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EMU Once Again Appears On The Times Higher Education List



Times Higher Education, one of the most reputable publishers of the worldwide university rankings, announced "BRICS and Emerging Economies University Rankings" on 30 November 2016. Eastern Mediterranean University has achieved remarkable success after having been ranked the 173rd university on the said list featuring 300 institutions in 50 developing countries.

In the said evaluations, whilst Peking University ranks first, Koç University ranks first among Turkish universities. It is also worth mentioning that EMU is

the only university appearing under the heading "Northern Cyprus" and ranks within the best 10 regarding the universities of Turkey.

The Times Higher Education "BRICS and Emerging Economies University Rankings" only include universities in BRICS nations of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa as well as universities in countries classified as emerging by the Financial Times. This year both Croatia and Northern Cyprus appeared on the rankings for the first time with the inclusion of Zagreb

University and Eastern Mediterranean University on the list. Two months ago, Eastern Mediterranean University also appeared among Turkish universities in World University Rankings 2016.

The rankings use the same 13 performance indicators (i.e., teaching, research, citations, international outlook, and industry income) employed in World University Rankings but are recalibrated to reflect the development priorities of universities in emerging economies including relations with industry and internalisation.

THE Rankings for Turkish Universities

1	15	Koç University
2	18	Sabancı University
3	37	Bilkent University
4	39	Boğaziçi University
5	51	İstanbul Technical University
6	62	Atilim University
7	80	Middle East Technical University
8	138	İstanbul University
9	164	Hacettepe University
10	173	Eastern Mediterranean University
11	193	Izmir Institute of Technology
12	201-250	Erciyes University
13	201-250	TOBB University of Economics and Technology
14	201-250	Yıldız Technical University
15	251-300	Anadolu University
16	251-300	Ankara University
17	251-300	Gazi University

EMU and İskele Municipality Settle A Collaboration Protocol



A collaboration protocol was signed between Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and İskele Municipality on the 23rd of November 2016. The protocol

that was signed at EMU Rector's Office will lead to the establishment of an EMU campus in the İskele region where academic, cultural and social exchange

will take place. The protocol was signed at 10:00 a.m. by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Mayor of İskele Hasan Sadıkoğlu.

Rector Prof. Dr. Osam delivered a speech at the signature ceremony and noted that EMU has successfully been fulfilling its social responsibilities. Prof. Dr. Osam also went on to state that the collaboration protocol will turn İskele region to a vibrant one, regarding academic and social dimensions. Prof. Dr. Osam noted that certain programs are set to take place in İskele following the completion of a feasibility study by EMU Faculty of Tourism. Prof. Dr. Osam concluded his speech by relaying his hope that the protocol will be for the best for all parties involved.

In a speech of his own, İskele mayor Sadıkoğlu noted that they are very hap-

py and excited to be signing the collaboration protocol with EMU. Sadıkoğlu noted that they have carried out many projects since starting their term with the slogan "Our Love is İskele", pointing out that they have noticed a deficiency as İskele is the only district without a university. Sadıkoğlu noted that İskele will become an even more valuable region after the settlement of the protocol with an important university like EMU.

EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren, Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı and Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden, Rector's Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş, Tourism Faculty Chair Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Secondary School Areas Education Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hamit Caner and İskele Municipality council members were also present at the protocol signing ceremony.

EMU Signs Collaboration Protocols with Tatlısu Municipality

Two collaboration protocols were signed by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Tatlısu Municipality. One of the agreements signed is a "Cittaslow Consultancy and Reporting Service" protocol and the other is a "Collaboration" protocol. Both protocols were signed on the 21st of December 2016 at EMU Rector's Office by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Tatlısu Mayor Ahmet Hayri Orçan at 10:00. Prof. Dr. Osam noted that EMU is a university that values community, underlining the fact that it con-

tinues its social responsibility projects in the context of consultancy. Prof. Dr. Osam also added to his words that EMU is providing consultancy for 2 out of the 3 municipalities at the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) that are members of Cittaslow.

Prof. Dr. Osam provided a reminder that the university is currently providing consultancy for Geçitkale Municipality that is in the process of the Cittaslow membership application process concluding by expressing his belief that the

protocol signed with the Tatlısu Municipality will yield successful outcomes.

Tatlısu Mayor Orçan stated that eco tourism and "Cittaslow" or "Slow Food" movement understanding is becoming more prevalent in the TRNC with each passing day. Noting that EMU is contributing to society by being aware of its social responsibility, Orçan said that he is very happy to be in collaboration with EMU. Calling EMU an educational locomotive, Orçan stated that working with the TRNC's best

institution of higher education is a big honor for them. Orçan concluded by re-laying his belief that the collaboration will end in success.

Present at the signature ceremony were EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren and Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden, Dean of the Architecture Faculty Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek, Interior Architecture Department Chair Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağlı, Architecture Faculty academic staff and Municipality personnel.



EXPERT PERSPECTIVE

EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç

"EMU SAYMER and 3 December World Disability Day"



As a continuously growing and developing center targeting the enhancement of the physical health of the disabled and their integration into the society, EMU SAYMER has been in operation since March 2016. With health professionals specialised in their respective fields, the center provides support for the holistic treatment of disabled individuals through physiotherapy, dietetics and nursing services. Closely following the latest trends in the field, EMU SAYMER applies up-to-date treatment methods with the support of high-technology medical equipment.

Among the center's aims are minimising the existing handicaps of the disabled, increasing their physical skills, providing psychosocial support and maximising their autonomy in daily activities. Within this framework, children with congenital or acquired functional disabilities, babies at high risk (premature or low birth weight babies) and children who have been diagnosed with cerebral palsy, muscular torticollis, spina bifida, brachial plexus injury, muscle disorders, autism, and down syndrome are evaluated from a physiotherapeutic perspective and treated by expert physiotherapists who possess in-depth experience in their fields.

Additionally, the center conducts the evaluation of adults diagnosed with neuromuscular disorders (Duchenne muscular dystrophy, Limb-girdle muscular dystrophy, myotonic dystrophy, amyotrophic lateral dystrophy etc...), stroke, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson disease, intracranial tumors, head concussions, polyneuropathies, spinal cord injuries, peripheral nerve injuries and offers appropriate physiotherapy programs, accordingly.

Having adopted a multidisciplinary approach in its practices, EMU SAYMER caters for an important need in our country. On 3 December World Disability Day, the importance of physiotherapy in the improvement of the physical health is once again highlighted. Additionally, in order for the disabled individuals to continue with their studies and gain professional skills, disabled-friendly modifications should be implemented in buildings. Similar measures regarding environmental design should also be taken for the disabled individuals' security and access to different places.

3 December World Disability Day should be considered as an opportunity both in our country and throughout the world for integrating the disabled into the society and providing equal and full rights to them like other individuals. For the prevention of disabilities, preventive measures should be highlighted and physical, mental and intellectual development of the disabled individuals should be developed through appropriate means. Additionally, 3 December World Disability Day should also serve as an opportunity for stressing the importance of the need to improve the educational, employment and social integration rights as well as the legal rights of the disabled."

An important indicator of a developed and modern society is the level of importance paid to the disabled individuals and their families as well as the means provided for their autonomous functioning within the community. Hence, state policies towards fulfilling this purpose should be developed and relevant measures should be taken. Development of health services and paying special attention to communal education should also be priority items in the government's agenda. Changing the society's point of view, minimising the transportation/access related problems preventing the disabled's integration into the society and applying relevant architectural changes will definitely contribute to the productivity level of the disabled individuals. These issues are the joint responsibility of both the governmental and non-governmental organisations in our country.

"Neuter, Vaccinate and Let Live Project" Continues



A protocol to renew the "Neuter, Vaccinate and Let Live Project" that has been ongoing as a result of collaboration between the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has been signed by TRNC Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources Nazim Çavuşoğlu and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. The project that aims to increase the quality of life of stray animals was renewed from the 19th of December 2016.

