EMU RECTOR’S OFFICE VISITS NEW GOVERNMENT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector’s Office visited the new government of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) wishing them the best of luck during their tenure. During the visit EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam was accompanied by Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Vice Rector for Financial Affairs Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural and Public Relations and Press Office Director (a.) Murat Aktuğralı.

The visits that commenced with a visit to TRNC Minister of Education and Culture Cemal Özyiğit continued with visits to the Speaker of TRNC Assembly Teberrüken Uluçay, Prime Minister Tufan Erhürman, Minister of Finance Serdar Denktaş and Deputy Prime Minister/Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay.

“EMU Is The Apple of TRNC’s Eye”

During the visit, Professor Dr. Osam provided information about EMU and emphasized that with almost 20 thousand students from 106 different countries, EMU is the only university in the TRNC to have been ranked by the Times Higher Education (THE) in 2017-2018 Academic Year World University Rankings. Indicating that EMU features within the top 601-800, Prof. Dr. Osam stated that they are proud of this achievement which should not be seen as a coincidence. Emphasizing that EMU is the best university on the island, Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted that the institution is constantly growing and developing. “EMU is the apple of TRNC’s eye. It is also featured amongst Turkish universities after the universities Koç, Sabancı, Bilkent and Boğaziçi.

“EMU is the Largest University in the Country”

The speaker of the TRNC Assembly Teberrüken Uluçay stated that EMU is not only Famagusta’s largest university, but it is also the largest university of the country. Prime Minister Tufan Erhürman noted that the university’s contribution to the island’s economy and science will continue. Minister of Education and Culture Cemal Özyiğit defined EMU as the pioneer education institution in the TRNC and wished them the continuation of their success. Minister of Finance Serdar Denktaş congratulated EMU for its positive budget. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay highlighted the importance of EMU being a truly international university with students from 106 different countries.

TRNC Government representatives stated their belief that EMU’s success will continue and increase. At the courtesy visits, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam presented representatives a crow statue, which is a symbol of Famagusta.
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Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay

Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam with Minister of Health Dr. Filiz Besim

Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam with Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources Erkut Şahali

Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam with Minister of Labour and Social Security Zekî Çeler

Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam with Minister of Finance Serdar Denktaş

Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam with Minister of National Education and Culture Cemal Özylgiz

Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam with Minister of Economy and Energy Özdil Nami

Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Rector’s Office Officials with Minister of Health Dr. Filiz Besim

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Vaccines are made of substances that resemble disease causing microorganism or weakened microbes that provide active acquired immunity to particular diseases. The only known protection method for diseases such as Influenza, Hepatitis B, Measles, Rubella, Pertussis, Tetanus, Chickenpox, Hepatitis A and Meningitis is vaccination. As a result of vaccination one of the most commonly seen types of cancer in women; cervical cancer is now classified as a preventable disease. Vaccination programs prevent the death of approximately 2-3 billion children each year. Diseases such as smallpox are eradicated thanks to vaccination programs.

Every year 19.5 million babies cannot be vaccinated because of social, cultural or economic reasons. In many developing regions, vaccines cannot be effectively provided to children and in some developed countries anti-vaccination campaigns and biases prevent children being vaccinated at the correct times and intervals.

To this day, no hypothesis of the anti-vaccination discourse which appeared for commercial reasons has been scientifically proven. It was claimed by anti-Mumps Measles & Rubella (MMR) vaccination campaigns that its vaccine causes autism. Studies carried out show no difference in the number of autism cases between children who received and didn’t receive MMR vaccination.

It is not legal or ethical for people to turn to vaccination alternatives such as ‘Homeopathy’ or other experimental methods. The side-effects of the influenza vaccine is another point of dispute. The possible side-effects of this vaccine are a lot less serious than the health problems an individual might face if they become sick. According to 2017’s data, globally over 650 thousand people have died of influenza related reasons. The World Health Organization has recommended that next year influenza vaccinations are given to a large part of the public especially children over 6 months old and those who are pregnant. Adults and individuals who are going to regions with epidemics need to renew their vaccinations at certain intervals. In our country it is recommended that Hepatitis B, Diphtheria-Pertussis- Tetanus and Chickenpox (if it hasn’t been contracted) vaccines are received at certain intervals. The HPV vaccine for cervical cancer can be a lifesaving precaution for young women who don’t carry the disease.

