities from the US and 22 universities from Australia featured on the list. EMU was the only university from the TRNC to appear on the list.

## Chadian Students Paid a Visit to Rector Prof. Dr. Osam



Timan Djerou, President of the Chadian Students Association representing students studying at universities both within the TRNC and Turkey, and Executive Board members of the said association paid a visit to Eastern Mediterranean University Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam.

Stating that around 350 Chadian students study in Turkey and the TRNC,

Djerou added that the center of the Chadian Students Association is located in Turkey, but from time to time, they visit the TRNC to check the situation of their fellow students studying on the island. Putting forth that Chadian students studying in EMU expressed their happiness in studying in EMU, Djero thanked Rector Prof. Dr. Osam for the provision of an ideal environment of study for Chadian students. During the

visit, Djero also provided information about Chad and invited Prof. Dr. Osam to an organisation set to take place in Kayseri Erciyes University during the upcoming days.

During the meeting, Prof. Dr. Osam stated that Eastern Mediterranean University hosts around 20,000 students from 106 different countries. Prof. Dr. Osam also expressed his hope to see

more Chadian students in EMU. Talking about scholarship opportunities offered to international students, Prof. Dr. Osam also added the possibility of increasing the scholarships to be awarded to Chadian students in the near future. At the end of the meeting, Prof. Dr. Osam congratulated the visiting Chadian students for their good command of the Turkish language.

## EMU Visits Lebanon



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) attended a workshop titled "Pioneer Development Projects: Experiences and Lessons" organised by the University of Lebanon in collaboration with the Middle East Technical University, North Cyprus Campus. Eastern Mediterranean University was represented at the said workshop by EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren, Civil Engineering De-

partment Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serhan Şensoy, Vice Chair Asst. Prof. Dr. Eriş Uyar and Academic Staff Member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Giray Özay. A collaboration protocol between one of the reputable universities of Lebanon, Al Manar University and Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) was also signed during the visit. On the first day of the visits, EMU team visited Lebanon Al

Manar University Rector Prof. Dr. Sami Menkara at the Rector's office and a joint collaboration protocol was signed between the two institutions. During the said visit, the visiting team exchanged information on prospective accreditations and joint collaboration projects. EMU team then visited the Chair of the Lebanon Chamber of Engineers on the same day and possible accreditations

and future collaborations were discussed. On the second day of EMU's visit to Lebanon, a joint workshop titled "Pioneer Development Projects: Experiences and Lessons" took place. Touching upon the topics of petrol and gas management, the importance of water in environmental management, renovation of the historical buildings and waste management, the workshop also hosted EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren's speech delivered on behalf of Eastern Mediterranean University.

As part of the event, Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren and Asst. Prof. Dr. Eriş Uyar delivered presentations on "Waste Management" whilst Assoc. Dr. Giray Özay gave a presentation on "The Renovation and Rehabilitation of Historical Buildings".

At the end of the speeches, Lebanon Prime Minister Saad Hariri, Lebanon University Rector Prof. Dr. Fouad Ayoub and workshop organizer Dr. Rouba Dalati were presented silver plates on behalf of EMU.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Banking and Finance Perspectives Takes place at EMU

Organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Business and Economics, Banking and Finance Department a conference titled “2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Banking and Finance Perspectives” commenced on Friday, the 21 April 2017 at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center at 9:30.

In her address, Conference Organizing Board and EMU Banking and Finance Department Chair Assoc. Dr. Nesrin Özataç stated that their aim is to create a platform to discuss the current issues of banking and finance and to contribute to the countrywide academic studies in this field. Assoc. Dr. Özataç noted that the topics of global finance, post crisis banking, the recent researches on banking and finance will be discussed during the conference, as well as the opportunities and risks in global financial markets. At the end of her speech, Assoc. Dr. Özataç thanked all who contributed to the project wishing the participants a productive conference.

In a speech of his own, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Central Bank Governor Mehmet Emin Özcan thanked EMU for organizing such an event underlining that the TRNC is taking firm steps towards becoming an island of education. Touching upon the importance of researches as well as the education, Özcan highlighted that a healthy and steady economic structure can only be obtained by having good financial adjustments.

Speaking at the opening of the conference, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam thanked everyone who participated in the organization. Stating that EMU is an institution that has been taking firm steps forward since its establishment, Prof. Dr. Osam indicated that EMU is an institution of higher education that always values quality. Prof. Dr. Osam explained that EMU's achievements are the best evidence of its quality stating that it is the first and only university from the TRNC to feature on the Times Higher Education List. Prof. Dr. Osam



also indicated that EMU is the first Turkish Cypriot university to feature amongst the top 151-200 universities in the Young Universities Under 50 Years List. Prof. Dr. Osam concluded by wishing everyone a fruitful conference after noting that many individuals in TRNC's banking sector are EMU graduates.

During his speech at the opening, TRNC Ministry of Economy and Energy Sunat Atun expressed his happiness regarding being at the said conference stating that he would like to read the final declaration that will emerge at the end of the conference. Stating that conversations on Economics and Finance must be ra-

tional Atun, evaluated financial sources in previous years.

After the opening speeches, Prof. Dr. Osam handed those contributed in the event plaques of appreciation. The conference continued with Prof. Dr. Paresh Narayan's presentation “The Past, Present and Future Tendencies of Islamic Banking”. Following Prof. Dr. Narayan's presentation a panel moderated by EMU Banking and Finance Department academic staff member Prof. Dr Mustafa Besim took place. During the “Turkish Cypriot Banking Dynamics” themed panel TRNC Central Bank Auditing and Supervision Mana-

ger (a.) Çağan Tanoğlu, Banking Association General Secretary Halil Okur and Asbank Board of Directors Chair Taştan Altuner held presentations respectively titled “A look at the TRNC Central Bank and Banking Sector”, “Vision and Expectations of the Turkish Cypriot Banking” and “Non-performing Loans and Their Solution Process”

Present at the said conference were Famagusta District Governor Dürdane Açı, Famagusta Mayor İsmail Arter, EMU Board of Trustees Member Recai Ergün, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural and Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren.

# CISCO Networking Academy Meeting Takes Place In EMU



Organised under the auspices of Eastern Mediterranean University Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Cisco Networking Academy Meeting took place at EMU Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall under the theme "Information Technologies and Communication Training".

In his opening address, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden stated that Cisco Networking Academy is the largest worldwide organization in its field. Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden also highlighted the significance of EMU's collaboration with this important organization. Prof. Dr. Özden went on to state the important role of education in competing with the numerical transformation taking place between companies and countries.

Director of EMU Computer Center Aytaç Çerkez delivered a presentation on the importance of the industrial certificates in the field of "Information Technologies and Communication". In his presentation, Çerkez provided information on the infor-

matics assets of EMU and added that the university possesses test centers for certification.

Following Çerkez, staff member in charge of EMU Cisco Networking Academy Yusuf Küçük talked about the partnership model aiming to reach a wider audience in the TRNC regarding "Information Technologies and Communication Training". Küçük added that with the introduction of the new model, EMU will provide services as the Academic Support and Trainer Development Center. Küçük put forth that trainers who can provide countrywide courses on Networking, Security, IoT, OS&IT, Programming, Operation and Numerical Literacy are already available at the center. In his presentation, Küçük also talked about the main target of Cisco Networking Academy, which is the formation of a strong bridge between education and recruitability. Towards the end of his talk, Küçük provided information on the operations and achievements of EMU Cisco Networking Academy since the year 2002. After Küçük,

Deniz Sungurlu, person in charge of Turkey Cisco Networking Academy Program, talked about how they introduce new paths for people with their unique training program. Sungurlu also added that boasting 70000 staff members working in 470 offices in 165 countries, Cisco Systems have an important role in Internet development. Sungurlu concluded his speech by stating that Cisco Networking Academy provides training services for around 1 million individuals annually and expressed his hope to have an increasing number of students and trainers in the TRNC.

The last presentation of the day was delivered by Marc Khayat, Director of Cisco Academy Turkey, Middle East and North Africa (TMENA) Technical Affairs. Having worldwide fame in the field of Industrial Information Technologies and Communications, Marc Khayat talked about Cisco Networking Academy's most recent portfolio. Khayat also talked about the qualities sought in numerical economy, which are Numerical Transformation, IoT establish-

ment, Large Data and Logic Analysis and Numerical Licence. At the end of his presentation, Khayat provided information on over 30 training programs appearing within Cisco Academy Program.

The meeting was participated by web administrators of many local universities, representatives of government offices and a large group of students.

## Cisco Networking Academy Administrators Visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam

Prior to the meeting, Deniz Sungurlu, Marc Khayat, Aytaç Çerkez and Yusuf Küçük paid a visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam. Thanking Prof. Dr. Osam for his support, the visiting group shared information about Cisco Networking Academy. At the end of the visit, Rector Prof. Dr. Osam presented Sungurlu ve Khayat a gift made of traditional Lefkara lace. Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren was also present at the meeting.

## İlker Başbuğ Gave A Conference In EMU



Center at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 17 May 2017.

After a moment of silence and the national anthem, Atatürk Application and Research Center Academic staff member Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk delivered the opening address of the event. Dr. Göktürk expressed his pleasure in hosting Başbuğ in EMU and read his biography.

After Dr. Göktürk, Başbuğ started his speech by commemorating the late leaders Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, TRNC Founding President Rauf Raif Denktaş, Cyprus Turkish Community Leader Dr. Fazıl Küçük and all martyrs. Stating that during his former conference in EMU he talked about the Cyprus conflict, Başbuğ put forth that he wants to talk about Turkey's current problems in this year's conference.

Başbuğ stated that in Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's 8th notebook written in 1922, he wrote about the foundation phase of the Republic of Turkey and emphasized

the importance of schools, education, economy, arts and construction for the strong standing of a government. According to Başbuğ, one of the most important problems of Turkey is fully related to education as compared to other countries, Turkey has not yet reached the desired level in education. In this respect, Başbuğ provided his recommendations for the betterment of the educational system in Turkey, with a special focus on teachers and pre-school education.

### "Syria is a Giant Hive"

Another current problem of Turkey according to Başbuğ is the Syrian conflict as he described Syria as a giant hive which has chaos and turmoil. Describing the Syrian conflict as one of the most challenging and tragic international problem of the 21st Century, Başbuğ highlighted the fact that more than 50% of the Syrian population has been relocated and that Turkey is hosting the largest population of the refugees. Başbuğ also added that external forces are trying to establish a Kurdish formation in Northern Syria, which poses a great threat for Turkey.

### "It is due to the Turkish Armed Forces that the 15<sup>th</sup> of July attempt was not successful"

In his speech, Başbuğ also talked about the coup attempt on the 15th of July. According to Başbuğ, it wasn't a military coup attempt but another coup attempt initiated by an illegal religious organization infiltrating into the Turkish Armed Forces. Başbuğ also stated that it is due to the efforts of the Turkish Armed Forces that the 15th of July attempt was not successful.

At the end of the conference which attracted great interest, İlker Başbuğ was presented a plaque of appreciation by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and EMU Ataturk Ideology Club Chair Çağatay Kir. After the conference, İlker Başbuğ signed the books he authored. Alongside with EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, President of the Board of Trustees İlker Edip, Famagusta District Governor Dürdane Aci, academic and administrative staff members and students attended the conference.