Minister Çavuşoğlu: Being animal friendly is one of the criteria for a country to reach world standards

In his speech during the signature ceremony Minister Çavuşoğlu noted that sensitivity towards the environment and

animal life is a measurement of how developed a country is, stating that cats and dogs are an irreplaceable part of nature. Noting that it is possible to feed animals if you have money, Çavuşoğlu highlighted the fact that providing love for them is what is important. Noting that the nurturing and vaccination of cats and dogs on campus will continue as part of the renewed protocol Minister Çavuşoğlu stated that protecting nature and maintaining the existence of animals are amongst the responsibilities of the ministry. Minister Çavuşoğlu noted: "Being animal friendly is one of the criteria for the TRNC to reach world standards. I thank you as a university, for your performance in helping us fulfill this criteria. By valuing animals and acknowledging their right to live, you have shown that the world isn't only ours but theirs also." During his speech at the signature ceremony, TRNC Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources Nazım Çavuşoğlu stated that EMU is a university that brings to life Famagusta and the country as a whole. Minister Çavuşoğlu also said that he admired the university for carrying out the social responsibility project with stray animals at heart. Minister Çavuşoğlu thanked the university Rector, academicians, personnel and students, expressing his gratitude for the university which he described as "a leader in the university sector."

Prof. Dr. Osam: EMU is ready to do all it can in terms of social responsibility

In a speech of his own, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted the importance of the day as the university working to provide a new life opportunity for our animal friends living on campus. Noting that EMU is a university that values animals, Prof. Dr. Osam stated: "The number of animal friends on campus is pretty high and they need support to live a normal life. For this reason we have been carrying a project for years with the TRNC Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, to improve their living conditions." Prof. Dr. Osam stated that the renewal of the protocol is of great importance thanking Minister Çavuşoğlu for providing this opportunity. Prof. Dr. Osam noted that EMU is ready to do all it can in terms of social responsibility underlining the fact that they will always try to collaborate with official government agencies. Prof. Dr. Osam conveyed the importance of obtaining pets from shelters or the university instead of purchasing them from pet shops noting that the university is against the sale of our animal friends. Prof. Dr. Osam requested that students and people who want to get a pet apply to the university or to a shelter.

EMU Commemorates Martyrs



As part of Eastern Mediterranean University, Education Faculty, Educational Sciences Department, Psychological Counseling and Guidance Program's Community

Services Application course and in collaboration with Atatürk's Ideology Club, a commemoration ceremony was organised within the framework of 21 December Martyrs' Week. Turkish

Republic of Northern Cyprus Assembly Vice Chair Hüseyin Avkıran Alanlı also attended the said event which took place at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall at 2:00 p.m. on 22 December 2015.

history of Cyprus and commemorated all martyrs who are the reasons for the existence of the Turkish Cypriots.

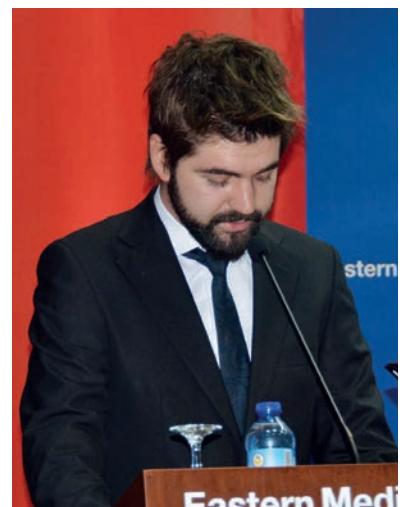
EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam delivered a speech at the said event which commenced with a moment of silence and the national anthem. Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam commemorated the martyrs who have a significant place in Cyprus Turkish history and added that we all should learn from the past to have a bright future.

TRNC Assembly Vice Chair Alanlı also delivered a speech and thanked everyone who contributed to this meaningful organisation. Alanlı talked about the

Following the opening addresses, EMU Atatürk Research and Application Center academic staff member Turgay Bülent Göktürk talked about the history of Cyprus. A video about Muratağa, Atlılar and Sandallar was also screened during the said organisation. After the video screening, Muratağa, Atlılar, Sandallar Martyrs Association Chair Ahmet Aşır and history instructor Aysel Soykara shared memories about massacres which took place at Muratağa, Atlılar and Sandallar villages. At the end of the event, plaques of appreciation were presented to Aşır and Soykara.



Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam



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Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk



Mustafa Kemal Atatürk was Commemorated at EMU



The 78th anniversary of Turkish leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's death was commemorated at EMU on the 10th of November 2016 through various activities. The first ceremony commemorating Atatürk took place with the participation of staff members and students at EMU Atatürk Monument at 8:45 a.m. Following the national songs and Atatürk's 10th Year Speech, EMU Atatürk Application and Research Center chair, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Cicioğlu read a 10th of November Declaration about Mustafa Kemal Atatürk.

In his address, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Cicioğlu commemorated Mustafa Kemal Atatürk on the 78th anniversary of his passing and stated that the great Turkish leader will live forever with his principles and revolutions. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Cicioğlu went on to state that the TRNC

community uses Atatürk's words "Freedom and independence is my character" as a guide.

The ceremony continued with the national anthem and a moment of silence after a wreath was laid on Atatürk's monument by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. In his speech, Prof. Dr. Osam noted that Atatürk is being commemorated with great love and that on the 78th anniversary of his passing he is greatly missed. Prof. Dr. Osam also stated that the meaning of Atatürk's words is being felt more and more everyday and that we will continue to walk down the path shown to us by Atatürk.

The ceremony came to an end after the Atatürk music recital by EMU Education Faculty, Fine Arts Education Department, Music Teaching Program students.

Panel and Documentary Screening

On the same day at 10:30 a.m., a panel took place at EMU Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. During the panel, EMU Atatürk Application and Research Center chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Cicioğlu delivered a speech entitled "Atatürk's Will" and EMU Atatürk Application and Research Center board member and Faculty of Law academician Prof. Dr. Turgut Turhan talked about "Atatürk's Thoughts of Death". Following the aforesaid speakers, Atatürk Application and Research Center academician Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk delivered a speech entitled "Understanding Mustafa Kemal" and EMU Atatürk Ideology Club chair Çağatay Kır spoke about "Atatürk and Youth". At the end of the panel, a documentary screening took place.



EMU Atatürk Ideology Club Organises a Visit to Anıtkabir

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Atatürk Ideology Club (ADK) organised a trip to Anıtkabir from the 11th to the 13th of November 2016. The trip organized by EMU-ADK Chair M. Çağatay Kır took place under the guidance of EMU Atatürk Research Center (ATUM) Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Cicioğlu and ATUM members Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk and Süheyyla Göktürk. The trip began with a visit to the Turkish Grand National Assembly.

At Anıtkabir, the group placed a wreath onto Atatürk's mausolea also signing Anıtkabir's special notebook indicating their commitment to Atatürk's principles. The EMU-ADK group also explored the "Atatürk and Turkish War of Independence Museum" located in a 3 thousand square meter area under the Hall of Honour where Atatürk's mausolea is located.

The group then handed a commemorative plaque to the Anıtkabir Commandership. During the trip, the group also visited the first and second parliament chambers before visiting Ankara Castle and Çankaya Köşk museum; the place where Atatürk stayed from 1921 to 1932.

The group also visited Polatlı, the place where the Battle of Sakarya took place as well as the Supreme Headquarters of the Turkish Armed Forces in Alagöz, the Logistic Command Base in Mallıköy and the Sakarya Martyr's Memorial in Polatlı. The group was met in Polatlı by Artillery

and Missile School Commander, Brigadier General Hurşit Ağırçan. Ağırçan was also presented a commemorative plaque. Finally, before returning to the TRNC, the group visited Gordion where King Midas' tumulus located in the Yassihöyük village.