A collaboration protocol was signed by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the Famagusta Municipality. The collaboration protocol was signed in the Famagusta Municipality Assembly Room by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Famagusta Mayor İsmail Arter. Also present during the signature ceremony were Rector’s Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş, Public Relations and Press Office Director (a.) Murat Aktegralı and members of press.

A World University in a Historical Town
Speaking at the signature ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam expressed his happiness regarding signing the collaboration protocol with revered Famagusta Mayor İsmail Arter. Indicating that EMU and the Famagusta Municipality have carried out many projects based on goodwill rather than signed agreements, Prof. Dr. Osam emphasized his belief that the collaboration between the two parties will further progress whilst valuing civic involvement: “It has been a long time since EMU stopped being a local university. It is now a respected world university. EMU has increased the service it provides to the community and its institutions. It is of the utmost value that our world university is located in this historical town and that the university provides the Famagusta Municipality important services and support.”

“EMU is the TRNC’s Most Rooted University”
Famagusta Mayor İsmail Arter stated that EMU is the most rooted university not only in Famagusta but in the whole country. Underlining that there is always collaboration between EMU and the Famagusta Municipality Mayor Arter relayed his belief that the new protocol will be beneficial to both Famagusta and the country. Mayor Arter concluded by thanking EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, his team and everyone who contributed to the protocol that will cover a lot of ground including in-service training that the municipality requires being provided by EMU.

EMU Will Meet the Requirements for Qualified Personnel
The protocol involves EMU providing in-service training for the Famagusta Municipality, increasing the education and capacity of employees, meeting the qualified personnel requirement of the sector, support for all social and cultural activities of the Famagusta Municipality and the exchange of information and experience in mutually relevant areas.
The “9th Tourism Graduate Students Research Congress” organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism in collaboration with the Anatolia Tourism Academy which took place between the 5th and 8th April 2018 commenced with an opening ceremony. The opening ceremony of the said congress commenced at the Rauf Raif Denktas Culture and Congress Center at 09:00 with a moment of silence and the national anthem. In his opening speech EMU Faculty of Tourism Dean and Congress Vice - Chairman Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç thanked everyone for their participation. Stating that they are very happy to be hosts of such a meaningful organization Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that evaluating the field of tourism academically will contribute to both national and international sources. Prof. Dr. Kılıç continued to state that tourism encompasses a lot of different fields such as economics, business, sociology and anthropology and that it is comprised of topics from different disciplines. Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that the congress which aims to scientifically contribute to the field of tourism will feature over 80 presentations in 5 different sessions.

In a speech of his own, Congress Chairman Prof. Dr. Metin Kozak provided information about previous work carried out. Thanking all involved in the organization of the event Prof. Dr. Kozak highlighted that the congress is taking place at EMU for the first time outside of Turkey, in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC).

Tourism is Very Important for the Economic Development of the Country
EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı stated that tourism is very important for the economic development of the country highlighting that it is very important that this tourism is sustainable. Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı underlined that the EMU Faculty of Tourism is taking firm steps in scientific production, emphasizing that they will be continuing to contribute to the tourism sector of the country. Prof.
Dr. Özkaramanlı concluded by wishing everyone a fruitful congress. Famagusta Mayor İsmail Arter stated that he hopes the congress organized with the aim of evaluating the countries’ tourism will be productive. Indicating that the tourism sector is very important for our country, Arter described the sector as a deep rooted, multi-branched tree.

Undersecretary of the TRNC Ministry of Tourism and Environment Assoc. Prof. Dr. İsmet Esenyel indicated that developing tourism isn’t an easy task and that strategic planning which focuses on long-term rather than immediate success is required. Addressing the participants, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Esenyel stated “young people like yourselves must be constantly generating ideas.”