## EMU Academic Staff Members Participate in an International Symposium in Azerbaijan



Eastern Mediterranean University Ataturk Research Center academic staff members Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk and Süleyman Bülent Göktürk participated in the 4th International Scientific Conference titled "Acts of Genocide against Turkic-Muslim Peoples in 20th Century" organised by Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences and the Republic of Turkey Ataturk

Research Center. Both the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and Eastern Mediterranean University were represented by the said academic staff members, who delivered a presentation entitled "Genocide against Turks in Cyprus and Bloody Christmas" taking place in Lankaran, Azerbaijan between 22 and 27 April 2017.

### Conference Proceedings Presented to Prof. Dr. Osam

Proceedings book of the said event which was attended by academicians from 21 different countries including Germany, Russia, Poland, India and Turkey was presented to EMU Rector

Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam by Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk. Thanking Dr. Göktürk, Prof. Osam stated that the university has full support for activities contributing to the promotion of the Turkish Cypriots at the international level.

# Education Faculties of Turkish Cypriot Universities Assemble Deans Council



Upon a call from the TRNC Higher Education Planning, Evaluation, Accreditation and Coordination Council, Education Faculty Deans gathered on the 7th of March 2017 setting up a council to evaluate Faculty problems based on scientific data and to ensure that education, research/publication and social responsibility activities are run in a productive manner.

## Founding Chair from Eastern Mediterranean University

The Council aims to coordinate with the Education Faculties Deans Council in Turkey. The first Chair of the council became Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Education Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam. The deans who met at EMU for the first time on

the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 soon settled on the name EFDEK-TRNC. The council members that also set up a Directive in order to arrange the procedures and principles of its formation, aims, areas of activity, tasks and mode of operation carried out their second meeting recently.

## Dialogue and Collaboration Spirit Blossoms

EFDEK-TRNC Chair Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam pointed to a newly blossoming collaboration spirit and dialogue between TRNC University Education Faculties as a result of the formation of the council. Indicating that she is very pleased about this, Prof. Dr. Vancı Osam highlighted that this Faculty is one of the most popular Faculties whose

contributions to their respective universities is a lot higher than other faculties. Prof. Dr. Vancı Osam also maintained that Education Faculties play vital roles in increasing the quality of educational operations of universities.

## The Objective is Quality Assurance in Teacher Training

During the recently held second meeting of EFDEK-TRNC a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats analysis of TRNC Education Faculties took place. Especially focusing on weaknesses and threats the analysis aimed to capitalize on opportunities in order to increase the Faculties teacher

raising quality. To reach this aim work will be carried out on a strategic plan that will lead to Education Faculties in the TRNC collaborating with Turkish and international educational institutions.

The aims of the strategic plan are as follows: developing scientific work, public service and the educational structure of Education Faculties in the TRNC, applying for national and international accreditations, developing collaborations in Turkey and international collaborations, collaboration with the government.

## Work Initiated by YÖDAK

TRNC Education Faculty Deans Council Chair Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam noted "We would like to thank YÖDAK for initiating this work. As soon as the National Qualifications Framework for Higher Education in Turkey is completed we will revise the programs of Education Faculties accordingly", indicating that a lot of work awaits them.

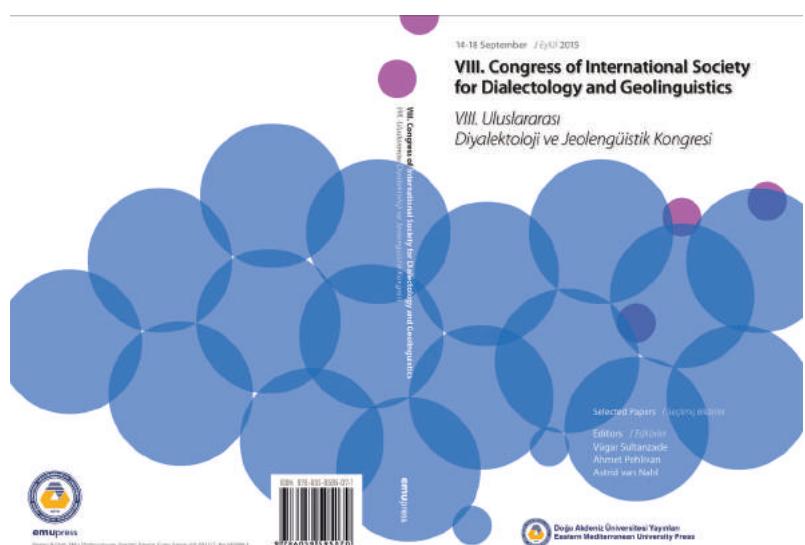
As a result of the Directive based on the articles of YÖDAK legislation, each university Education Faculty Dean will in turn be Chair of the Council for a period of one year. The council will meet at least twice a year.

# 8<sup>th</sup> International Dialectology and Geolinguistics Congress Proceedings Published

The proceedings of the 8th International Dialectology and Geolinguistics Congress organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) between the 14th and 18th of September 2015 have been published. The proceedings include information on variants, new methods and approaches towards linguistics and linguistic geography, statistics in stomatology studies, dialect dictionaries and atlases, the relationships between standard language and dialect, minority language and so forth. The congress was attended by 82 researchers from 17 different countries. 20 papers were featured in the proceedings book after being approved by the arbitration committee.

The editors of the book are Prof. Dr. Vügar Sultanzade, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Pehlivan and Prof. Dr. Astrid Van Nahl. The book features research on dialectology carried out by researchers from countries including Japan, Austria, Turkey, Lithuania, Germany, Spain and Latvia. Amongst this research, Chitsuko Fukushima's work on the re-classification of verb inflection in Japanese dialects and Genovaite Kaciuskiene's work on how Lithuanian dialects are covered in school books are very gripping. In addition, Prof. Dr. Nurettin Demir's work titled "Aliefendi, Ankara, Tsengel ve Çuvaşistan Örneğinde Yirmi Birinci Yüzyılda Ağızlar" and Anna Stafecka's work titled "Latvian dialects in the 21st

century: old and new borders" present valuable information on the status of dialects in the 21st century. Maria Piñar Pereira's 20th century Catalan dialect dictionaries and Alexandre Mankov's studies on the Gammalsvenskby dialect also present important contributions to the field of dialectology.



The book doesn't only contain work pertaining to other countries. It also contains studies regarding Turkey's dialects and the Turkish Cypriot dialect. One example of such a study is a study comparing blessings and curses in Turkish Cypriot dialect and Turkey's dialects.

## EMU Marks World Pharmacists Day With Different Activities

Eastern Mediterranean University celebrated 'World Pharmacists Day' with different activities. The first activity marking the said day was the Cyprus Turkish Pharmacists Association Former Chair Fatma Azgin's talk on Cyprus Turkish Pharmaceutics. Prior to Azgin's talk Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hayrettin Ozan Gülcen provided information about the scope of the day and extended his best wishes to all pharmacists. Among those present at the talk were Dean of EMU Pharmacy Faculty Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin, Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hayrettin Ozan Gülcen, and academic staff and students of Faculty of Pharmacy.

### "Existing Regulations Should Be Harmonised In Line With Sectoral Changes"

The Cyprus Turkish Pharmacists Association Former Chair Fatma Azgin thanked EMU Faculty of Pharmacy for their invitation and provided information about World Pharmacists Day. Highlighting the fact that the profession of pharmaceutics is closely linked with laws and scientific information, Azgin stated that pharmacists should be well aware of the rules and regulations when performing their profession. Providing information on the history of pharmaceutics, Azgin added that within 100 years, there will be no need for pharmacists as patients will be able to order the medicine online. Azgin also stated that just like changes in socio-

logy and humanity, rapid changes in the world of medicine are taking place. In this respect, Azgin put forth that laws and regulations should undergo rapid changes, accordingly. The talk came to an end after Azgin providing information about the history of pharmaceutics in the TRNC.

### "Pharmaceutics Is A Profession With Utmost Importance"

Within the framework of the World Pharmacists Day celebrations, a panel titled "The Joint Role of Pharmacists and Doctors in Health" took place with the participation of Pediatric Health and Diseases Specialist Dr. Umut Altunç and Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialist Dr. Şerife Göksu. During the panel, Dr. Umut Altunç delivered a presentation on prescriptions with a special focus on how they should be written and what kind of information they should contain. Dr. Altunç also provided information on prescriptions which contain errors or missing information.

After Dr. Altunç, Dr. Şerife Göksu provided recent information on birth, caesarean operations and pregnancy period. Recommending that people should pay utmost care to their health during the pregnancy period and not use any medication without doctor's recommendation, Dr. Şerife Göksu also provided information on the health hazards caesarian operations pose on female health and how they could be treated. At the end of



the panel, Dean of EMU Pharmacy Faculty Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin presented Dr. Altunç and Dr. Göksu a gift made of traditional lefkara lace in appre-

ciation for their contributions. The final event of the celebrations was the blood donation organisation which took place in front of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy.

## EMU Nursing Department Celebrates International Nurses Day

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences, School of Health Services, Department of Nursing has celebrated the "International Nurses Day" by organizing an event at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center, with the theme "Nurses' Role in Reaching Sustainable Development Goals" announced by International Nurses Association for 2017.

EMU Nursing Department Chair Prof. Dr. R. Selma Görgülü delivered an opening speech after a moment of silence and the National Anthem. Prof. Dr. Görgülü thanked everyone who joined the event and gave brief information about EMU Nursing Department. Prof. Dr. Görgülü stated that the depart-



ment keeps growing since its foundation and provided information about the objectives of the department in 2017 – 2018 Academic Year. Prof. Dr. Görgülü celebrated the International Nurses Day of all nurses and addressed to Nursing Department students: "You are the future and safekeepers of this profession."

EMU Faculty of Health Sciences Vice Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. Gülsen Sucu Dağ also gave information about the Inter-

national Nurses Day and celebrated all nurses. Assist. Prof. Dr. Dağ stated that profession of nursing requires professionalism and underlined the importance of the profession.

After the opening speeches; Nurse Ayşe Karabalkanlı, EMU Nursing Department Graduate Student Nurse Zişan Pekri and undergraduate students Fulya Eskioba, Ayşe Korkmaz and Serkan Ceylan participated in a talk titled "My

journey on Nursing; What Do I Expect, What Will I Find?". The said talk took place under the moderation of EMU Nursing Department Faculty Member Prof. Dr. Samiye Mete.

After a cocktail organisation, various student activities took place. The event ended after awards were presented to students who participated and became successful at different social and sports organisations.

# 7th EMU International Design Week Takes Place



Organised by Eastern Mediterranean University Architecture Faculty, "International Design Week" commenced with an opening ceremony at Faculty of Architecture at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 15 May 2017. EMU's Architecture Faculty hosted an important activity to cover design which has gathered global momentum in recent years. The annual "EMU International Design

Week" took place with the theme "The HUB" this year.