EMU Organises a Symposium in Memory of Late Prof. Dr. Esin Konanç



Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Law organized a symposium in memory of Prof. Dr. Esin Konanç titled "Comparative Nationality Law of Turkey-TRNC". The symposium that was organized in memory of the Late Faculty of Law Dean Prof. Dr. Esin Konanç who died in a tragic car accident on the 20th December 2009, took place at Mustafa



Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam

Afşin Ersoy Hall on Friday the 23rd of December 2016 at 10:00.

The program commenced with a moment of silence and the Turkish national anthem. Next, Prof. Dr. Esin Konanç's biography was read. The opening addresses were made by Vice Dean of the Faculty of Law, Asst. Prof. Dr. Ulaş Gündüzler. Asst. Prof. Dr.



Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam

Gündüzler thanked all in attendance and commemorated Esin Konanç. Providing information about the symposium Asst. Prof. Dr. Gündüzler noted that it will shed light on many important topics. In a speech of his own EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam commemorated Esin Konanç saying that they greatly miss her and noting that it is very important not to forget such individuals.

Addressing the students, Prof. Dr. Osam stated that he believes law should be used as universal guide in the chaotic times the world is going through. Prof. Dr. Osam noted that the road conditions leading to the passing of Konanç are yet to be fully rectified stating the need for state representatives to enforce certain rules. Prof. Dr. Osam concluded by wishing everybody a useful symposium. Famagusta district governor Dürdane Açı was also present at the opening ceremony.

After the opening speeches, EMU Faculty of Law academic staff member Prof. Dr. Hasan İsgüzar shared his fond memories with Esin Konanç. The moderator of the first session of the symposium was Prof. Dr. Tuğrul Arat. The first session included the presentations "Commanding Principles of Nationality Law" by Prof. Dr. Feriha Bilge, "A glance at TRNC Nationality Law" by Prof. Dr. Turgut Turhan, "Voluntary Turkish Citizenship" by Prof. Dr. Esra Dardagan Kibar and "Obtaining Nationality in TRNC Law" by Asst. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba.

The moderator of the second session was Prof. Dr. Turgut Turhan. The second session included the presentations "The right to gain Turkish citizenship and how to lose it" by Prof. Dr. Bilgin Tiryakioğlu, "How to Gain Turkish citizenship exceptionally in Turkish Nationality Law" by Assist. Prof. Dr. Sedat Sirmen, "The cancellation of Turkish Citizenship and the Withdrawal of Citizenship Rights" by Asst. Prof. Dr. Aslı Bayata Canyaş and "Losing Citizenship in TRNC Law" by research assistant Ulvi Nail Gün. The symposium came to an end after the speakers were presented plaques of appreciation.



EMU-ATUM Chair Presents His New Book to Acting President of EMU Board of Trustees

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Atatürk Research Centre Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Cicioğlu presented his latest book to EMU Board of Trustees Acting President Ali Babaliki. Visiting Babaliki in his office Assoc. Prof. Dr. Cicioğlu introduced his new book titled "Atatürk'tin Büyük Nutuk'ta Adları Geçen Muhalifleri, Muhalefet Gerekçeleri, Atatürk'ün

Cevabı". Babaliki noted his happiness regarding receiving Assoc. Prof. Dr. Cicioğlu in his office. Babaliki went on to state that he will read the new book with great pleasure. Receiving extensive information about the contents of the book, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Cicioğlu stated that we are feeling Atatürk's absence more and more each passing day.



EMU Cyprus Policy Center Head Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen Gives Presentation at Italian Senate

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Political Science and International Relations academician and Head of EMU Cyprus Policy Center, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen gave a presentation in the Italian Senate, titled "Regional Reconciliation in the Eastern Mediterranean and Development of Energy Resources".

The conference took place at the Senate of the Republic in Rome, as a result of collaboration between the Italian the Center for Peace in the Middle East (CIPMO), the International Affairs Institute (IAI) and the National Hydrocarbon Company, Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi (ENI).

During the conference, the technical

aspects of discovering and extracting energy from important sources were discussed. In addition, the conference focused on the relationship between regional stakeholders as well as possible geostrategic results and transformations.

The opening speech of the conference was given by ENI Executive Director Claudio Descalzi. After the themed speech from Miguel Arias Canete, Energy and Climate Change Delegate of the European Commission, a speech was given by Paolo Gentiloni, Minister of Foreign Affairs. A speech was also given by Head of the Italian Senate Foreign Affairs Committee.

Prof. Dr. Sözen started his speech by stating that whether natural resources



are used as sources of conflict or cooperation, will impact whether or not an agreement will be reached. Prof. Dr. Sözen noted that stakeholders must unite their wisdom and power within legal framework. Acknowledging that this will not be easy, Prof. Dr. Sözen highlighted the fact that numerous inspirational examples that can be used as reference do exist.

Prof. Dr. Sözen stated that there is potential for cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean region regarding hydrocarbon, before going on to note that maximum utilization is almost impossible because of the number, density and length disputes in the region. Prof.

Dr. Sözen emphasized at the Italian Senate that "The international community must strongly encourage the prevention of the 2017 hydrocarbon drillings until the negotiations are finalized as well as encouraging both leaders to swiftly find a solution to the Cyprus problem".

Providing detailed information about approaches regarding what needs to be done, Sözen stated that the most beneficial methods must be chosen in order to meet ideals such as regional agreements. Specific to Cyprus, Sözen stated that potential risks should be eliminated and therefore hydrocarbon drillings delayed until after the finalization of negotiations.



Eastern Mediterranean University Was Represented at the Medicine World Congress and in South Cyprus

EMU Represented At Medicine World Congress

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Biological Sciences Academic Staff Assoc. Dr. Şükrü Tüzmen, represented EMU at the "3rd Turkish Medicine World Congress" organized by Republic of Turkey Ministry of Health in İstanbul.

Assoc. Dr. Şükrü Tüzmen represented EMU in the Cancer Molecular Biology,

Cancer Genetics and Oncogene Project workshops by providing information about sampling and reservation of tissue taken from cancer patients, (rare) genetic diseases and also the diagnosis of cancer molecules based on his international experience.

Republic of Turkey Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Recep Akdağ and TUSEB Director Prof. Dr. Fahrettin Keleştemur delivered the opening speeches at the congress. The main theme of the congress was the National Genome

Project and 5 presentations took place regarding England, USA, Sweden and the Harvard Genome Project.

EMU Academic Staff Member Invited to Speak at a Conference in South Cyprus

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Biological Sciences academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Şükrü Tüzmen recently attended the 7th PanCyprian Thalassaemia conference that took place at "The Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics" in South Cyprus, upon invitation to deliver a speech.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tüzmen held a seminar titled "Potential Therapeutic Modalities in Beta-Thalassemia", organized with the support of the PanCyprian Thalassaemia Association. During the seminar, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tüzmen provided information on his academic work relating to finding a cure for Beta-Thalassemia.



EMU Department of Banking and Finance Holds First of Seminars



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Banking and Finance held the first of the finance seminars they are going to hold throughout the Fall Semester of the 2016-2017 Academic Year. The first of the EMU Department of Banking and Finance's expert guests was Emre Değirmencioglu, Head of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) İktisat Bank Treasury Department.

Değirmencioglu came together with students for the seminar in which the relationship between human behavior and the market was discussed. Değirmencioglu also touched upon the changes in consumption patterns and creativity after the 2008 global crisis. Değirmencioglu divided financial markets into different regions and explained the reactions of countries towards occupational and political developments. The seminar that had a large attendance ended with Değirmencioglu answering students' questions.

EMU Academic Staff Member Attends A Symposium In Barcelona

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Turkish Language and Literature Department academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Bedri Aydoğan attended the "1st International Conference on Studies in Turkology (ICOSTURK'2016 – Barcelona)" that took place in Barcelona, Spain, delivering a presentation titled "The Historical People in Nazlı Eray's Shadows Novel".