EMU is a University That Makes it’s Difference Felt
TRNC Parliamentary Speaker Teberrüken Uluçay highlighted that the tourism sector is one of the most important sectors for all countries describing it as a sector which plays a big role in economic development. Expressing that EMU is a university which always makes its difference felt Uluçay relayed his belief that the congress organized in collaboration with EMU will be successful. Highlighting that progress and increased revenue in tourism requires a sustainable environment, sustainable development and protection of cultural heritage Uluçay addressed the participants by stating “Your academic studies are very important for the future. Tourism activity constitutes the base of activities that draw countries closer together. The more developed tourism becomes, the more peaceful the environment that people live in becomes. Tourism is important for bringing people together.”

Following the opening speeches, Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı presented Teberrüken Uluçay, Assoc. Prof. Dr. İsmet Esenyel, İsmail Arter, Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Metin Kozak and Prof. Dr. Nazmi Kozak plaques of appreciation for their contributions to the congress. Prof. Dr. Metin Kozak and Prof. Dr. Nazmi Kozak presented Prof. Dr. Mehmet Altınyay a “Service To Tourism Education Award” and Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç presented Mehmet Kral a “Service to TRNC’s Tourism Sector Award”.

Quality work at the “9th Tourism Graduate Students Research Congress” was rewarded by a jury comprising of Tourism and Hospitality Management academic staff members in categories such as best doctoral PhD, best master’s PhD and best research paper.
Organised by Eastern Mediterranean University, Business and Economics Faculty, Banking and Finance Department, a panel titled “Planning and Management of Electric Production in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus” took place under the moderatorship of Prof. Dr. Mustafa Besim at Mustafa Aşın Ersoy Hall 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 4 April 2018.

At the opening ceremony of the panel during which the problems encountered in the energy production of the TRNC and possible solutions were listed, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı delivered an opening speech. Welcoming all participants to the panel which is of great importance, Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı expressed his pleasure in hosting a meaningful organisation as such. Highlighting the importance of the energy sector for the welfare of the society and citizens as well as the socio-economic development, Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı also touched upon the importance of sustainability in the field of energy. At the end of his speech, Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı stated the significance of a project approved by all levels of the society.

“Our Country’s Welfare is Related with the Production of Added Value”

Delivering a speech at the event, TRNC Minister of Economy and Energy Özdíl Nami expressed his views as follows: “Considering the developments on the island and our environment, I believe the panel will shed light on the prospective steps to be taken in the near future. Our country’s welfare has a close connection with the production of added value. For the production of added value, production of cheap and sustainable electricity is a must”. Minister Nami also talked about the importance given to energy demand by the new government as well as suitable energy policies.

One of the speakers at the panel METU North Cyprus Campus, Engineering Faculty, Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Fahrioglu extended his appreciation towards those who organised the panel and stated that energy planning should take place as a comprehensive transformation strategy. After Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fahrioglu’s presentation, Eastern Mediterranean University, Business and Economics Faculty, Banking and Finance Department Assist. Prof. Dr. Hasan Ulaş Altıok talked about the possible outcomes of bringing electricity from Turkey through cable. Assist. Prof. Dr. Hasan Ulaş Altıok also put forth that without conducting feasibility work, a project as such should not be signed. Assist. Prof. Dr. Altıok also invited all stakeholders to evaluate the possibility of energy production through natural gas, which is an environment friendly and cost-effective means of energy.

During his speech, Umut Öksüzoglu, the head of EL-SEN, evaluated the matter from the standpoint of KIB-TEK and power generation, and gave the floor to the former head of the Chamber of Turkish Cypriot Electric Engineers Mert Girgen. By stating the importance of electric energy on all sectors, Girgen touched on the energy throughout the world which is done accordingly with the sources.

KIB-TEK Executive Board President Ahmet Hıdaroğlu also delivered a speech during the panel. In his speech, Hıdaroğlu stated the following: “KIB-TEK is an institution that can produce its own projects, bring the projects into life and also obtain the finances for such projects through its position”.