In his opening address, Dean of EMU Architecture Faculty Prof. Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek provided information on the program of the "International Design Week" and expressed the faculty's pride and pleasure in hosting world-famous

professionals within the framework of the event. Putting forth that EMU International Design Week aims to approach design as a requisite vision and cultural factor in order to create a better world by questioning, re-thinking and giving rise to thought, Prof. Dr. Dinçyürek added that 7th International Design Week has a rich program including workshops, conferences, seminars and presentations. Prof. Dr. Dinçyürek also provided information on the theme of the event, "the HUB". At the end of his speech, Prof. Dr. Dinçyürek thanked EMU Rector's Office, TRNC Ministry of Exterior Affairs, Chamber of Architects and all supporting institution or organisations.

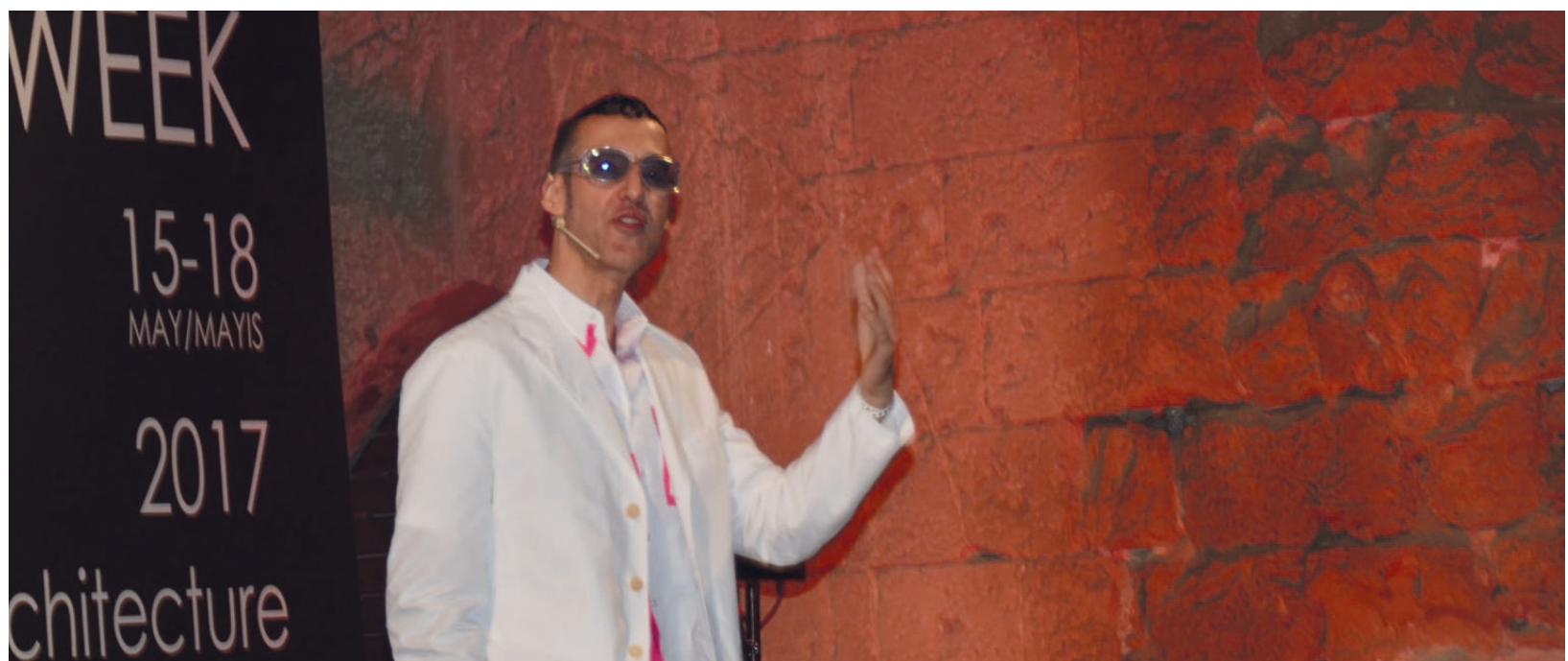
Following Dean Prof. Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam delivered a speech in which he stated that this is his third time at "International Design Week" and that he is very happy to observe the ongoing rise in its quality. Putting forth that EMU provides high quality educational services to around 20,000 students from

106 different countries, Prof. Dr. Osam added that the International Design Week poses an important contribution to the internationalization of the university. Thanking all those who contributed to the event, Prof. Dr. Osam wished all participants a productive event.

## Students Met with Three Famous Architects

On the first day of the "International Design Week", workshop sessions took place after the opening ceremony. A talk titled "Mimarlarla Kalebodur Söyleşileri" took place at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall at 1:30 p.m. Having taken place under the moderation of the Middle East Technical University academic staff member, Architect Prof. Dr. C. Abdi Güzer, the talk was participated by one of the leading architects of Turkey, Nevzat Sayın, who was nominated for Ağa Han Architecture Awards twice and Famous architect Han Tümertekin, who is a faculty member at Harvard University.

# Othello Castle Hosted Legendary Designer Karim Rashid



Eastern Mediterranean University Architecture Faculty hosted the 7th International Design Week between 15 and 18 May 2017. During the said week, doyenne of the design world, also known as the pop star of design, Karim Rashid gave a seminar at Othello Castle on Tuesday, 16 May 2017.

Visionary and prolific, Karim Rashid is one of the most unique voices in design today. With more than 4000 designs in production, nearly 300 awards to his name, and client work in over 40 countries, Karim's ability to transcend typology continues to make him a force among designers of his generation.

During the seminar titled "Ambigious Limits", Karim Rashid talked about how democratic the digital age is in today's world. Karim Rashid also talked about the effect of design on the world.

Delivering a speech at the event opening, Dean of EMU Architecture Faculty Prof. Dr. Özgür Dincürek stated the faculty's pleasure and happiness in hosting world famous Karim Rashid. Thanking all those who contributed to the organisation of the event, Prof. Dr. Özgür Dincürek added that both Famagusta and Othello are undergoing a historical night..

In his seminar, Karim Rashid stated that 9 billion visuals are viewed throughout the world each day, giving independence to creativity in the world we live in. Highlighting his theory as "to create", Rashid also focused on the essence of creativity for the advancement of humanity. Rashid also added that he is a supporter of democratic design, and that the future can only be shaped with modern criteria. Rashid put forth that when talking about creativity, the first thing coming to his mind is photographers as it requires outstanding creativity. Talking about the rapidly increasing numbers of entrepreneurs in the world, Rashid stated that anything can be achieved with determination and passion. Stressing on the fact that digital age is rather democratic, Karim Rashid added that some people believe that the past is better than the current digital age.

At the end of the seminar Karim Rashid was presented a gift and a bouquet of flowers by Dean of Faculty of Architecture Prof. Dr. Özgür Dincürek and Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Banu Çavuşoğlu. Among notable names present at the event were Member of the Parliament Hakan Dincürek and Mayor of Famagusta Ismail Arter.



# EMU Graduate Industrial Engineer Becomes World's Youngest Factory Manager

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Engineering Faculty, Industrial Engineering Department 2015-2016 Academic Year Spring Semester graduate A. Raouf Badarneh has become the world's youngest Factory Manager.

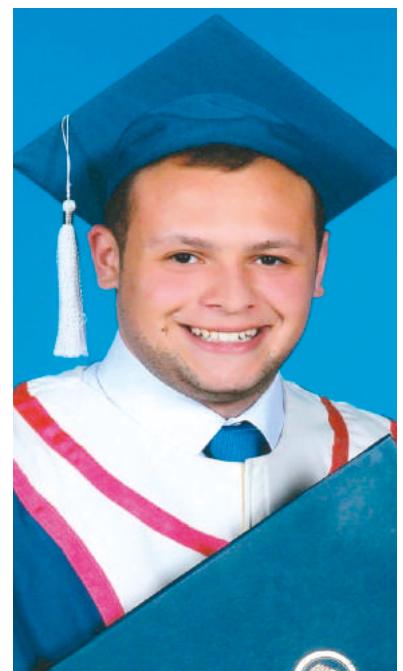
Raouf who applied for a Factory Manager vacancy at Dubai based fire extinguishing systems producer NAFFCO ([naffco.com](http://naffco.com)) was selected for the job out of hundreds of experienced applicants after 4 face-to-face interviews and a three-hour long private meeting with the company's general manager.

A. Raouf Badarneh, who possesses a Business degree as well as an Industrial Engineering degree, stated that not only

did he receive quality education in English during his time at EMU, but he also gained the opportunity to get to know different cultures because of the cosmopolitan environment it presented. Highlighting the importance of this Badarneh thanked his university and department for presenting him this opportunity.

According to the information provided by EMU Industrial Engineering Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gökhan İzbırak Industrial Engineers and Operating Engineers can work successfully in the service industry (consultancy, transportation, energy, logistics, finance, banking, hospitals, brand management, programming, tourism, education, telecommunications, marketing, human resources

etc...) and for construction companies as well as in factories, presenting higher quality products and services whilst simultaneously lowering expenditure. The Industrial Engineering program provides students the opportunity to obtain a Mechanical Engineering or Business degree in addition to their diploma. The Industrial Engineering Department also has ABET accreditation ([abet.org](http://abet.org)) which has only been obtained by 4 universities in Turkey. Since 1998, department graduates have been carrying out management jobs at national and international companies in the manufacturing and service sectors. They have also been gaining acceptance for postgraduate programs at the world's best universities such as MIT and Cambridge.



## EMU Hosts Prof. Dr. Gökhan Hotamışlıgil From Harvard University



Eastern Mediterranean University hosted Harvard University, School of Public Health, Genetics and Complex Diseases Department Chair Prof Dr Gökhan Hotamışlıgil within the framework of a conference organized by EMU Faculty of Health Sciences, Nutrition and Dietetics Department,

During the conference which took place at the Activity Center Hall at 2:30 p.m., Prof. Dr. Hotamışlıgil delivered a talk titled "The Novel Metabolic Biology of the Endoplasmic Reticulum".

The conference was attended by academic staff members and students from faculties of Health Sciences, Medicine, Arts and Sciences and Pharmacy as well as members of the Cyprus Turkish Dietitians Association and academic staff members and students from different universities.



## EMU Presents Successful Students with Cash Award for the First Time



Eastern Mediterranean University awarded students who demonstrated outstanding success during the 2016-2017 Academic Year Fall Semester. Over 100 students who have managed to make it to the top 10 were presented with cash award in three categories at a ceremony which took place at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, 5 May 2017. Talking at the ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that the universi-

ty has introduced cash award for the first time. Prof. Dr. Osam also expressed his hope to have more students being awarded in this category in the near future. Prof. Dr. Osam also put forth that "Life is full of barriers and passing each one is success.". Addressing all successful students and those students spending efforts towards successful achievements, Prof. Dr. Osam wished them all the best and further success.



Following the opening addresses, Prof. Dr. Osam presented the cash award to Pharmacy Faculty student Yavna Chuttoo, Communication Faculty student Banu Çalışkanlar and Arts and Sciences Faculty student Tafadzwa Thabiso Chida for their outstanding success.

The ceremony continued with students receiving their cash awards with the presence of Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar

Özden and Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren, Faculty Deans, School Directors and academic staff members. Among those who also shared the successful students' happiness were Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkarahanlı and Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Rector's Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş and deans, directors, department heads, and academic staff members.