The studies of Assist. Prof. Dr. Aydoğan were based on the historical characters in one of the most significant and productive authors of Magical Realism in Turkey Nazlı Eray's The City of Lost Shadows novel; and evaluated the ways characters around Stalin were narrated. Assist. Prof. Dr. Aydoğan stated that in The City of Lost Shadows; Stalin was reflected by political figures and the women in his life. It touched upon his loves and other humane characteristics.



EMU Gastronomy And Culinary Arts Department Graduates To Receive World Association Of Chefs' Societies (Wacs) Diploma

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department has successfully been awarded "World Association of Chefs' Societies" (WACS) accreditation. WACS is a highly reputable organization established in Paris in 1928. Graduates of EMU Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department will receive a WACS diploma. EMU Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department is also the first university to receive institutional membership accreditation of WACS.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç: *EMU Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department is amongst the most Prestigious Academic Institutions*

Dean of EMU Tourism Faculty Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed his pleasure regarding receiving an institutional membership award from one of the largest and most prominent associations in the world thus providing graduates of the department with a WACS diploma. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also expressed their pride in becoming the first university within the TRNC and Turkey to gain WACS accreditation. Prof Dr. Kılıç underlined that in addition to WACS accreditation, EMU Tourism Faculty, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department, is the only approved City & Guilds Center within



the TRNC. Backed by a Royal Charter, City & Guilds is one of the most reputable training and accreditation bodies in England. It was founded in 1878.

About WACS

The World Association of Chefs' Societies (WACS), is a global network of

chefs' associations first founded in Paris in 1928. At the first congress there were 65 delegates from 17 countries. WACS is a non-political professional organization dedicated to maintaining and improving the culinary standards of global cuisine through education, training and professional development of its international membership. Today, this global

body has 93 official chefs' associations as members that represent over 10 million professional chefs worldwide. Other missions of the community include supporting Gastronomy and Culinary Arts education, organizing various contests in order to prepare students for an international career and providing educational programs for contest juries.

EMU Tourism Faculty Academic Staff Member Gains Success At International Level

Eastern Mediterranean University Faculty of Tourism, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department academic staff member Chef Pınar Barut won a silver medal at the Cake International Sugarcraft, Cake Decorating and Baking Show which took place in Birmingham between 4-6 November 2016.

The world renowned "Cake International Sugarcraft, Cake Decorating and Baking Show" hosted 1800 participants from various countries, demonstrating their skills in different categories. Barut came second and was rewarded with a silver medal in the "Novelty Cake-Novel Design" category which hosted 45 participants. Formerly, Barut won a bronze medal at the Cake International Sugarcraft, Cake Decorating and Baking Show in "Figure" category which took place in Birmingham in 2011, in 2012 her unique "Wedding Cake" design won another bronze medal and a gold medal in the "Novel Design" category at the international contest. In ad-

dition, Barut was awarded with another gold medal in 2015 with her cake design in the "Novel Design" category. Barut won another bronze medal in 2012 at

the Sugarcraft, Cake Decorating and Baking Show in the "Novelty Cake" category and a silver medal in the same category in another contest which took

place in London. Barut is currently an academic staff member of the Tourism Faculty teaching Kitchen Management and Advanced Pastry courses.



Two EMU Interior Architecture Department Celebrations In One Night

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture, Interior Architecture Department organized an AQAS (Agency for Quality Assurance through Accreditation of Study Programs) Accreditation Certificate and 2015-2016 Spring Term Honour and High Honour Certificate Ceremony. The ceremony took place at the Famagusta Walled City Association (MASDER) building located in Famagusa Walled city.

Speaking at the said event EMU Interior Architecture Department Chair Prof. Dr.

Uğur Ulaş Dağlı noted that they are very pleased to be celebrating two important events, thanking all in attendance. Touching upon the importance of AQAS, Prof. Dr. Dağlı stated that EMU is the first university in Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus whose Interior Architecture Department has AQAS accreditation (headquarters in Germany).

In his speech AQAS Accreditation International Relations Representative Ronny Heintz congratulated EMU Faculty of Architecture for its success



handing Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağlı the accreditation certificate valid until 2019. Dean of EMU Faculty of Architecture Prof. Dr. Özgür Dincürek thanked all who played a part in the event coming to fruition, congratulating the Interior Architecture students about to receive their Honour and High Honour certificates. After the speeches, the students were handed their Honour and High Honour certificates by

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren and Architecture Faculty academicians.

Towards the end of the night a musical performance by EMU Education Faculty, Fine Arts Department academic staff member Erkan Dağlı and music teacher Rana Uluçay took place. The night came to an end with a cocktail after the musical performance.



EMU Architecture Department Awards Successful Students

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Architecture Faculty, Department of Architecture celebrated its dynamism and success resulting from its steady and visible rise of the educational quality and student numbers with a colourful organization.

The event took place at St. Peter and St. Paul Church (Sinan Paşa Mosque) located in the old city of Famagusta and featured both student and academic staff participation. Students who demonstrated an outstanding academic performance during the 2015-2016 Academic Year Spring Semester were awarded their certificates. The organization aimed to increase student motivation before the exams and, at the same time, release stress.

At the event that started with a cocktail, Architecture Department Chair Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı noted that the enthusiasm of students and academic staff is pleasing for the department that has been strengthening its organizations each year in order appeal to a larger number of students. After Prof. Dr.

Doratlı's speech, Architecture Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Özgür Dincürek and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam

wished students luck not only in their academic life but in all walks of life. The event ended after Architecture

Department students were handed their honour and high-honour certificates by members of academic staff.



Experienced Reporter Rakoczy Meets Future Journalists At EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication and Media Studies hosted a talk titled "Reporting from the Eastern Mediterranean" and Department of Journalism honor and high-honor certificate ceremony with the participation of Polish Press Agency news reporter Agnieszka Rakoczy.

The opening speech of the certificate ceremony was delivered by Department of Journalism Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nurten Kara. Kara noted that they are adopting a new curriculum titled "New Media and Journalism" by making changes to the existing curriculum with the aim of elevating the international compliance of department students.

"Citizen Journalism Makes Everyone a Reporter"

The successful students of the Department of Journalism were presented their certificates by academic staff during the honor and high honor certificate ceremony that took place after the opening speech of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nurten Kara. Following the certificate ceremony, a talk by experienced reporter Agnieszka Rakoczy took place. Not only students but also research assistants and academic staff members attended the talk. Prominent news reporter Agnieszka Rakoczy shared her experiences in the journalism sector with attendees of the event.

Rakoczy started her speech by



emphasizing the significance of providing exact information to the public, and continued her words as follows: "The increasing power of social media is offering us access to many sources and news items. With the help of citizen journalism, everyone is able to become a reporter instantly. Keeping this in consideration, reporters should be very careful in order to make the right choices in such a chaotic atmosphere."

"Be Careful about Misleading News"

Rakoczy underlined the difficulty of distinguishing between fake news and speculations in the interactive era

we are living in and emphasized the necessity of providing the public with actual information by exemplifying the existing lack of data about the ongoing massacre in Aleppo.

"I don't disclose that I am a journalist"

When pursuing foreign news in such geographies Rakoczy stated that she doesn't disclose that she is a journalist. "Firstly, I am not very good at preparing the concerned formalities. Secondly, if people know you are a journalist this can sometimes pose a security threat. In addition, if you don't disclose that you are a journalist you can obtain

information from other news agencies and civilians more easily."

Pressure on the media is increasing

Rakoczy stated that polyphony is decreasing as pressure on the media increases. Rakoczy went onto note that when looking at her own country, she sees a partial decline in freedom of the press. Rakoczy continued as follows: "For example a protest with a participation of 200 thousand people, can be portrayed in the media as a protest with a participation of 50 thousand people."

The Cypriot community has the strength to shape their own destiny

Also stating her opinions about the Cypriot negotiation process, Rakoczy noted that she is carrying out journalism for Cyprus Today in the North and The Cyprus Mail and Sunday Mail in the South. Rakoczy noted that she still has hope for peace, stating that the problem is the perception that only the guarantors and super powers can solve the Cyprus problem. Rakoczy stated "The Cypriot community has the strength to shape their own destiny".