Questions coming from the audience were answered after the presentations. At the end of the panel, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı presented plaques to all the panelists for their participation.
EMU COLLABORATES WITH ANOTHER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Eastern Mediterranean University Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and a delegation from the university paid a visit to Üsküdar University Rector Prof. Dr. Nevzat Tarhan in Istanbul. During the visit, an academic collaboration protocol regarding the establishment of joint programs and academic staff exchange was signed between the two universities. Educational possibilities in Turkey and the TRNC were also among the points of discussion in the meeting.

Among those present in the visit accompanying Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam were Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Dean of Health Sciences Faculty Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç and Acting Director of Public Relations and Press Office Directorate Murat Aktuğralı.

Üsküdar University was represented at the said meeting by General Secretary Selçuk Uysaler, Health Sciences Faculty Dean Haydar Sur, Language and Speech Therapy Department Chair Prof. Dr. Ahmet Konrot, Strategy Development Director Ayşe Öztürk and Institutional Communication Coordinator Talisın Aksu.

EMU & ITU-TRNC COLLABORATIVE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM SOON TO BEGIN

The institutional collaboration between the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Istanbul Technical University TRNC Education – Research Campus (ITU-TRNC) has strengthened with a new joint certificate program. The first steps towards bringing to life the joint certificate program of the two universities were taken on Tuesday, the 20th of February 2018 when a protocol was signed. On Wednesday, the 21st of March 2018, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and ITU-TRNC Rector Prof. Dr. Ercan Kahya attended a signature ceremony at the EMU Rector’s Office where they signed the collaboration protocol which is the most important step regarding the “Project and Production Management Certificate Program” comprising of six modules. The said signature ceremony was attended by members of the press as well as EMU and ITU-TRNC Vice Rectors.

“Our Collaboration Will Continue and Increase”

Speaking at the signature ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that he is very happy to be collaborating with an important institution like ITU, highlighting that the collaboration between the two universities will continue and increase. ITU-TRNC Rector Prof. Dr. Ercan Kahya stated that the academic and institutional collaboration with EMU has made them happy and that they are proud to be supporting the TRNC community and its economic development. Prof. Dr. Kahya also underlined his belief that their collaboration with EMU will continue and increase.

The Courses will be delivered at EMU

As a result of the protocol a “Project and Production Management Certificate Program” will be jointly run by the EMU and ITU-TRNC Continuing Education Centers. The envisaged 6 modules will be run by academic staff assigned by ITU-TRNC and EMU. Each university will assign academic staff for 3 modules.

Students who successfully complete each module and pass an exam upon completion of all modules will earn a joint EMU and ITU-TRNC Project and Production Management Certificate. Upon the completion of each module, students will also receive a certificate of achievement. The courses will be delivered at EMU classrooms however, if required ITU-TRNC classrooms will also be available for use. The joint certificate program protocol will be valid until the 31st of December 2018. Further information about the EMU and ITU-TRNC Joint Certificate Program can be obtained from the EMU Continuing Education Centre via the phone number 630 2471.
6TH EMU INTERNATIONAL CAREER WEEK COMMENCES WITH PRESENTATION FROM APPLE LOGO DESIGNER ROB JANOFF

Organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Graduate Relations and Career Research Directorate (MIKA), in collaboration with academics and experts at EMU as well as the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry and the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Commerce, the 6th “International Career Week” and “Career Fair” commenced on Monday, the 12th of March 2018. The opening speeches of the event commenced at 10:00 at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall.

Student interest towards the “International Career Week” opening ceremony featuring world famous designer of the Apple logo Rob Janoff as main speaker as a result of an EMU-MIKA and EMU Faculty Communication, Department of of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design collaboration was high. Speaking at the opening, Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Commerce Vice President Mehmet Eziç provided information about the chamber highlighting that they are very happy to be supporting the Career Week and Career Fair. Providing advice for students, Eziç indicated that there are two key questions in career planning: “In what field can I make a difference in?” and “How can I do my work, different from everyone else?” Eziç noted that the answers to these questions are crucial for reaching success.

Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry President Candan Avunduk thanked everyone for their participation in the event, providing information about the chamber. Laying emphasis on the importance of such events in terms of the promotion of Turkish Cypriot goods and companies, Avunduk noted that creating a sustainable economy is dependent on production and exportation. Indicating that the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry values collaboration between industry and universities, Avunduk extended her thanks to EMU.

Famagusta Mayor İsmail Arter noted that the event is a meaningful one for Famagusta and the TRNC, highlighting that participation is increasing every year. Thanking everyone who contributed in the organisation of the event Mayor Arter went on to state: “Getting your diploma shouldn’t be your only aim. You cannot get to important places without goals. Don’t lose your excitement. Follow the career paths of successful people. You can obtain successful careers with correct planning and hard work.”

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam expressed his gratitude to all participants highlighting that they will be hosting many important guests during Career Week. Stating that they are very happy to be hosting world famous designer Rob Janoff today, Prof. Dr. Osam emphasized his desire that everyone’s experiences during Career Week will be internalized.

In his speech TRNC Minister of Labour and Social Security Zeki Çeler noted that as an EMU graduate he recognizes what the students feel before proceeding to talk about his career path. Providing advice for students Çeler stated “After graduation, never give up. Don’t be afraid of trying. Some things may be difficult but never stop pursuing your dreams and passion”.

After the opening speeches Rob Janoff came together with EMU students delivering a talk titled “A Career in Design: Turning Opportunities into Success”. Janoff emphasized that he is very happy to be at EMU, thanking those who presented him this opportunity. During the talk Janoff touched upon the design process of Apple’s logo, how the logo came to existance, its development process and the meaning behind it being bitten into. At the end of the talk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam presented Janoff a silver plate whilst Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova presented him a unique Cypriot Lefkara board in appreciation of his contributions to the Career Week. The event ended after a question and answer session.
Organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Graduate Relations and Career Research Directorate (MIKA), in collaboration with the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry and the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Commerce, “6th International Career Fair” commenced at EMU Lala Mustafa Pasa Sports Center at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, the 14th of March 2018. Hosting the stands of leading private sector companies both from our country and Turkey, the fair offered numerous internship and recruitment possibilities for the participants.

Among those present at the opening ceremony were Mayor of Nicosia Turkish Municipality Mehmet Harmancı, Undersecretary of the Turkish Embassy in Nicosia Yasin Temizkan, President of EMU Board of Trustees İlker Edip, Member of EMU Board of Trustees Recai Ergün, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry Vice President Atilla Süren, the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Commerce Vice President Senral Erel, Director of EMU- MIKA Derviş Ekşici, academicians and students from EMU and Famagusta community.

“The Fair will Offer Internship and Employment Opportunities for Students”

Following a moment of silence and the national anthem, Vice President of the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry Atilla Süren expressed his organisation’s pleasure in participating in the 6th Career Fair. Providing information about himself and the Chamber of Industry, Süren also touched upon the importance of internship practice for students’ career development. At the end of his speech, Süren wished all participants a successful fair. Vice Chair of the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Commerce and EMU Business and Economics Faculty student Senral Erel thanked all participating firms and students. Stating that the fair creates huge opportunities for students, Erel also put forth that the community should encourage entrepreneurship. Providing various recommendations for students, Erel expressed her hope that the collaboration between the private sector and EMU continues.

“EMU is a World University”

Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam congratulated the stakeholders and participants who contributed to the organisation of the 6th International Career Fair. Stating that as a world university, EMU has been offering all possibilities to contribute to the economic development of the country, Prof. Dr. Osam added that the university is taking firm steps towards its targets within the scope of its vision. Prof. Dr. Osam also put forth that the university is hosting 70 prominent participants from different countries with the aim of expanding students’ vision and their integration with the international community. Prof. Dr. Osam concluded his speech by stating that both the Mayor of Nicosia Turkish Municipality Mehmet Harmancı and Vice Chair of the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Commerce Senral Erel are from EMU and a part of the EMU family, indicating that graduates of EMU always achieve success in their professional lives.