## EMU Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Department Students Walk for Good Health



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Health Sciences Faculty students carried out awareness walk as part of the 8th of April National Physiotherapists Day. The walk that aimed to inform the public about physiotherapy materialised as a result of an EMU Health, Sports and Art Club- Health Sciences Faculty Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Club collaboration. Walking with a range of signs and placards, EMU Health Scien-

ces Faculty Physiotherapy students and academic staff gave important messages to the Famagusta public such as "Famagusta Wake Up, Get to Action", "Physiotherapist when exercise is mentioned" and "Barrier Free Famagusta".

The walk that started at 4:00 p.m. from in front of the EMU Rector's Office continued through the Salamis Road ending in front of the Famagusta Development



Academy. EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ender Angın, Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Department academic staff and students were amongst those who participated in the event.

Providing a statement about the walk, EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean

Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç stated that its aim was to raise awareness about physiotherapy. Touching upon the importance of exercise for an active life Prof. Dr. Malkoç noted that despite its important role in daily life and in the relief of pain, physiotherapy has a low recognition level. Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç concluded by stating that their aim was to inform the public about exercise and physiotherapists' duties via the walk.

# EMU Holds 2017 International Night In Grand Style



A night of joy, unique display of culture and inter-cultural unification took place on Friday 12 May, 2017 as the International Office of the Eastern Mediterranean University held its 2017 International Night. The event featured unique performances of various Student Societies from over 106 nationalities hosted by the EMU.

The Student Societies representing their countries took turns to present various entertaining cultural displays to promote and display the uniqueness of their countries. The event which took place under the theme "We Are One" also had EMU

Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet OSAM and his administrative team in attendance. Awards of recognition and support were presented to the various sponsors and partners of 2017 EMU International Night.

The event had commenced earlier with the opening of various stands by the International Students' Societies where they displayed some of the monumental features of their countries and as well some cultural qualities. Also, this year's event featured an international band, the members of whom were on stage providing a series of entertainment. In an

interview with some of the students, they commended the organizers of the event as well as the University administration for organizing a grand event as such, stating that this year's event is an improvement on past International Nights. They stated that the international Night stands out among other programmers organized by the University as it is the best and most unique platform for students of various nationalities to showcase the uniqueness of their culture.

The students also stated that the night provides a platform for them to meet new friends from other nationalities, learn

about their culture as well as re-unite with former friends.

The event had a very remarkable turnout of students and staff as well as the associates of EMU. The sponsors include Ramen Dormitory, Akdeniz Dormitory, New Form Gym, Halil Hamza Ayakkabi, Longson Dormitory, Alfam Dormitory, Prime Living Dormitory, Arkin Palm Beach Hotel, Port View Hotel, Salamis Bay Conti Resort Hotel and ErReklam Agency. Others are İtimat, Kibhas, Turkcell, EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Gym, Ekor, EMU-Koop, EMU Table d'Hote, Roof Restaurant, White Queen and Döveç.

## Libyan Night at EMU

Organized annually by the Libyan Student Society, Libyan Night took place at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. The night included cultural shows, a documentary screening and a promotional video showing Libya's history.

During the opening speech, Libyan Student Society President Wagdi Kalifa thanked EMU International Office staff for their contributions, giving the promise that they will continue working to ensure that Libyan students uphold Univer-

sity principles and values. In his speech, EMU International Affairs and Promotion Office Coordinator Ozan İnamlık recommended that EMU students continue their work to represent our University in the best way possible.

After the promotional film on Libyan history, a documentary on the life of Libyan national hero Omar Mukhtar was screened and the night ended with cultural music and dance performances from Libyan students. The night was attended by many Libyan students and EMU student societies.



## Fire of Anatolia Performs at EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted the dance performance “Fire of Anatolia”, also known as the dance of legends. Organized by the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate operating under the Vice Rector’s Office for Student Affairs, the performance took place at the EMU Stadium at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, the 28th of April 2017.

The performance of the 45-person dance group headed by Mustafa Erdogan lasted for approximately two hours. The performance comprised of two acts, the first comprising of two scenes and the second of three.

The main concept of the Fire of Anatolia is the meeting of civilizations. The dance show aims for cultures of the West and East to meet and contains global messages of peace. It synthesizes folk dancing, modern dance and other disciplines of dance to present a modern cultural celebration. Fire of Anatolia is an authentic project that uses the mythological and cultural history of Anatolia as a source. It contains 3000

folk dance moves as well as folk music. The project that bears Mustafa Erdogan's signature aims to promote to the world Anatolia's thousands of years old culture and historical mosaic, spreading to the world the fire of peace. The Fire of Anatolia has been promoting Anatolian culture since 2001 via shows all over the world.

The dance performance was attended by many members of protocol. The performance was watched by TRNC Parliamentary Speaker Dr. Sibel Siber, Cyprus Turkish Security Forces Command Major General Yilmaz Yildirim, TRNC Minister of Tourism and Environment Fikri Ataoğlu, Members of Parliament Ahmet Güle and Hüseyin Angolemlı, Famagusta District Governor Dürdane Açı, Nicosia Turkish Embassy representatives, military protocol, undersecretaries and directors. At the end of the performance Mustafa Erdogan was handed a plaque of appreciation by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam.



## Bob Geldof Rocks EMU!

Organised annually by Eastern Mediterranean University Social and Cultural Activities Directorate operating under the Vice Rector’s Office for Student Affairs, 7<sup>th</sup> “Rock’n EMU” took place at EMU Stadium on 21 April 2017 with the participation of the legend of rock music Bob Geldof and his band ‘The Boomtown Rats’.

At the beginning of the organization, first EMU Music Club and local music group Famagusta Music Band took the stage. Then, world-famous rock legend, Irish singer Bob Geldof and his band ‘The Boomtown Rats’ gave an unforgettable concert for rock lovers. During the two-hour concert, rock lovers had exhilarating moments that will stay in their memories for a long period of time.

### “Unite the Island”

During the concert, Bob Geldof and his group The Boomtown Rats stated that “We don’t like nationalism. It kills people. In Ireland, we suffered a lot for this reason. We have lost more than 3000 people”. Geldof then urged people to ignore politicians and relics and unite. Geldof added that Cypriots have wasted almost 40 years just to come from Larnaca to Famagusta. He also thanked everyone for ignoring what the Greeks say about the event and for attending the attending the concert here at Eastern Mediterranean University.

### South Cyprus Criticises Bob Geldof’s Concert

Bob Geldof’s concert in the TRNC attracted harsh criticisms from South Cyprus. Stating their reactions over internet and via press, Greek Cypriots opposed to Bob Geldof’s concert taking place in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Bombarding Bob Geldof’s social media accounts and internet page with thousands of messages, Greek Cypriots tried



their best efforts until the last moments to have the said concert cancelled.

### Who is Bob Geldof?

Robert Frederick Xenon “Bob” Geldof (Bob Geldof) was born to a Catholic family in 1951. In 1975, he formed the group The Boomtown Rats in Ireland. The Irish lead singer was a songwriter in Pink Floyd’s 1982 film The Wall in which he also acted. In September 1981, he performed the solo version of the song “I Don’t Like Mondays” at The Secret Policeman’s Other Ball upon invitation from Amnesty International. Artists like Sting, Eric Clapton and Phil Collins also attended the event. On the 13th of July 1985, Bob Geldof organized a “Live Aid” organization with Midge Ure in aid of African children. After achieving the impossible and pulling the whole world’s attention to Africa with his persistence and music Geldof was granted knighthood by the Queen of England.



# Springs are Festive at EMU!



personnel and students. The official opening of the ceremony took place at 19:00 with the participation of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rectors and Chair of the Board of Special Olympics Turkey Mehmet Civelek at the Festival Area.

## "1000'de 1 Gece Diyalogları" Play

Within the framework of the 23rd Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Spring Festival, the play "1000'de 1 Gece Diyalogları" (One in a thousand Night-time Dialogues) took place at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall before a significantly large audience. The play that started being staged by the Çolpan İlhan & Sadri Alışık The-

atre in January is led by famous thespians Begüm Küttük Yaşaroğlu and Hakan Meriçliler.

The play written by Birol Güven and directed by Galip Erdal uses humour to commentate on familiar problems in relationships and marriages as well as the conflict between traditional and modern thought. The comedy with the slogan "Marriage necessitates falling in love with the same person on countless occasions" was watched by EMU students and the Famagusta public with great excitement.

After the play that lasted for approximately two hours Begüm Küttük Yaşaroğlu accepted a plaque of appreci-

ation from EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam on behalf of the cast and crew.

## Mor ve Ötesi Performance

Popular Turkish rock band Mor ve Ötesi performed a magnificent concert at the EMU Stadium on Thursday, the 18th of May 2017. As part of the festival with the theme "No Limits" that included an array of social, cultural and sporting activities, alternative rock band Mor ve Ötesi took to the stage at 22:00 performing their popular songs such as "Bir derdim var", "Deli", "Şehir" and "Cambaz" in front of a very large crowd. Music lovers that filled the stadium sang-along with the band during the concert that was open to the general public and

free of charge. At the end of the concert that lasted for approximately two hours lead singer Harun Tekin was awarded a plaque of appreciation by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam.

## Aref Casts a Spell on EMU

Illusionist Aref Ghafouri who came to prominence with the talent show TV program Yetenek Sizsiniz in 2011 made his mark on the 23rd EMU Spring Festival. Aref performed at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall on Friday, the 19th of May 2017 in front of a capacity crowd comprised of members of the EMU community and the general public. Prediction based demonstrations were at the forefront of





Aref's performance. Revealing 4 boxes, Aref told the audience that one of the boxes contained 3 thousand dollars. Aref then selected three members of the audience and brought them up on to the stage to try and find which box contained the money. Aref stated that he would give the person who finds the money the three thousand dollars also noting that they would not be able to find it. During his performance Aref ensured that all three of the individuals opened empty boxes rather than the box with the three thousand dollars, leaving them empty handed. At the end of the performance Aref received a standing ovation. Aref also brought an audience member on stage making the individual lie on a table and then rise off the ground without being tied to anywhere. The moment when he divided a woman in half was one of the moments when he received

the loudest applause. At the end of the performance also watched by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and his wife, EMU Faculty of Education Dean Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam, Aref was presented a plaque of appreciation by the Rector Prof. Dr. Osam.

### Demet Akalın Shakes EMU

Within the framework of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Spring Festival popular Turkish singer Demet Akalın performed at the EMU Stadium on Friday, the 19th of May 2017. The concert that commenced at 22:00, featured Demet Akalın and her orchestra who participated in the creation of an unforgettable night for the thousands in attendance. Performing her most popular songs such as "Ah Ulan Sevda", "Bebek", "Hayalet", "Pirlanta" and "Çal-



kala" for EMU and the TRNC, Akalın along with her orchestra and dancers electrified the audience. At the end of

the concert, Demet Akalın was presented a plaque of appreciation by EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden.



## Lebanese, Sudanese and Palestinian Nights at EMU

Lebanese, Sudanese and Palestinian Student Societies operating under the International Office of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) organized international nights at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall.

### Cultural Dances Performed

The second Lebanese Night included English and Arabic music and dance performances. Successful students who demonstrated outstanding performance in the academic and sports dimensions were handed honor certificates.