After answering the audience's questions Agnieszka Rakoczy was handed her gifts and a plaque of appreciation. The talk ended with Department of Journalism students taking a photo with the experienced journalist.

Day of Honour for EMU Public Relations and Advertising Department Students

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Communication and Media Studies Faculty, Public Relations and Advertising Department organised a "New Year" themed certificate ceremony for honour and high honour students. The event was also attended by academic staff.

The opening speech at the ceremony was given by Public Relations and Advertising Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anil Kemal Kaya. During his speech Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kaya congratulated the successful students also wishing them an early 'happy new year'.

Next, a speech was given by Banu Çalışkanlar on behalf of Public Relations and Advertising Department Turkish program students. In her speech that drew

attention to the value of the university, Çalışkanlar stated "We thank you, our dear academicians for everything that you have done for us." A speech was also given by Norhene Ben Brahim in the

name of Public Relations and Advertising Department English program students. The ceremony continued with Public Relations and Advertising Department students being awarded their honour

and high honour certificates by members of academic staff. The event ended with a group photograph and cocktail, following a musical performance from student Benjamin Simon.



“Make a Wish Project” from EMU Students

A social responsibility project was carried out by Tourism Faculty THRM 223 Social Responsibility Project class students at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU). The project titled “Make a Wish” was aimed towards children from Miray Special Education Centre. Under the coordination of

EMU Community Involvement Centre Executive Board member Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Russo, a New Year ball was organized at Famagusta Flexiland.

Six weeks before the event, Miray Special Education Centre students listed their top three wishes for the New Year.

With help from Zeytin Ağacı Education and Mutual Aid Society Chair Rabia Özçömert, these wishes were granted by EMU students. EMU students made the Miray Special Education Centre students happy by giving them New Year gifts such as dolls, goalkeeper gloves and tracksuits. The event also

included all sorts of fun activities such as National Azerbaijani dances, clown shows, face painting, games and cartoon characters. At the end of the event EMU Faculty of Tourism Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç noted his satisfaction regarding the faculty supporting social responsibility projects each term.



Palestinian Students Hold Award Night



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Palestinian Students Society held an Award Night to express their gratitude to the Society's 2016 President and cabinet who have completed their course in office. The event was held at EMU Beach Club and was full of joy and excitement with a very large Palestinian student attendance.

In her address, International Office Coordinator, Mrs. Özgür Taşçıoğlu Güler stated her appreciation of Palestinian Students for their commitment and dedication to the progress of EMU. Güler noted that EMU is always proud to have international students on its campus, stating that they are one of the reasons for the growth of the University. Mrs. Güler also expressed her appreciation of the Palestinian Students' Society and encouraged them to be committed and dedicated

in taking EMU towards further successes. In his speech, Vice President of the Palestinian Students Society Ahmed Toma thanked the Eastern Mediterranean University management for the high quality environment and facilities they provide for the students. He also thanked the international office team for their support, dedication and drive in making sure their activities are successful. In addition, Toma stated that EMU allows Palestinian students the opportunity to represent their country and make their voices heard.

The event also featured a video display about the activities organized by the Palestinian Student Society in the 2015-2016 term, traditional Palestinian Dance (Dabke) and awards being presented to Cabinet Members and the Palestinian Basketball Team.



Children's New Year Organization by EMU Students

Sponsored by AFİK Group, organized by the EMU Tourism Faculty and aimed towards the SOS Children's Village and the Social Services Department Nicosia Nursery School of the TRNC Ministry of Labour and Social Security, a New Year organization took place at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Beach Club.

The organization that was attended by 150 people started with EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç handing AFİK Group a plaque and giving the opening speech in which he thanked SOS Children's Village Director Ahmet Akarsu, Çağlayan Nursery School and everyone from EMU participating in the organization. The event that was coordinated by EMU Community Involvement Centre board member Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Russo featured a pantomime, a clown show, a robot show, competitions, Russian, Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Tajik and Iranian national dance as well as bachata dance and a range of surprises. One of the surprises of the night was Tajik student Guliya Kemaleddinova's immaculate performance of the song Baghdad.

Cultural interaction was at the forefront of the organisation. The night ended with a sketch of world famous gourmet chefs preparing their food.

Aside from EMU students, children from the SOS Children's Village also provided entertainment with 5 dance shows. EMU Faculty of Education, Early Childhood Education program students set up a stand where they carried out face-painting, modelling clay, hand printing and ping

pong activities for the children throughout the night. A band comprising of Umut Can Akar, Mazlum Keleş, Ulus Can Kargaoğlu and Eran Ekiz also provided the children with enjoyable songs and moments. The stand of Mother Christmas and Arab Sheik also received a lot of attention from the children. At the end of the night SOS Children's Village Director Ahmet Akarsu handed certificates to those who contributed in the event coming to life and a group photo was taken. AFİK Group

representative Özkan Özçınar thanked Involvement Centre board member Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Russo, stating that he is very happy about the AFİK-EMU collaborations and noting that he would like to carry out more collaborations in the future. EMU students stated that they have been working very hard on the project for 3 months pointing out that it was worth it after seeing the smiles on the children's faces.



EMU International Office Bids Farewell To 2016

The International Office of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) ended the year with a special New Year celebration on Friday, the 30th of December 2016. The colorful event was also attended by the International Societies.

Present at the celebration were EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rector for International Affairs & Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Coordinator Seldjan Timur, International Office Coordinator Özgür Taşçıoğlu Güler and Public Relations and Press Office Director Murat Aktuğralı. During the celebration, personnel, assistants and students took a photo with Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam.

The New Year celebration had lots of music, dance and excitement. The mood at the event showed that the International Office recorded a lot of success during

2016. The event also coincided with the birthday of International Office Coordinator Özgür Taşçıoğlu Güler whose workmates threw a surprise

birthday party for. Güler thanked her team for the lovely surprise and wished international students and all EMU Community a happy new year.



EMU Visual Arts And Visual Communication Design Department Students' Day Of Honor

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication, Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Department organized a certificate awarding ceremony for the students who demonstrated outstanding success during the semester. EMU Communication Faculty's academic staff members attended the ceremony where many students were awarded with high honour and honour certificates.

Vice Chair of the Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Department Assoc. Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu delivered the opening speech of the ceremony. In his opening address, Vice Chair of the Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Department Assoc. Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu congratulated the students for their remarkable success and informed

the attendees about the upcoming t-shirt design and serigraphy workshops. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Çavuşoğlu put forth that EMU will have the honour of hosting successful artist Martin Baeyens for serigraphy workshops during EMU Spring Festivals. Furthermore, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Çavuşoğlu stated that department fieldwork is going to continue along with applied technical education such as the photograph and video exhibitions that took place at St. Hilliarion Castle in Kyrenia.

Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design department students received their honour and high honour certificates from the academic staff members of the department. After the certificate awarding, students celebrated their success at a cocktail organisation.



Educational Toy For Visually Impaired Children Designed by EMU Academic Staff Exhibited in Four Fairs

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication, Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design academic staff members Hare Eminoglu and Senih Çavuşoğlu designed an educational toy named "WOODLE" for visually impaired children. WOODLE was recently exhibited at the "Shenzhen Interna-

tional Industrial Design Fair" in China. The educational toy was also exhibited in the globally awarded designs section of the Cube Design Museum in Holland, the International Architecture, Interior Architecture and Design Festival in India and Bologna/Italy Design Week and Grand Design Exhibition.

Both the Braille alphabet and Latin alphabet were used in the design of WOODLE giving the opportunity to visually impaired children to play together with other children. Designed as a 3D puzzle, the toy aims to entertain children and at the same time enable them to develop various skills including getting to know different animals, learning how to spell their names in English, discovering shapes and writing their names. With its unique design, WOODLE was qualified for the international "A" Design Award.