“Students Should Always Have a Part-time Job”

Mayor of Nicosia Turkish Municipality Mehmet Harmancı also delivered a speech in which he highlighted the meaning of the 6th International Career Fair, the opening ceremony of which coincides with the passing day of world famous scientist Stephen Hawking. Addressing the students, Harmancı put forth that career is a journey and that life begins only after the completion of the university studies. Recommending the students to think carefully about choosing the right path and, at the same time, learn from their experiences, Harmancı stated that he is a graduate of EMU Business and Economics Faculty, Political Science and International Relations Department. At the end of his speech, Harmancı recommended all students to work on a part-time basis during their student years.

Following the opening speeches, the 6th International Career Fair’s official opening took place and over 140 local and international firms met with participants.
Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam hosted Dr. Burhan Nalbantoğlu’s daughter Meltem Nalbantoğlu and authors of the book “An Unfinished Life... Dr. Burhan Nalbantoğlu” Özgül Gürkut Mutluyakalı and Damla Soyalp in his office.

In their visit of courtesy Mutluyakalı and Soyalp presented the said book to Prof. Dr. Osam. The book tells the life story of Turkish Resistance Organization founding member, teacher, doctor, soldier, Republic of Cyprus House of representatives member, Turkish Federated State of Cyprus MP and TKP founding member Dr. Burhan Nalbantoğlu.

During the visit, Meltem Nalbantoğlu also presented the book “I Wrote, too” authored by one of Dr. Nalbantoğlu’s close friends, former EMU Board of Trustees President and former EMU Medical Center Chief Physician Dr. Turhan Korun. During the visit at which EMU Faculty of Health Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Department of Civil Engineering academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Ergil and Public Relations and Press Office Director (a.) Murat Aktuğralı were present, the authors relayed information about the book to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. The authors stated that the book tells the story of Dr. Burhan Nalbantoğlu and sheds light onto the history of the Turkish Cypriot community. Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam highlighted that EMU highly values the work of Cypriot authors.

EMU SIGNS A COLLABORATION PROTOCOL WITH CYPRIOT ARTISTS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) is working non-stop on the art-collection formation project. Carried out by the Center for Cyprus Studies on behalf of EMU, the project has already added a total of 256 pieces of artwork into EMU’s collection. A newly signed collaboration protocol envisages the addition of 137 additional works of art into the said collection during the 2017-2018 Academic Year. The art will be provided by eight Cypriot artists who signed the collaboration protocol.

As a result of the collaboration protocol signed at EMU Rector’s Office at 10:00 a.m. on 30 March 2018, Cypriot artists Simge Uygur, Serkan İlseven, Şenol Ođrevrim, Ruzen Atakan, Batu Gündal, Eser Keçeci, Heidi Trautmann, Bahar Çıralı have donated their work to EMU’s collection. During the protocol signing ceremony, Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted the importance of arts for universities along with science and added that EMU endeavors to house artists’ valuable work each passing year.

Talking about the importance of exhibiting artists’ work and making them accessible for the public, Prof. Dr. Osam also touched upon the recent cultural collaboration protocol settled with Famagusta Municipality. Congratulating EMU Center for Cyprus Studies, Prof. Dr. Osam thanked all artists who have shared their artwork with EMU. Stating their happiness for supporting a meaningful project as such, the aforesaid artists also expressed their pleasure in observing EMU valuing arts.

A BOOK TITLED “AN UNFINISHED LIFE...DR. BURHAN NALBANTOĞLU” PRESENTED TO EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. OSAM
Students who gained admission to the 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Term Student Exchange Program have started to arrive at EMU. Speaking with the first group of students that arrived at the university within the scope of the Student Exchange Program, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam indicated that they are very pleased to see them at the university.