Over 200 people attended the Sudanese Night organized by the Sudanese Student Society. The night included traditional Sudanese music and dances. In a speech,

Sudanese Student Society President Hafnan Elhag thanked EMU management for creating a pleasant environment.

Speaking at the Palestinian Night, EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova urged Palestinian students at EMU, to always see themselves as agents of positive change in their nation. Also speaking at the event Palestinian war photographer, Alan Badarneh touched upon the challenges the country is facing including war which he described as setback for progress and development. Calling for solidarity and unity among Palestinians globally Badarneh stated that this could be their panacea.



## Nowruz Celebration at EMU

A Nowruz celebration was organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) International Office, under the Vice Rector's Office for International Affairs and Promotion. Attracting the participation of a large group of students, the celebration took place at EMU Activity Hall under the umbrella of the Iranian Student Society. The event included a number of speeches, a short film screening, a range of dance performances and local Iranian music.

In his speech, the Iranian Student Society President Mohammad Karimzade thanked everyone who participated in the organization of the event. Iranian Ambassador to Cyprus Dr. Reza Zabib also attended the 2017 Nowruz celebrations. In his speech Dr. Zabib welcomed everyone to the event and wished all those who participated in the student society elections that took place at EMU the best of luck. EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem

Tanova expressed his satisfaction regarding the positive activities of the Iranian Society stating that they have done tremendously well in upholding the values of the University. Prof. Dr. Tanova indicated that EMU has a good world ranking and that it is in a position to compete with every university worldwide. The opening speeches were followed by dance performances and live Iranian music.



# EMU Faculty of Tourism Activity “Tourism Day” Takes Place



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism held a “2017 World Cultural Heritage Day” themed tourism day organization. The annual organization took place on Thursday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2017 at the Famagusta Namık Kemal Square between 10:00-17:00.

The Tourism Day that included various dance and music shows began with EMU Faculty of Tourism Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç's opening speech at 14:00. In behalf of the Tourism Faculty, Prof. Dr. Kılıç thanked everyone who played a part in the organization of the event. Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that tourism sustainability is of the utmost importance indicating that tourism sources should be protected and passed on to the future. Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that Famagusta is the best example of cultural heritage and sustainable tourism. Calling EMU the flagship of Tourism education Prof. Dr. Kılıç provided information about their faculty. Prof. Dr. Kılıç announced that income from the stands will be donated to children with leukemia.

During her opening address, EMU Faculty of Architecture and Center for Cyprus Studies Chair Prof. Dr. Naciye Dorath stated that this year's theme of the International Council of Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) day was determined as “Sustainable Tourism and Cultural Heritage” and thus a joint organization took place for the celebrations. Underlining that cultural properties are the source of the island's prosperity, Prof. Dr. Dorath also touched upon the unique cultural wealth of the city of Famagusta. At the end of her speech, Prof. Dr. Dorath wished all the participants a pleasant event.

In a speech of his own, Cyprus Turkish Travel Agents Association Chair Orhan Tolun described the city of Famagusta as a cultural mosaic hosting many foreign students from all over the world and by saying that “The city has been estranged from the sea”, and expressing his desire of creating a more sustainable Famagusta Walled City. Speaking at the event, Cyprus Turkish Hoteliers Association Chair Fethi Özboğaç stated that he is a proud EMU graduate and Famagusta has been of great value since his days in EMU. At the end of his speech,



Özboğaç thanked everyone who contributed to the event and emphasized the significant role of sustainable tourism to maintain our historical and cultural values.

Famagusta Mayor İsmail Arter expressed his satisfaction regarding the event that creates awareness highlighting that Famagusta is in an important position concerning cultural heritage compared to other cities. Mayor Arter stated that the Famagusta Municipality is prepared to do all they can to protect cultural heritage with a sustainable structure.

Speaking on behalf of EMU, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı stated that they are very happy to be carrying out this meaningful event at the historic Namık Kemal Square. Underlining that EMU is ready to play its part regarding tourism and cultural heritage, Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı wished everyone a pleasant event.

TRNC Minister of Tourism and Environment Fikri Ataoğlu drew attention to the fact that tourism is the country's flagship industry stating that they are prepared to

provide full support to the development of tourism and cultural heritage. Ataoğlu stated that a sustainable structure of tourism is very important underlining that work on projects that reflect culture will be continuing.

After the opening speeches, Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı presented those who contributed to the organization a plaque of appreciation and a Cypriot Lefkara frame. The event which was attended by a large number of people ended with a concert from popular Cypriot music group Grup Frekans.

# **EMU Hosting 2<sup>nd</sup> Eastern Mediterranean International Medical Students Congress**

Organised by Eastern Mediterranean University Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, Student Scientific Research Club, 2nd Eastern Mediterranean International Medical Students Congress commenced at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, 4 May 2017. Taking place under the theme "Multidisciplinary Discussions on Medicine and Health in a World of Conflict", the congress is hosting medical students from 21 different universities and 7 countries. Chair of the Eastern Mediterranean International Medical Students Congress Buse Ataoğlu delivered an opening address and thanked all those participating and also those who contributed to the organisation of the event.

In her opening address, Dean of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Prof. Dr. Nuhide Gökçora highlighted the importance of the participation of medical students in the congress which has a multidisciplinary context. Prof. Dr. Gökçora also mentioned the difficulties encountered in war zones

regarding the delivery of health services and ensuring the security of the health professionals. Talking about the number of children affected in war zones, Prof. Dr. Gökçora also stressed the importance of the maintenance of health services targeted towards people living in zones as such. Prof. Dr. Gökçora stated that the congress will host multidisciplinary discussions. At the end of her speech, Prof. Dr. Gökçora wished all participants a productive event and thanked the members of the organising committee for creating a platform bringing together medical students from different institutions.

Following the opening addresses, Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty student Nursel Kürtoğlu gave a short concert with two children playing the violin. Following the concert, İstanbul University, İstanbul Medicine Faculty, Forensic Medicine Department academic staff member Prof. Dr. Nevzat Alkan delivered a presentation titled "Problems of Forensic Medicine

Brought by Ideological, Political and Socio-Cultural Conflicts". In the said presentation, Prof. Dr. Alkan talked about the multidisciplinary developments in forensic medicine and law regarding the cases of sexual assault and provided an overview of the applications and legal regulations in the United States of America, Turkey and the TRNC regarding the issue. Advising forensic medicine students to approach all cases in a sceptical manner, Prof. Dr. Alkan added that a lot of people try to deceive doctors of forensic science.

Prof. Dr. Ali Şehirlioglu from Orthopedics and Traumatology Department, Prof. Dr. Afksendiyos Kalangos from Cardiovascular Surgery Department and Dr. Abdulhanan Aljouja from Internal Medicine Department also contributed to the congress through presentations. Presentations of students on scientific research findings and numerous medical and social workshops formed the basis for the scientific program of the congress. Additionally, a panel titled

"Idological, Political and Socio-cultural Conflicts and Health" took place under the moderatorship of the Vice Dean of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Assist. Prof. Dr. Mevhibe Hocaoğlu. EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty, Psychology Department academic staff member Dr. Mustafa Öngün, EMU Business and Economics Faculty, Political Science and International Relations Department academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Berna Numan and Nicosia Dr. Burhan Nalbantoglu State Hospital Vice Chief Physician Dr. Sonuç Büyükk participated in the said panel which aimed to support the medical students' internalisation of the information accumulation and collective work forming the core of the medical world and to provide the participants with a social and academic experience contributing to their professional development. The congress also featured a social aspect allowing the participants to get to know the TRNC through exhibitions as well as natural and cultural tours.



# EMU Hosting the Council of Turkish Universities Continuing Education Centers (TÜSEM) Meeting



Eastern Mediterranean University Continuing Education Center (EMU – CEC) is hosting the Council of Turkish Universities Continuing Education Centers' Spring 2017 meeting. Among notable names who attended the official opening of the meeting which commenced at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center on Thursday, 27 April 2017 were the President of EMU Board of Trustees İlker Edip, EMU Board of Trustees' member Hayri Orçan, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren and Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden, EMU-CEC Executive Board Chair and Head of EMU Interior Architecture Department Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağılı, President of TÜSEM Council Prof. Dr. Eser Y. Sözmen, Istanbul Technical University Rector Prof. Dr. Ercan Kahya and Chair of the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Commerce Fikri Toros. Along with the said officials, a large number of representatives from different universities were also present at the event opening. Taking place under the auspices of Eastern Mediterranean University, the event will continue until Saturday, 29 April 2017.

Speaking at the event opening after a mini concert by the EMU-CEC Ada İşıği

Children's Choir, EMU-CEC Executive Board Chair and Head of EMU Interior Architecture Department Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağılı highlighted the importance of both communication and interaction for institutions. Putting forth that EMU-CEC has been operating since 2004 in line with the principle "Lifelong Education", Prof. Dr. Dağılı also stressed the significance of combining theory with practice. Prof. Dr. Dağılı also expressed how lucky they are to work at EMU, a prominent institution of higher education with the highest standards possible, and added that EMU-CEC has been working towards catering for the community's educational needs.

## The First Meeting of TÜSEM in the TRNC at EMU

In his opening address, President of the TÜSEM Council Prof. Dr. Eser Y. Sözmen expressed their happiness in holding the meeting in the TRNC. Stating that they have been organising biannual meetings since 2010, Sözmen added that it is the first time ever that a TÜSEM meeting is held in the TRNC. Prof. Dr. Sözmen also expressed their pride in having 109 membering universities and added that during the meeting being held under the auspices of EMU, a General Board meeting will be held and elections will also take place. At

the end of his address, Sözmen thanked EMU for hosting and facilitating their meeting.

Stating his pleasure in hosting TÜSEM meeting, Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam put forth that Eastern Mediterranean University ranks among the top 600 universities in the Times Higher Education Rankings, thanks to its true vision in the academic dimension. Prof. Dr. Osam also added that only 17 Turkish universities appear in the said rankings in which EMU ranks the 7th. Prof. Dr. Osam also expressed his happiness in seeing EMU on the said list as the first and only university within the TRNC. Prof. Dr. Osam concluded his address by stating that EMU-CEC carries out its operations in a dynamic fashion and thanking all those participants for attending the meeting in EMU.

Following the opening addresses, a panel titled "Continuing Education Centers in the Northern Cyprus – Lifelong Learning" was held under the moderatorship of EMU Industrial Engineering Department academic staff member and Vice President of the EMU-CEC Executive Board Assoc. Prof. Dr. Orhan Korhan. During the panel, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden,

Information Technologies and Information Systems academic staff member and Coordinator of EMU-CEC Yeşim Kapsı Çırak, Chair of the KTMMOB Chamber of Electrical Engineers Mert Girgen and Chair of the KTMMOB Civil Engineers Seran Ayasal delivered presentations.

## About TÜSEM

Established in 2010 upon the approval of the University Rector's Offices and the initiative of the administrators of the Lifelong Education Centers, TÜSEM aims to ensure that the Continuing Education and Life-Long-Learning Centers become institutions that provide higher quality education in a more active and widespread manner by working on accreditation, assessment and certification of the training programs offered by the centers. Among TÜSEM's objectives are also establishing collaborations with the national, European and international institutions, organizations and societies. State and Foundation universities may become members of TÜSEM. Eastern Mediterranean University Continuing Education Center has the unique quality of becoming the first and only institution within the TRNC that has become a member of TÜSEM.