Successful Students were Awarded

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Education Faculty, Department of Foreign Language Education and Department of Computer Education and Instructional Technologies held honour and high honour certificate ceremonies for their successful students of the 2015-2016 Academic Year Spring Semester.

During the Department of Foreign Language Education's award ceremony, honour and high honour students were awarded their certificates by the Education Faculty Dean, the Department Chair and members of academic staff. During his opening speech, Foreign Language Education Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Javanshir Shibliyev thanked all in attendance and everybody that contributed to the organization of the event. Noting that they are always by the side of students, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Shibliyev noted that the department is committed to doing all it can to contribute to the development of students.

Next, Education Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam took to the floor, highlighting the importance of the success that these certificates symbolise. Prof. Dr. Osam wished that the students receiving certificates will provide in-



spiration for other students, noting that the road to success starts by identifying goals, determining how to reach these goals and consistently working hard.

Meanwhile, Department of Computer Education and Instructional Technologies students received their certificates

from Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersun İşçioğlu and members of academic staff. Assoc. Prof. Dr. İşçioğlu stated "This certificate ceremony is a customary ceremony in our university, done to honour our successful students. I congratulate you for your wonderful achievements. We are trying to teach all

of our students very well and believe that we are doing so. I believe that the certificates awarded to our most successful students tonight will motivate all other students as well. I believe that all of our students can be future teachers with the unique qualities they gain in our department."

EMU Industrial Engineering Organizes Case Study Competition

Eastern Mediterranean University Engineering Faculty, Industrial Engineering Department Student Club (IE – Club) successfully organized a "Case Study Competition", one of the most important organizations of the Industrial Engineering Community Association (IECA).

IECA Case Study Competition aims for Industrial Engineering students to face

the difficulties of working by being introduced to the problems they are likely to come across during work and to gain experience about projects they are likely to be involved in and crises they are likely to manage.

In the local eliminations of the Industrial Engineering Community Association Case Study Competition which took place in EMU, Industrial Engineering

and Business Engineering 3rd and 4th year undergraduate students took part in the competition in groups consisting of 4 members.

According to information provided by Industrial Engineering Department chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gökhan İzbırak, the competition jury was formed of Dağlı Trading Co-Director Dr. Orhan Dağlı, EMU Engineering Department

academic staff members Assoc. Prof. Dr. Adham Mackieh and Asst. Prof. Dr. Sahand Daneshvar. Assoc. Prof. Dr. İzbırak noted that the team comprising of Berru Sallabaşoğlu, Ali Yiğit Bilgin, Serdar Yılmaz and Osman Küçükkaya was awarded first place after careful deliberation. The winning team will represent EMU in the finals set to take place in Turkey, in May 2017.



The Industrial Engineering Community Association provides a platform bringing together the Industrial Engineering student clubs and communities both within the Republic of Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Having the quality of being the largest student community of Turkey, IECA houses the memberships of a total of 15 universities' Industrial Engineering student clubs.

EMU Industrial Engineering Student Club is the only organisation in Cyprus which holds membership in the European Students of Industrial Engineering and Management.

EMU Interior Architecture Student's Remarkable Success

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture, Department of Interior Architecture student Aizhan Turekhanova's dissertation project came third at the Interior Architecture Student's National Dissertation Project Contest MEKAN 2016, hosted by Istanbul Culture University.

50 dissertation projects were evaluated by juries formed by expert members at the contest. EMU Department of Interior Architecture student Aizhan Turekhanova, attended the said contest with her "Indoor Design of Restaurants" project developed under the supervision of her

2015-2016 Spring Semester course coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Kamil Güley.

The contest aims to bring together Interior Architecture and Environmental Design students from departments in Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) by creating an interactive platform facilitating communication. The MEKAN 2016 contest takes place annually to promote young interior architect candidates and to support their education by giving them an opportunity to expand their professional vision. Assist. Prof. Dr. Güley highlighted the importance of student

contests for professional development and added that contests, especially in design, are essential for the research of new and updated phenomena.

Assist. Prof. Dr. Güley, also stated that future interior architects must attend these contests starting from the first years of their education to improve their professional development and noted that students who are good at researching, observing and reflecting their motivation towards interior architecture tend to be more successful in the field. EMU Department of Interior Architecture

Chair Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağılı delivered a speech at the Award Ceremony which took place at Istanbul Culture University stating that they feel honored as a department by the success accomplished at the contest. Prof. Dr. Dağılı said that the award winning dissertation project is the result of a 4-year education process and contributions from all members of the department. Prof. Dr. Dağılı underlined the fact that EMU Department of Interior Architecture is the only accredited department in Turkey and the TRNC, raising successful Interior Architects with their high level of education. Meanwhile, Turekhanova thanked everybody who supported the development of her award winning project.



EMU Graduate Pursues a Successful Career at Turkish Airlines



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Banking and Finance graduate Hassan Javaid is successfully employed at Turkish Airlines as an Institutional Marketing Representative. After graduating from the Banking and Finance Department in 2010, Javaid decided to get his master's degree in the same field due to the quality education he received at EMU, completing his degree in 2012.

Javaid stated that after graduating from EMU, he started working at Saudi Arabia Turkish Airlines Branch as an Institutional Marketing Representative. Javaid expressed his appreciation for the quality education he received at EMU, stressing the fact that it played an important role in his career. Javaid emphasized the fact that EMU is the right address for an international education on specialized topics, advising everyone to choose EMU for their international career.

Students from Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department Come Third in Europe

Under the guidance of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts academician Hüseyin Akbulut, students Cem Mengüllüoğlu and Hüseyin Akbulut made EMU proud by coming third in a European competition in the pastry and decathlon categories.

The 29th Annual Conference, Competitions and General Assembly of the European Association of Hotel and Tourism Schools (AEHT) took place at the Docklands Academy London (DAL) and featured over 600 attendees from schools of hotel management and gastronomy.

The event began with an opening ceremony that took place in the Church House located inside the Westminster Cathedral in London. The opening speech was provided by Head of AEHT Ana Paula Pais and Director of the Docklands Academy London Ayşegül Yeşildağlar. Following the opening speeches, an art exhibition highlighting the multiculturalism of England was presented. At the end of the opening ceremony, informative meetings aimed towards students and educators took place. The winners of the competitions that took place on the 24th, 25th and

26th of October were announced during a gala night on the 27th of October.

AEHT aims to encourage communication between faculties of hotel management and tourism, in order to lay a bridge between faculties and institutions and to improve communication networks. 44 countries were represented in the tourism organization, which is a tourism organization with one of the widest scales in Europe.



EMU Welcomes International Journalists

Within the framework of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus' '15th of November Republic Day' celebrations, a group of international journalists visited the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) on Wednesday, the 16th of November 2016. During the said visit EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova and Political Science and International Relations Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erol Kaymak held a meeting with the guest journalists at EMU Senate Room. The journalists were provided with detailed information about both EMU and the Cyprus Conflict. Prof. Dr. Osam welcomed all the journalists and highlighted the importance of EMU as the oldest and most prominent

university of TRNC emphasizing that the establishment of EMU is older than the proclamation of TRNC. Prof. Dr. Osam expressed his pleasure in hosting international journalists every year and

wished the journalists quality time at EMU.

Prof. Dr. Tanova delivered a presentation and provided detailed information about

accreditation projects, student and academic staff profiles and university facilities. Following his presentation, Prof. Dr. Tanova answered questions from the visiting group. After Prof. Dr. Tanova, Assoc. Dr. Kaymak delivered a presentation about the Cyprus Conflict and answered questions from the group. Journalists from over twenty countries including Italy, Jordan, Nigeria, Gambia, Lithuania, Azerbaijan, Finland, Albania, Ethiopia, Serbia, Germany, Malaysia, Estonia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Egypt, Qatar, Tunisia, Hungary, Pakistan and Turkey visited EMU campus and expressed their fascination with the university. The said event concluded with a lunch organization at EMU Tower Restaurant.