Prof. Dr. Osam stated that EMU is a world university as a result of the academic and social environment it provides and underlined that exchange programs with many international universities is the best indicator of this status. The exchange programs that have been taking place for over 10 years with the concept of “cultural exchange-living local” have been contributing to the cultural promotion of EMU and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Prof. Dr. Osam stated that he views the students participating in the program as ambassadors and wished the students luck at EMU and throughout their academic lives.

Raphael Grötsch who was accepted to the program from Australia stated that he carried out a lot of research before coming to EMU. He listed the factors that led to him to choose EMU as the university’s high international ranking, its multicultural environment, the convenience it provides as a result of being a campus university and the recommendation of his own university as well as the natural beauty and climate of the island. EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova and EMU Exchange Program Manager Cemal Kılıç were also present during the said meeting.

EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. NECDET OSAM RECEIVED INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Student Chapter has achieved international success with its “Robotic Operating System” education organization. IEEE’s foundation was laid by important scientists like Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Edison. It has over 430 thousand students in 160 countries. To this day EMU’s IEEE Student Chapter has organized many seminars, training courses and technical trips. With the education they provided in “Robotic Operating Systems”, training organization they finished runners up in the Acceleration Program of IEEE’s Region 8 (comprising of Europe, Africa and the Middle East) Educational Activities Contest.

EMU’S IEEE STUDENT CHAPTER RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL AWARD

Visit to EMU Rector
EMU IEEE Student Chapter President Hüseyin Çeçe and his consultants visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam along with EMU Faculty of Engineering, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Chair Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel. Providing Prof. Dr. Osam information about IEEE, the group also presented some of their work on robots. Prof. Dr. Osam stated that he is very happy about EMU IEEE Student Chapter’s success and the new ideas they presented. After highlighting that he is ready to provide them full support a group photo was taken.
Eastern Mediterranean University Engineering Faculty, Mechanical Engineering Department will be representing Eastern Mediterranean University with “Mediterranean Shark” vehicle at TÜBİTAK’s Electromobile 2018 competition. The “Efficiency Challenge Electric Vehicle” competition will take place at Kocaeli Gulf Race Track between 6th and 12th August 2018 Turkey.

As the only participating institution from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Eastern Mediterranean University will take part in the electro mobile and autonomous categories of the said competition with team “ADA” and “Mediterranean Shark” vehicle.

Entirely Developed in EMU
Taking place under the supervision of Assist. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyalı, EMU Engineering Faculty, Mechanical Engineering Department Vice Chair and Mechatronics Program Coordinator, the “Mediterranean Shark” project has been carried out by a team of local and international postgraduate students. “Mediterranean Shark” project has been developed in EMU’s laboratories and only through the university’s own means.

During 2017 competitions, Mechanical Engineering Department took part in the event with Z-ZERO electric car and came 20th amongst 74 participating teams in the performance rankings. The said project also received Mechatronics Design award for its mechanical and electronic design, engineering work and localisation.

In its 14th year, TÜBİTAK is expanding the Challenge to include “Autonomous Category” to ongoing electric vehicles competition. This will raise awareness in driverless vehicle technologies among the university students from multiple including but not limited to mechanical, electrical, electronics and computer engineering. At the same time, it will help train engineers with technical knowledge and practical competence in the technology.

EMU - The Only Representative of TRNC
In his own speech, project coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyalı touched on the increase in the number of participant universities compared to the previous years by stating that this year’s participant number has reached 86. With Morocco, Kenya, Iran, Hungary and Pakistan joining to the competition for the first time, the only representative from TRNC will be EMU. Solyalı also mentioned that with this new cooperative project between Electronic Vehicles Development Center and Department of Mechanical Engineering, their main goal is to develop a totally local and new vehicle. In this sense, all the necessary technologies are provided by EMU. Assist. Prof. Dr. Solyalı thanked the Rector’s Office and related Units within the university for such opportunities by emphasizing that the Rector’s Office works in harmony and always provides support to them.

The “Efficiency Challenge Electric Vehicle” is an annual competition for students organized by TÜBİTAK since 2005. With a variety of different challenges, the main objective of the competition is to increase the local production of gadgets that use alternative energy, develop products with high added value, increase the awareness of the participants and ensure that they follow the all the innovations regarding the field, support participants to gain experience and in this way, increase the country’s awareness on the use of the alternative energy sources.