# Cansel Poyraz Akyol at EMU



Featuring CNN Türk News Programs Center Director Asst. Prof. Dr. Cansel Poyraz Akyol, a Department of Cinema and Television workshop titled "Television Reporting" was completed at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication.

The workshop lasted for a period of five days and included the interactive participation of Faculty of Communication academic staff and students. During the workshop students carried out practice of being CNN Türk news channel personnel. During the organization Asst. Prof. Dr. Cansel Poyraz Akyol shared her knowledge and experience with participants on the practice of news meetings, news bulletin, broadcast schedule and debate program preparations as well as practice on being a news reporter or correspondent.

## Cansel Poyraz Akyol Announces Internship Opportunity

On the second day of the workshop Akyol informed the students that she would provide an opportunity for one student to carry out an internship practice at CNN Türk. Upon answers given to the question "Why do you want to be a CNN Türk intern?" Semih Arslan who stated 'Even if there is a coup I will not leave my camera' won the opportunity for CNN Türk internship.



## EMU Communication Faculty Ranks amongst the Best in Euroasia

As a global ranking and rating agency specializing in higher education, Eduniversal released the report for 2017 Postgraduate Program Ranking. In the said report, Eastern Mediterranean University Communication and Media Studies postgraduate program has been ranked 5th within the best 200 programs. This unique achievement is not something new for EMU Communication and Media Studies Faculty as the faculty has been consistently climbing to the top in the said rankings since 2011.

### Within the top 5 in Euroasia

Acting Dean of Faculty of Communication and Communication and Media Studies postgraduate program head Assoc. Prof. Dr. Agah Gümüş stated that the faculty has received an official notification regarding the said rankings from Eduniversal and that they have been informed that their postgraduate program has been placed within the top 200 programs worldwide. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gümüş also put forth that EMU Communication and Media Studies postgraduate program has been announced as one

of the top 5 programs within Euroasia and the Middle East. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gümüş went on to state that among Turkish universities, only Galatasaray University, Communication Strategies and Public Relations Postgraduate Program appears in the said rankings.

### 7th Year Amongst the Top Best

Highlighting the importance of Eduniversal in the field of higher education as an important ranking institution, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gümüş listed the said organisation's evaluation criteria as the worldwide reputation of the program, the salary of first employment after graduation and student satisfaction with the program. Stating that the faculty has been appearing within the best for the



## Whatever Happens The Broadcast Must Go On

After sharing a documentary on what went on at CNN Türk on the night of 15 July, Akyol stated "A reporter's shift is never over. On that extraordinary night we showed extraordinary effort. In critical moments you must be able to get organized quickly and correctly. We managed to do this. Whatever happens the broadcast must go on."

The workshop ended with a live phone call between a student and one of the planned participants of the program "Gündem Özel" which will be broadcast on CNN Türk on Sunday night. In her closing speech, EMU Cinema and Television Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bahire Özad thanked Cansel Poyraz Akyol for her energy endeavor and everything she added to the department highlighting that they will continue to organize new activities. Certificates of participation were handed to the students and members of academic staff who attended the 5-day long workshop by Communication Faculty Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Agah Gümüş and a group photo was taken.

## Cansel Poyraz Visits EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam

Whilst at EMU, Cansel Poyraz Akyol paid a visit of courtesy to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam during which she received extensive information about EMU and expressed her satisfaction regarding being at the university.



past 7 years, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gümüş added that around 4 million 250 thousand students refer to the website of Eduniversal regarding their postgraduate program choices. According to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gümüş, EMU Communication and Media Studies postgraduate program's repeated appearance amongst the best programs in the rankings of Eduniversal, a prominent organisation established in France in 1994, further highlights the quality, recognition and reputation of the program.

## EMU Communication and Media Studies

Having been providing postgraduate study opportunities (with thesis) in the field of communication and media studies since 1998, EMU Communication and Media Studies Faculty boasts a unique international profile. The Faculty has brought up many graduates from different countries including Albania, Bosnia, Palestine, South Korea, Iran, Cameroon, Nigeria, Norway, Ukraine, Russia and Jordan.

## AEHT Youth Parliament Takes Place at EMU for the First Time

Known as the educational institution in the tourism sector and hospitality industry with the broadest participation, the European Association of Hotel and Tourism Schools' (AEHT) 5. Youth Parliament took place at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) from the 2nd to the 6th of May 2017. Students from all across Europe came to North Cyprus to participate in the Parliament and to search for an answer to the question of whether or not "mass tourism" and "slow tourism" can be carried out at the same time.

The official opening of the Youth Parliament took place on the 3rd of May 2017 with the attendance of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren, Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Prof. Dr. Turgay Avcı, Vice Deans Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren and Asst. Prof. Dr. M. Güven Ardahan, Asst. Prof. Dr. İlkay Yorgancı Maloney, academic staff members Nejla Çancı and Koral

Karamanoğlu, EMU Tourism Club Chair Çağatay Kaan Eren as well as instructors and students from the AEHT membering schools.

**Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç:** The topic of debate isn't just important for European countries but for our country too; The aim is to form collaborations between students and institutions

In his opening speech, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç noted that they are very proud to be hosting this organization indicating that the fact that the European Youth Parliament is taking place at EMU for the first time in the TRNC is indicative of the importance the university places on Tourism education which is also bearing its fruit in Europe. Indicating that the report created at the end of the parliament will shed light on the future of tourism, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that it will no doubt be taken into consideration and

evaluated in the development of European tourism. Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by indicating that the debate topic isn't just important for European countries but also for our country stating that the main aim is to form collaborations and networks between participating students.

**Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam:** Tolerance is at the core of the tourism sector

In his opening speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam noted that the removal of borders in the globalizing world is being consolidated by the tourism sector as tourism has no borders. Stating that tourism isn't only an economic phenomenon Prof. Dr. Osam stated that it brings about cultural interaction, requires mutual tolerance and provides the opportunity to gain a wider perspective on life.

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**Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren**

After the opening speeches the rules, limitations and responsibilities of the 5. AEHT Youth Parliament were specified by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren acting as moderator. After Assoc. Prof. Dr. Öztüren's presentation titled "Mass Tourism, Slow Tourism and Global Practices" parliament member stu-

dents carried out presentations on examples from their own countries.

Students who came to North Cyprus to attend the Youth Parliament from many different tourism centres voted in a democratic environment to determine the 5. AEHT Youth Parliaments' Chair, Vice-Chair and General Secretary. The parliament members divided into seven groups after a decision from the Presidential Council.

After debate on the economic, social and environmental effects of Mass Tourism and Slow Tourism, the groups presented their views on the matter. After the declarations and debates, the chains of thought were reported and sent to the AEHT headquarters to be shared with AEHT members and the general public.

5th AEHT Youth Parliament members, also explored North Cyprus' historical, cultural and natural touristic centres via the tours they attended. All of the 5th AEHT Youth Parliament members noted that they would return to the island either for education or holidays.



## EMU Tourism Faculty Hosted Vocational High School Competitions

Eastern Mediterranean University, Tourism Faculty recently hosted Vocational High Schools Competitions' Tourism Branch organised by the TRNC Ministry of Education and Culture.

During the competitions which took place at EMU Tourism Faculty application kitchens and Tower Restaurant, vocational high school students competed in "Local Cuisine" and "Basket" categories in the

cuisine branch and "A La Carte Menu Service" and "Cocktail" categories in the service branch under the coordination of EMU Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department academic staff members Kurtuluş Özbaşar, Hakan Açıł and Koral Karamanoğlu.

Participated by Karpaz Vocational High School, Haydarpaşa High School of Trade, Güzelyurt Vocational High School and Famagusta Vocational High School, the

competition aimed at ensuring the communication and standardisation amongst schools as well as demonstrating the skills gained at vocational high schools to sectoral and university representatives.

A total of 40 students (14 in local cuisine category, 14 in basket category, 4 in A La Carte Menu Service category and 17 in cocktail category) demonstrated their skills during the competitions. EMU Tourism

Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that the faculty would be more than happy to host competitions as such during the coming years.

Delivering a speech at the competition award ceremony, TRNC Ministry of Education and Culture, Vocational Technical Education Department representative Gülsen Hocanın stated that they aim to ensure the communication and standardisation amongst schools as well as demonstrating the skills gained at vocational high schools to sectoral and university representatives. Hocanın stated that competitions as such play an important role in increasing the self-confidence of the students. At the end of her speech, Hocanın thanked EMU Tourism Faculty for hosting the organisation.

At the end of the competition, Tourism Faculty Vice Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. M. Güven Ardahan presented certificates of appreciation to the student assistants and jury members supporting the organisation of the competition. Assist. Prof. Dr. M. Güven Ardahan and Gülsen Hocanın then presented medals and cups to winning students and schools.



# An Event on “Architect Ahmet Vural Behaeddin and His Listed Work” Takes Place at EMU



An event on “Ahmet Vural Behaeddin and His Listed Work” took place as part of the collaboration of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Center for Cyprus Studies and Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Architects. The annual event that takes place within the scope of a protocol between the EMU Faculty of Architecture and the late architect’s wife Tülin V. Behaeddin, took on a different form this year. The event started with opening speeches outside Famagusta Othello Castle.

EMU via EMU-CCS spearheaded the listing of 13 precious pieces of Ahmet Vural Behaeddin’s work. Behaeddin, who has approximately 150 pieces of work, was also the first registered member of the Chamber of Architects. He is one of the most important names in Modern Architecture in Cyprus. Speaking at the opening EMU-CCS and Faculty of Architecture, Architecture Department Chair

Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı welcomed everyone to the event stating that EMU’s bond with the valuable architect goes a long way back and that the Faculty of Architecture and EMU-CCS have carried out many events relating to Behaeddin.

Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Architects Chair Türker Aktaç touched upon the work carried out by the Chamber of Architects regarding the conservation and awareness raising towards Cultural Heritage and Modern Turkish Cypriot Architecture. Aktaç also indicated that a Centre of Architecture will be put together and that the work of architects who contributed to Modern Turkish Cypriot Architecture will be collected within, to benefit architects and architecture students.

Former EMU-CCS Chair and Education Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam, welcomed everyone stating that she is very

happy and proud of the work carried out by EMU-CCS.

Architecture Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Özgür Dincürek provided information about the Architecture Department indicating that they currently celebrating the 25th year of the department which has worldwide recognition. Prof. Dr. Dincürek went on to point out that Ahmet Vural Behaeddin’s unique work made an impact on Turkish Cypriot history, stating that they have been involved in a number of collaborations that aim to honor his memory. Prof. Dr. Dincürek concluded by noting that the Faculty will continue its active support towards future organizations.

In a speech of his own, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam stated that EMU has undertaken a mission to protect and carry onward the values of the Turkish Cypriot community to future generations. Prof. Dr. Osam noted

that the Rector’s Office will continue to support every EMU-CCS event, thanking everyone in attendance.