9th EMU Translation And Interpretation Department Silver Screen Days They Are Being Trained For A Professional Career

The 9th Silver Screen Days featuring the screening of films translated by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Arts and Sciences Faculty, Translation and Interpretation Department final year students took place this week.

Within the framework of the "Silver Screen Days" event, EMU Department of Translation and Interpretation showed its difference once again. The event included informative presentations about audio-visual translation techniques and revealed the significance of applied training for a professional career.

Translation and Interpretation Department students Sibel Yurtuz, Leyla Kiliç, C. İlkim Özcanlı, Kemale Adilova, Direnç Kuyucu, Elşad Muradxan, Afgan Balashlı, Kamil G. Çağlar, Hüseyin Takar, Sermin Denizli, Erdem Arslan, Tuygan Uygur, Meliz Yücedal, Mina Huseynli and Nezaket Şadırvan translated a number of historical, drama, comedy and animation movies.

Translation and Interpretation Department Academic Staff and Audio-Visual Translation Specialist Neslihan Binath Hekimoğlu stated that the event aims to make students aware of the important responsibility undertaken by translators also adding that there is a sectoral need



for quality translation and expert translators in the field of subtitle translation (not only in the movie and TV series sector but also in the digital gaming sector). Hekimoğlu noted that to function as a high quality translator, one must

possess effective Translation Techniques, Intercultural Communication and General Knowledge.

Since its establishment, EMU Department of Translation and Interpretation

has been working towards the mission to provide experienced and quality translators for the translation sector and during the Silver Screen Days, it rightly prides itself for the achievement of these objectives.

3rd Molecular Biology and Genetics Career Day Takes Place at EMU

Organised by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Arts and Sciences Faculty, Biological Sciences Department, the 3rd Molecular Biology and Genetics Career Day took place on Tuesday, the 13th of December 2016.

The aim of the event was to inform students from the Molecular Biology and Genetics undergraduate program about different career paths and opportunities. The Career Day featured eight speakers working for institutions in Cyprus and the United States of America. During the event, information was provided about

job opportunities such as forensic genetics, genetic counseling, clinical embryology and a range of academic-research topics.

The career day was attended by approximately 300 students from the Molecular Biology and Genetics undergraduate program. According to information from the Biological Sciences Department, the Molecular Biology and Genetics Career Day takes place in the Fall Semester of every year with the support of EMU Rector's Office and Arts and Sciences Faculty.



Communication Professionals Meet with Future Professionals at EMU



A talk titled “Special TV News Programming” took place at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication and Media Studies Faculty with the participation of NTV news editor, correspondent and programmer Mete Çubukçu and NTV news center cameraman Alihan Sönmez. As part of the honor and high honor certificate ceremony organized by the Radio-TV and Film Department Mete Çubukçu and Alihan Sönmez shared their experiences in the sector. The event was attended by students, research assistants and academic staff.

The opening speech at the talk was given by Vice Chair of EMU Radio-TV and Film Department, Ahmet Goran. Goran thanked the participants

for attending the event whilst Turkey is going through a chaotic and painful time. Goran also noted that more events bringing together the faculty and sector are set to take place in the upcoming days.

In his speech, Mete Çubukçu highlighted the importance of correspondents noting that “Correspondents are the keystones of this field because they know news, the field and the problems. Good correspondents can also be good presenters however good presenters can't always be good correspondents.” Addressing journalism in two contexts,

Çubukçu touched upon the existence of two fields, routine news and news programming. Stating that routine news is covered for a period of 1.5-2 minutes, Çubukçu stated that news programming can last for up to 40 minutes.

Noting that visuals are also of the utmost importance in the field, Çubukçu introduced NTV News Center cameraman Alihan Sönmez. Adding that visuals play a key role in television, Sönmez stated that a cameraman must have field experience, follow the agenda, know the history of an event and geography of a location as well



A Talk on “Working Freelance on Television” Takes Place at EMU Faculty of Communication & Media Studies

A talk titled “Working Freelance on Television” took place at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), and was organized by the Faculty of Communication, Department of Radio-TV and Film Studies. The talk was delivered by Halit Ziya Demirtaş, who has been working in Turkish television for 30 years. The event which took place at the FCMS Purple Hall was attended by a large number of people.

The opening speech of the talk was given by Chair of the Department of Radio-TV and Film, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bahire Efe Özad, who thanked the attendees for their involvement and wished everyone a productive talk. Underlining the importance of the faculty and sector coming together, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özad stated that such organizations will continue in the future.

Demirtaş who is the creator of successful television series such as “Manşet”, “Zamanda Yolculuk”, “Ve Zaman Durdu”,

“Hey Taksi” and “İki Kuşak Bir Mutfak” provided students with information about Freelance work stating that he started such work on Yeşilçam and has been carrying it out in the 30 years that have passed since then.

Demirtaş spoke about the difficulties he faced when starting his career, the paths he lived in the business and the paths he followed. During the speech he stated “Specialize, so that you stand out and don't become ordinary. Be knowledgeable about a topic and trust your knowledge”.



as posses technical details in order to capture exactly what is happening.

During the talk in which both speakers provided information about their many experiences in the Middle East the speakers highlighted the importance of having a trustworthy crew (host, translators, drivers etc...)

After answering audience question Alihan Sönmez and Mete Çubukçu were presented gifts and plaques of appreciation. The event came to a close after the honor and high honor students from EMU Radio-TV and Film Department were presented their certificates by academic staff members, Alihan Sönmez and Mete Çubukçu.

Visit to EMU Rector's Office

After the talk, Mete Çubukçu and Alihan Sönmez visited EMU Rector's office along with acting Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Agah Gümüş, Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bahire Özad and Vice Chair Ahmet Goran. Meeting up with Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, the guests received information about EMU and stated that they are very pleased at the university. During the meeting in which Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren was also present, Çubukçu and Sönmez were gifted Cypriot lefkara work with an EMU logo by Prof. Dr. Osam.

Demirtaş also advised students to decide what they want to do upon the completion of their education and to add experiences onto the knowledge picked up at the university.

Providing examples from work during his 30 year career Demirtaş went on to answer audience's questions. The talk ended with a group photo after Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özad and Vice Chair of the Department of Radio-TV and Film Studies Ahmet Goran handed Demirtaş a gift and plaque of appreciation.

Certificates Presented to EMU Personnel Who Completed ISO Training

Certificates were handed out at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) to those Quality Unit Representatives who successfully completed their world renowned IQ Net member Turkish Standards Institute ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management System and ISO 10002 Student Satisfaction Management System training. Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs, Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren spoke during the Certificate Ceremony that

took place at the Rector's Office Senate Room on Monday the 21st of November 2016. Prof. Dr. Eren noted that EMU is an institute that greatly values quality and accreditations, highlighting that its academic units have numerous accreditations. Prof. Dr. Eren went onto say that the ISO quality certificate is of the utmost importance for management because gaining such certificates and accreditation requires a long-term and selfless work ethic from

personnel. Prof. Dr. Eren concluded his speech by thanking the Quality Unit Representatives that played an important part in EMU gaining its ISO certificate.

After Prof. Dr. Eren's speech, EMU Total Quality Management Inspection Center Director Hasan Kavaz handed certificates to the Quality Unit Representatives who successfully completed their world renowned IQ

Net member Turkish Standards Institute ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management System and ISO 10002 Student Satisfaction Management System education. Next, those successful in the Internal Auditing Exam were presented their Internal Auditing certificates by System and Strategy Management Consultancy Educator Latif Sakar. The ceremony ended with Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren presenting Latif Sakar and Turkish Standards Institution (TSE) TRNC Director Ahmet Kemal Kızıltan with plaques of appreciation.



Handover in EMU Student Council

Following the completion of the Student Council elections that took place between the 1st and 14th of November 2016 at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), a handover ceremony took place at the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate. Former student council members were presented with plaques

of appreciation and new members were introduced to public.