TRNC Minister of Education and Culture Özdemir Berova indicated that many Turkish Cypriot gems have emerged during the community’s period of struggle stating that Ahmet Vural Behaeddin has become the pride of the Turkish Cypriot community in the field of architecture. Expressing his desire for the continuation of such events Berova described EMU’s event as meaningful: “The organization of such events by EMU, our state university makes us very happy”.

The event ended with the owners of the listed buildings and those who contributed to the event being handed plaques of appreciation, an exhibition comprising of the posters of some of the architect’s structures and a documentary screening of a documentary touching upon his life and work.



## EMU Organises a Certificate Ceremony for "Traffic Security Awareness for Kids Project"

Within the framework of a project titled "Traffic Security Awareness for Kids", a certificate ceremony was organised by Eastern Mediterranean University, Education Faculty, English Language Teaching Department in collaboration with EMU Traffic Education and Re-

search Center. Among those present at the ceremony were Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Öz-karamanlı, Dean of Engineering Faculty Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın, Chair of Foreign Languages Education Department Assoc. Prof. Dr. Javanshir Shibliyev,

Chair of Civil Engineering Department Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serhan Şensoy, project coordinator and academic staff member at Foreign Languages Education Department Assoc. Prof. Dr. Naciye Kunt, Foreign Languages Education Department academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr.

İlkay Gilanlıoğlu, Traffic Education and Research Center Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Metin Kunt and students.

In his opening address at the beginning of the ceremony, Traffic Education and Research Center Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Metin Kunt highlighted the importance of the traffic awareness in kids and put forth that among the aims of their center is the 'provision of traffic training for kids regarding traffic security through appropriate methods and applications'. Assist. Prof. Dr. Kunt also put forth that they have initiated the project due to the insufficiency of traffic education in pre-school and elementary school curricula. Assist. Prof. Dr. Kunt added that students receiving certificates at the ceremony prepared suitable course materials allowing kids to actively learn about traffic security through the activities in their English courses. Following Assist. Prof. Dr. Kunt, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Öz-karamanlı stated that the provision of effective educational tools for kids regarding their traffic security awareness is an essential educational approach. Prof. Dr. Özkarmanlı thanked Assist. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Metin Kunt and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Naciye Kunt for their contributions. The ceremony continued with certificate distribution and ended with a cocktail.



## EMU Translation And Interpretation Department Makes A Difference With Its Educational Approach

Organised by Eastern Mediterranean University, Arts and Sciences Faculty, Translation and Interpretation Department, 6th "Translation and Interpretation Department Documentary

Translation Days" took place at Eastern Mediterranean University.

Final year students of the said department Erdem Arslan, Tuygan Uygur,

Sibel Yurtsuz, Afgan Balashli, Diren Küyucu and Nezaket Şadırvan shared their graduation projects on visual-auditory translation with the university community. Held in a workshop for-

mat, students provided information to the attendees regarding the visual-auditory translation methods and process. Visual-auditory translation specialist and project advisor Sen. Inst. Neslihan Binatlı Hekimoğlu stated her happiness in observing the final year students carrying out their graduation projects on deciphering, synchronisation and subtitle translation of documentaries, which is an indicator of the high quality education they have been offered for the past 4 years. Sen. Inst. Neslihan Binatlı Hekimoğlu also added that Documentary Days have been introduced by the department with the purpose of supporting students' professional and personal development. Sen. Inst. Hekimoğlu stated that documentaries translated by the said students are the indicators of their readiness for their prospective professions.



## "Housing Talks" Takes place at EMU Faculty of Architecture

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture, Housing Education Research and Advisory Center (HERA-C) aims to share the university's expertise and know-how regarding housing with all those involved in the housing sector. The center believes that the housing phenomenon should be discussed in a multi-dimensional manner including its physical, social, economic, technological, cultural and legal dimensions. Parallel to their 'education - research', 'research - publication', 'application-consultation' and 'collaboration' activi-

ties, the center is continuing their "Housing Talks" as part of their 4th Term activities.

In line with their aims and objectives, HERA-C carried out the activity 'Housing Talks' on Thursday, the 4th of May 2017 at 15:00. The activity took place at Alper Öz-dural Conference Hall located in the Faculty of Architecture. Feriha Altıok was the guest speaker at the event which focused on the description of venue and residence via poetry. Altıok, who holds important positions in both architecture and literature,

gained the opportunity to discuss and share her poems on housing as well as her reasons for starting to write poems, her interoperations and experiences.

After talking about her poetry book Altıok went on to read some of her poems from the book. Altıok mentioned how she initially believed that architecture wasn't for her but that venues were, continuing to point out that she included venues in all of her poetry books. To conclude, Altıok highlighted the importance of poetry in her life, stating that

she is very happy to be sharing her emotions with EMU.

EMU HERA-C Chair, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kağan Gürçü noted that the "City and Architecture III" activity organized by HERA-C and moderated by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Afet Çeliker Coşkun was very productive indicating that the Center will continue to organize activities as such. The event ended with a cocktail after Feriha Altıok was handed a plaque of appreciation by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kağan Gürçü.



## Bone Marrow Donor Registration Takes Place at EMU

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Health Sciences Faculty, Department of Health Management organized a Bone Marrow Donor Registration activity as part of their Communication course, in collaboration with the Kemal Saracoğlu Children with Leukemia Foundation. During the event, 60 volunteers became registered donors.

Speaking at the event EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç stated: "Our faculty had carried out an event with the Kemal Saracoğlu Children with Leukemia Foundation last year. This year's event carried out by Department of Health Management students is very important and meaningful. Collecting samples, finding suitable bone marrow and becoming a donor is very important. We congratulate academic staff member Çigdem Duvarci and our students for organizing this event. Health Sciences Faculty will continue initiating similar events."

Touching upon the second Bone Marrow Donor Registration organized by EMU Health Sciences Faculty and their foundation, Kemal Saracoğlu Foundation Palliative Care Unit Chief Nurse Servet Özeralp stated: "On behalf of our community and patients waiting for suitable bone marrow, I would like to thank everyone who parti-

cipated in this event which will hopefully become an annual organization at EMU. One sample equates to one life and each life should be valued regardless of age."

The event with the slogan "Every donor is hope, hope is a thousand times happiness" will provide hope for Leukemia patients across the world. The Kemal Saracoğlu Children with Leukemia Foundation provides the opportunity for Bone Marrow Donors Worldwide registration via the Cyprus Bone Marrow Archive as a result of their collaboration with the Karaiskakio Foundation. In their statement, the Foundation noted that each year thousands of people, mainly children face problems such as leukemia, lymphoma and other haematological illnesses. Patients that get better after chemotherapy and radiotherapy do not require any other treatment. However for some patients, the serious and difficult stem cell transplantation from parents or voluntary donors is the only treatment method. Thanks to stem cell transplants many patients have been revived."

The foundation went on to explain that the Cyprus Bone Marrow Archive has the registration of over 125 thousand Cypriot volunteers, stating that this is the world's largest bone marrow archive according to population ratio. It was

also stated that as a member of Bone Marrow Donors Worldwide, the Cyprus Bone Marrow Archive can donate bone marrow to patients worldwide as well as receive worldwide bone marrow donations for

Cypriot patients. Further information can be obtained from the Kemal Saracoğlu Children with Leukemia Foundation website: <http://www.kemalsaracoglu.org>



# Famagusta Turkish Maarif College Wins the 23<sup>rd</sup> EMU High School Mathematics Competition



- The Famagusta Turkish Maarif College team consisting of Arda Hepgüler, Elmaziye Ramazan and Mehmet Çağmel came first.

The finals of the '23<sup>rd</sup> High Schools Mathematics Competition', which was organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Arts and Sciences Faculty, Mathematics Department with the support of the Onay Fadıl Demirciler Education and Science Foundation, was completed at EMU Prof. Dr. Mehmet Tahiroğlu Hall. The said competition took place amongst Famagusta Turkish Maarif College, Nicosia Turkish Maarif College, Bülent Ecevit Anatolian High School and 19 May Turkish Maarif College in front of a large audience. EMU Mathematics Department Chair Prof. Dr. Nazim Mahmudov, who gave a speech prior to the competition, provided information about the history of the competition and congratulated all participating schools. Prof. Dr. Mahmudov also thanked the Onay Fadıl Demirciler Education and Science Foundation for their financial support. EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkarmanlı

also delivered a speech, thanking the Mathematics Department for organizing this successful competition for 23 years. Prof. Dr. Özkarmanlı congratulated the teams who made it to the finals and wished them good luck.

## As for the results of an exciting and competitive final,

- Famagusta Turkish Maarif College Team consisting of Arda Hepgüler, Elmaziye Ramazan and Mehmet Çağmel took 'First Place',
- Bülent Ecevit Anatolian High School Team consisting of Cennet Kaçucam, Onur Enes Gündoğdu and Ömer Faruk Alp took 'Second Place',
- Nicosia Turkish Maarif College Team consisting of Ahmet Harper, Ercem Yeşil and Selin Semin took 'Third Place', and
- 19 May Turkish Maarif College Team consisting of Ceren Erdoğan, Oğuz Yıldırım and Pelinsu Hakalmaz took 'Fourth Place', winning the 'Onay Fadıl Demirciler Special Award'.

*The 20 July Science High School Team comprising of Açelya Özata, Kâmil Koca and Serkan Arslan came second in the semi-finals and was awarded the 23<sup>rd</sup> Year Special Award*

## Individual Awards also presented

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2017 Arda Hepgüler from Famagusta Turkish Maarif College and Ercem Yeşil from Nicosia Turkish Maarif College came joint first in the individual category of the 23<sup>rd</sup> High School Mathematics Competition. Sermet Ersöz from Famagusta Turkish Maarif College came second and Ahmet Harper from Nicosia Turkish Maarif College came third. They were presented their awards by EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkarmanlı, Arts and Science Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan and former Arts and Science Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Rza Bashirov. Ömer Faruk Alp (Bülent Ecevit Anatolian High School) came fourth and was awarded the 23rd Year Special Award. Finally, Kâmil Koca (20 July Science High School) came fifth and was awarded the Onay Fadıl Demirciler Special Award. They were presented their awards by Mathematics Department Chair Prof. Dr. Nazim Mahmudov and Onay Fadıl Demirciler's wife Serpin Demirciler. At the end of the Award Ceremony Famagusta Turkish Maarif College were presented the Onay Fadıl Demirciler Shield by Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkarmanlı and Serpin Demirciler.

## Up-To-Date Onay Fadıl Demirciler Shield Statistics

The Onay Fadıl Demirciler Shield was set up in 2014, to last for a period of five years. The shield was won by the Nicosia Turkish Maarif College twice; in 2014 and 2016. Bülent Ecevit Anatolian High School won the shield in 2015 and the Turkish Maarif College in 2017. e permanent owner of the shield will be determined next year.

# EMU Honors Staff Members On Their 25<sup>th</sup> Year

A Service Celebration Ceremony organised for staff members who have retired or been serving the university for 25 years was held at Eastern Mediterranean University. Having taken place under the organisation of EMU Personnel Affairs Directorate, the event took place at Activity Center Hall at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 30 May 2017. During the ceremony, a total of 83 staff members were presented plaques of appreciation for their valuable contributions to the insti-

tution. In his opening address at the beginning of the ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stressed the important achievements of Eastern Mediterranean University and added that all administrations, not only the current one, have posed great contributions for the betterment of the university. Prof. Dr. Osam added that what makes his administration special is their compliance with the rules and regulations, respect towards others and their understanding

of quality. Prof. Dr. Osam put forth that EMU is an institution which has proven itself, but this is not enough. According to Prof. Dr. Osam, the university's mission is to steer the educational affairs taking place within the TRNC. Prof. Dr. Osam went on to thank all those present for owning their institution.

Following the opening address, Prof. Dr. Osam, member of the Board of Trustees and Mayor of Tatlısu Ahmet Hayri

Orçan, members of the Board of Trustees Recai Ergün, Mustafa Borataş and Ali Babaliki, and Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkarmanlı, Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren, Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova and Prof. Dr. M. Yaşa Özden presented plaques of appreciation to staff present at the venue. The ceremony finished with a cocktail organisation.



## EMU Donates To 'Help Those With Cancer Association'



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) held a charity organisation to support the TRNC Help Those with Cancer Association as part of 1 – 7 April Cancer Week. Organized by EMU Personnel Affairs Directorate, the event took place on Monday the 3rd of April 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in front of the CL Building on campus. At the event with the slogan "EMU Is Aware", EMU personnel sold homemade food and beverages. Money was raised for cancer patients from the sales for which faculties, directorates and units set up stands. Funds raised from the sales of the 37 stands will be donated to the TRNC Help Those with Cancer Association.

Present at the charity bazaar were EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rectors, members of the EMU Board of Trustees, EMU students, Famagusta District Governor Dürdane Aci, Help Those with Cancer Association members and President Raziye Kocaismail, Eastern Mediterranean Doğa Primary School teachers, students and Famagusta's local community.

President of the Help Those with Cancer Association Raziye Kocaismail stated that EMU provided very important support for

cancer patients with the charity event that sent the motivational message "we are with you". Stating "EMU is aware and our patients and public are also aware of those who are aware", Kocaismail thanked everyone at EMU for the organization led by Rector Prof. Dr. Osam.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam also provided a statement at the event highlighting the importance of social responsibility projects. Prof. Dr. Osam stated that EMU's mission is to become an institution of higher education demonstrating awareness towards community issues as well as an institution that provides quality higher education. Indicating that cancer awareness is of the utmost importance Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted the importance of the charity event stating that similar events will be organized in the future. Prof. Dr. Osam concluded by thanking everyone at EMU who supported the event.

### Raziye Kocaismail visits EMU Rector's Office

Chair of Help Those with Cancer Association Raziye Kocaismail visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam and the funds raised

from the charity event were presented to Raziye Kocaismail.

Stating that the EMU family wholeheartedly supported the event, Prof. Dr. Osam, highlighted the existence of strong humanistic values within the university. Prof. Dr. Osam also stated that along with academic achievements, EMU pays special importance towards civic involvement as well as social responsibility. Prof. Dr. Osam also put forth the university's readiness and willingness to support social projects as such.

Director of EMU Personnel Affairs Unit Özlem Avcı, who was also present at the said visit, stated that through the charity organisation they have once again witnessed how the EMU Family can work hand in hand to reach a meaningful target. Avcı also thanked all those who participated in and supported the event. At the end of the visit, Kocaismail presented both Prof. Dr. Osam and Avcı bouquets of flowers and unique Cyprus silk cocoon handicrafts.



## International Food Day at EMU FLEPS



The fourth International Food Day took place at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (FLEPS).

Organised by academic staff member Munise Keşanlı in collaboration with the administrators, instructors, students and administrative staff of EMU-FLEPS, the colorful event hosted traditional food items, ethnic clothes and regional dance shows of students from 40 different countries. Those who attended the event gained the opportunity to taste the food, watch the dances and get to know the cultures of different countries. The event also allowed students to socialize. In addition to a large number of students and members of academic staff the event was attended by Vice-Rectors Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren and Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden as well as Rector's Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeles.



## EMU Walks For Stray Animals



Students and staff of Eastern Mediterranean University have taken another step toward becoming an "Animal-friendly Campus". EMU Animal Rescue Club and Neuter-Vaccinate-Let Live Project volunteers organized a walk with the

slogan "Don't Buy, Adopt! Don't Leave, Own". A crowded group of students and academic staff, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden ve Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren attended the said walk.

The walk commenced at EMU Sabancı Dormitory with animal activists carrying banners with unique statements including "EMU is My Home, too"; "Don't Buy, Adopt"; "Don't Leave, Own"; "My Place is Next to You"; "One

Plate of Food, One Cup of Water ". For the past four years, EMU Animal Rescue Club has undertaken the feeding of stray cats and dogs on campus as well as their parasite elimination. On its fourth year, the Neuter-Vaccinate- Let Live Project volunteers continue with their relentless efforts in improving the situation of stray animals, including their neutering. As part of the project also supported by EMU Rector's Office, ill, pregnant, old and new born animals on campus are being taken care of at the temporary facilities.

At the end of the walk, project volunteers thanked all supporters for their financial support, stating that they are successfully maintaining the protection of stray animals based on the understanding of them living together with humans. EMU Rector's Office stated that they will continue their support for the project which should be taken as an example by other Turkish Cypriot universities as well as institutions and individuals in all walks of life.

# EMU Hosted Special Olympics Turkey Dilek Sabancı Mixed Football Project Activity



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted Dilek Sabancı Mixed Football Project Activity organized 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. The event titled "Mixed Futsal Tournament and Healthy Athlete Screenings" took place at the EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex.

Special Olympics Turkey which carries out its operations under Special Olympics, a non-governmental amateur athletics organization in 177 countries working in collaboration with 225 partners, continued its activities that provide training for children and adults with intellectual disabilities by

organizing the Dilek Sabancı Mixed Football Tournament. Organised in collaboration with EMU, special athletes and their partners displayed performances in the branch of mixed football. All participating athletes were examined by volunteer clinical directors from Turkey in 3 different medical fields. The activity received high participation with 56 special athletes and their partners, coaches, doctors, teachers and volunteers being presented medals at the end of the tournament.

#### "Live Together, Play Together"

Speaking at the event opening, Special Olympics Turkey Executive Board Chair Mehmet Civelek stated "We continue to introduce events and activities organized with the purpose of integrating special children into social life. We are extremely

happy to create an environment where our children mingle with their peers, compete and win together. We extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude to Eastern Mediterranean University for hosting us and giving us the opportunity to beautify life through games. This year, together with Eastern Mediterranean University's volunteering students, once again we say,

#### "Live Together, Play Together".

Following Civelek, Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Needet Osam expressed his pleasure in hosting the event for the second time at Eastern Mediterranean University. Expressing his happiness and pride in observing the success of individuals with special education needs in the field of sports, Prof. Dr. Osam added that special value should be given to special people.

Following the speeches, the matches commenced after two children one of whom was from a special children's group took a sports oath.

#### A Conference on "Special Care: Health"

Along with the Dilek Sabancı Mixed Football Project Tournament, a conference titled "Special Care: Health" took place at the EMU Health Sciences Faculty for the first time in the TRNC, including participant speakers from Argentina, India, Romania, Turkey and the TRNC. The conference hosted discussions on health issues in individuals who need special care. During the conference, data on health screening applied by Special Olympics in different countries was also shared with participants.



# A Panel on the Past and Future of an Elite Sportsperson Takes Place at EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Health Sciences Faculty, Department of Sports Sciences held a panel titled “The Past and Future of An Elite Sportsperson”. Besiktas legend Metin Tekin, nicknamed Yellow Storm and successful Turkish Cypriot volleyball player and Turkish National Team player Ali Osman Nurettin were speakers at the event.

EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç was the moderator of the panel that took place on Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 at 14:30. Participation to the panel which took place at the Health Sciences Faculty Amphitheatre was considerably high.

During the panel, Tekin and Nurettin spoke about Turkish football's past and future as well as elite sportspeople and

professionalism. Answering audience's questions throughout the panel, Tekin and Nurettin were presented a plaque of appreciation by Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden.

#### Visit to Prof. Dr. Osam

Before the panel, Tekin and Nurettin visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office speaking about sports in Cyprus and the TRNC. Also present during the visit were Rector's Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş and Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç. Expressing his satisfaction regarding being at EMU, Tekin presented Prof. Dr. Osam and Prof. Dr. Malkoç a signed Beşiktaş jersey.

At the end of the visit, Prof. Dr. Osam handed Tekin a unique Cypriot Lefkara frame.



## Breathtaking EMUATHLON Race

The EMUATHLON race organised by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Sports Affairs Directorate took the breath away of those watching. During the said race, athletes in teams of 8 were expected to pass 22 endurance barriers involving jumping, climbing, hurdles, mud-crawling, step-climbing and pool running within the shortest duration possible.

At the third annual EMUATHLON race, each team consisted of 4 males and 4 females. The competition also required each team to have a member over 40 years

of age. A total of 25 teams and 200 athletes participated in this years' race. The competition was monitored by referees deployed by EMU Sports Affairs Directorate, who also helped direct competitors to the finish line.

Competing in front of a large crowd, both audience members and athletes had a day to remember. A range of prizes were awarded to the top four teams after the race that was started by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam.



# TRNC Becomes Champion in Women's Category and Nigeria in Men's Category



Organised by Eastern Mediterranean University, Sports Affairs Directorate, "EMU Futsal Tournament was completed with final matches and an award ceremony which took place at Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Center on Wednesday, 19 April 2017.

In the final matches, in men's category, Nigeria gained victory against Palestine with a score 12-11. As per the women's category, TRNC defeated Nigeria with a score 1-0. Palestine came second in men's category and Nigeria came second in women's category in the tournament. During the matches for the third place, Turkey gained victory against Iran in men's category (5-4) and Iran defeated Cameroon in the women's category (3-0).

Following the matches, an award ceremony where the winning teams were presented cups and medals took place. Cups and medals were awarded to the winning teams by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rector for Financial Affairs Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural, Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden, Rector's Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş, Student Affairs Coordinators Assoc. Prof. Dr. Derviş Subaşı and Assist.

Prof. Dr. Mutlu Kale and Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu. During the award ceremony, the Most Gentlemanly Player Awards were presented to Favour Ezinne Ogwuegbu and Roy Alhawawini, the Best Trainer Awards were given to Gizem Yahat and Ibrahim Ahmad Musa, the Best Goalkeeper Award to Damla Lisaniler and İhsan Salem, the Goal Queen Award to Niknaz Badrinezhad, the Goal King award to Alireza Zarrin, the Most Valuable Player Award to Tahmina Suleymanzaade and Rafael Ndubuisi.

In the tournament which commenced on 22 March 2017, a total of 30 men's teams and 10 women's teams from different countries competed against each other. The group matches took place between 22 March and 5 April and quarter finals and semi-finals took place on 6 April 2017.

EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex hosted the matches in six men's and two women's groups. The semifinalists were determined after a cross match-up between quarterfinalists which consisted of the first two leading teams in each men's group. The losing teams in the semifinals will compete for third place whilst the

winning teams will compete in the finals. In the women's competition, the first two teams in each group proceeded directly to the semifinals after cross match ups. The

winners of the semifinals will play in the final and the losing teams will compete for third place.