Present at the ceremony were EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden, Rector's Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş, deans, department chairs, academic staff

members and students. During the ceremony a speech was given by new Student Council Chair Mustafa Öner Batmancı who noted that the Student Council would act as a bridge between students, academic staff and university management during the 2016-2017 Academic Year, vowing to do their very

best throughout their period of service. Meanwhile, Prof. Dr. Özden wished the new members of the council the best of luck going to on to wish everyone a good academic year. After the speeches, Prof. Dr. Özden handed former Student Council members their plaques of appreciation.

Names of the members of the 2016 – 2017 Academic Year Student Council are as follows: Mustafa Öner Batmancı (Chair), Ali Berk Makaracı (Vice Chair), Furkan Demirhan (General Secretary), Eyüp Tolga Kasal (Financial Affairs), Mouath Issam Mohammad Abu Senen (member), İbrahim Aslan (member), Arda Özden (member), Elif Nur Ayanoğlu (member), Emre Demirören (member), Özdemir Onur Süer (member), Burak Toklu (member), Buse Ataoğlu (member) and Meer Kako Kareem (Foreign Student Representative).



Social Responsibility Projects from EMU English Preparatory School

EMU English Preparatory School Introduces Turkish Cypriot Culture

A project titled 'Turkish Cypriot Culture' was organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School 'Social Responsibility Project' organizer and academic staff member Mehşen Ercanlar. The project that included students from the English Preparatory School was led by academic staff members Damla Simsaroğlu, Emine Ermetal and Sinem Çavuşoğlu.

As part of the social responsibility project EMU Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School students and academic staff members travelled to the İskale region where they visited an olive oil factory in Çayırova village. Here, they witnessed how olive oil which is one of Cyprus' traditional tastes is made by using old and also modern methods. They also had the opportunity to taste olive products. The last stop on the trip was Mehmetçik village where the students had the opportunity to taste local Cypriot food, prepared specially for them. Towards the end of the trip, the students watched and joined into Cypriot folk dancing creating fond memories and living enjoyable moments. Throughout the trip, the students gained the opportunity to witness Turkish Cypriot culture and mix with the local community.

EMU English Preparatory School Carries Out "Dogs in Need" Social Responsibility Project

The first activity of the project titled 'DOGS IN NEED' was organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School 'Social Responsibility Project' organizer and academic staff member Mehşen Ercanlar. The project was carried out by academic staff members Fayka Güresun, Suzanne Kayalp and Aman Rassouli.

As part of the first activity of the project, approximately 75 students and academic staff members made 12 kennels for the dogs that live on the EMU campus. These kennels were then placed on specific points on campus. After the activity, students noted that they were happy as to play a part in the making of the kennels that will protect the dogs on campus from the heat in the summer and the cold in the winter. The students stated that they want to participate in such projects whenever they can, to raise awareness and help our animal friends.

Rainbow Social Responsibility Project from EMU English Preparatory School

A new social responsibility project,

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For the project that aimed to develop environmental consciousness and reinforce team work, students and academic staff teamed up to carry out a clean-up in the Palm Beach region. The efforts of the EMU Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School students, were met with appreciation by the local community.



EMU "Cup Of Nation Basketball" Tournament Completed

Organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Sports Affairs Directorate, the "Cup of Nation Basketball" tournament finished with the final matches that took place at EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex. The tournament which commenced on the 28th of November 2016 included 13 men's teams and 8 women's teams. Following the final matches the Nigeria women's team and the TRNC

men's team became champions of the tournament.

The men's final match took place between TRNC and Lebanon (25-15) and the match for third place was played between Palestine and Rwanda (27-21). In the men's category TRNC came first, Lebanon second, Palestine third and Rwanda fourth. In the women's category the final match was played between Nigeria and Turkey (13-12)

and the match for the third place was between Palestine and TRNC (20-0). After the matches Nigeria finished first, Turkey second, Palestine third and TRNC fourth.

The fair-play award went to Nigeria in both the men's category and the female category. Among individual athletes who received personal awards were Patrick Iradukunda (Rwanda) as slam and three point champion, Gloria Daniel

Essein (Nigeria) as best female player, Hande Yuna (Turkey) as free throw champion, Alice Level (Palestine) as female scoring leader and Oktay Küri as male scoring leader.

Awards were presented to the winning teams by EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden, Students Affairs Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Derviş Subaşı and Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu.



EMU Talks Football



Organized by the Health Sciences Faculty, Department of Sports Sciences, a panel titled "Is Football Only Football?" took place at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU). The moderator of the panel that took place at the Health Sciences Faculty amphitheatre was Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Dean of the Health Sciences Faculty. Speakers at the panel were well-known Turkish football coach and sports writer Önder Özen and Cypriot sports writer Ogün Genç Kaçmaz.

Speaking in front of a large audience, Ogün Genç Kaçmaz provided information about the state of Cypriot football, living conditions and the difficulties of administrative affairs underlining the fact that necessary importance isn't placed on football in the country. The other speaker, Önder Özen talked about the social and economic effects of countries and

their rulers on football, focusing on the financial and administrative dilemmas in Turkish football. The panel came to an end with a question and answer session.

Visit to EMU Rector's Office

Önder Özen and Ogün Genç Kaçmaz visited EMU Rector's Office along with Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Sports Sciences Department Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Berkaye Kırmızıgil, academic staff member Ahmet Özyaşar and Public Relations and Press Office Director Murat Aktuğralı. At the Rector's Office the group visited Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkarmanlı. Receiving information about EMU, guest speaker Özen, expressed his pleasure regarding being at EMU. Özen was also presented a gift with Cypriot Lefkara work and EMU logo.



EMU Volleyball Gains Strength with Mercy Promise

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has added an important Nigerian sportsperson to their volleyball squad and had a good start to the league. Mercy Promise, who is captain of the Nigerian Youth team, has started competing for EMU and hasn't taken long to make an impression. Aged 22 with a height of 1.85 cm, Promise is viewed as one of the best hitters to have played in Cyprus.

Midweek, EMU came up against Near East University, last year's champions. After losing the first set 25-24, EMU won the next three sets 25-18, 25-15 and 25-15 to emerge 3-1 victors of the match. Mercy promise featured alongside her teammates Sedef, Çisem, Şerife, Beste, Asena, Ayşe, Merve and

Rale, with her smashes playing an important part in victory.

Commenting on the transfer of Promise, EMU Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu noted that EMU is major contenders for the championship, going on to state that Mercy will help the development of volleyball in the country: "Excitement will rise as a result of new and quality sports people coming to the island. We have strengthened the EMU Female Volleyball Team squad with the addition of Mercy, who has a unique smash technique". Konnolu concluded by stating that they will continue to serve Indoor Sports and raise the quality of the leagues by completing further important transfers.



TRNC Universities Met at EMU Sports Festival

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted a Sports Festival under the aegis of Turkey's Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ambassador Derya Kanbay, featuring the participation of TRNC universities. The Sports Festival that aimed to strengthen university communication and collaboration via sporting activities took place on Sunday the 27th of November 2016, starting at the EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex at 09:30 and continuing throughout the day.

Athletes from Cyprus International University, University of Mediterranean Karpasia, Cyprus Health and Social Sciences University, Cyprus Science University, American University of Cyprus and Final International University competed at the Sports Festival in tennis, futsal and athletics categories.

In his opening speech, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden noted that the aim of the Sports Festival is to strengthen TRNC university communication, collaboration and relations via sporting activities. Prof. Dr. Özden also thanked the attending universities for their participation and wished them an enjoyable sportsmanlike competition.

During the day-long event both singles and doubles tennis matches were



played. The futsal competition comprised of two groups in the male category and one group in the female category. The athletics included long-jump, javelin throw, 800 meters, 100 metres and 4x100 relay competitions. At the end of the competition the attending universities were presented with plaques and certificates of appreciation as well as the event t-shirt by EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Özden, Rector's Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Derviş Subaşı and Sport Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu.