More than 10,000 university students were reached within the scope of the competition. A group of young engineers with the knowledge and experience needed to strengthen the potential and encourage the industrial applications were brought together.

Important Work Being Carried Out By Electric Vehicle Development Centre At EMU
Vice Chair of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Engineering Faculty, Mechanical Engineering Department and Mechatronics Program Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyalı answered questions on the newly formed Electric Vehicle Development Centre (EVDC) and its projects.

Can You Provide Some Information About The Electric Vehicle Development Center?
The Electric Vehicle Development Centre (EVDC) operating within the scope of EMU was founded with the aims of developing advanced electric vehicles and related technologies, incorporating them to the university and providing opportunities for bigger, more prestigious projects that will be developed in a sustainable structure. The center also aims to develop national and international collaborations as well as carry out research, application and development projects.

Can You Touch Upon Your Projects?
We started with a three wheeled bicycle project. In early 2017 we completed the ALIZAVRA project. During the same year we competed in Electromobile 2017 with our electric vehicle project Z-ZERO where we obtained our first international success. With ALIZAVRA we aimed to increase the awareness of engineering students in the university, leading to their involvement in such projects. I believe that we were successful. We are preparing for the Electromoblie 2018 competition with the crew from the Z-ZERO electric vehicle project. Our new project is titled “MEDITERRANEAN SHARK”. All
of our work and projects are progressing in line with the vision of EMU.

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Can You Provide Some Information about Your Crew? What Could Be Done By Those Who Want To Join?  
We have a very young and dynamic crew comprising of engineering students. We are planning to organize a special offer for those who want to join the team. We are going to ask those interested in joining the team to create a vehicle related project. After jury evaluation we plan to add to the team those successful in the categories of Mechanics, Electrical-Electronic, Mechatronics, Computer Programming and Design. We will be releasing a statement on the matter very soon.

Can You Provide Some Information about the Team and “Mediterranean Shark”?  
Our team’s name is “ADA” and our electric vehicle is “Mediterranean Shark”. “Mediterranean Shark” was designed, developed and produced in EMU laboratories through the university’s own means.

As the only participating institution from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, EMU will take part in the new ‘Autonomous Vehicle Category’ of the competition organized by TÜBİTAK in its 14th year with the “ADA” team and “Mediterranean Shark” vehicle. The new race category aims to encourage students to work on self-driving vehicle technologies. This race aims for university students from different disciplines to gain theoretical and practical skills relating to electric vehicles and autonomous characteristics.

What is The Importance of the Project?  
The project is important for raising society awareness as it is indicator that production can take place on the island. With sufficient support as well as the correct infrastructure and crew it is possible to produce and gain a profit. There are a number of problems on the island relating to the training of engineers and technical staff. Therefore, we aim to visit high schools and middle schools to inform students about our projects with the goal of them gravitating towards the fields of science and engineering. The projects that aim to help our youth gravitate towards these fields are of top importance.
26TH COMMANDER OF THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES (RET.) İLKER BAŞBUĞ COMES TOGETHER WITH STUDENTS AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) students came together with the 26th General of the Turkish Armed Forces (Ret.) İlker Başbuğ at a conference organized by the EMU Atatürk Research and Application Centre. The said conference took place at 14:30 on Friday, the 16th of March 2018 at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Centre. Present in the capacity crowd were Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Civil Defence Organization President Erdoğan Çelebi, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Famagusta District Governor Dürdane Acı, EMU Atatürk Research and Application Centre Academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk, EMU students and members of the general public.

“I am very happy to be at EMU”

Delivering the opening speech of the conference, EMU Atatürk Research and Application Centre Academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk highlighted that the university hosts prominent national and international figures with the aim of leading to students developing a better understanding of the past and future. Assist. Prof. Dr. Göktürk thanked the 26th General of the Turkish Armed Forces (Ret.) İlker Başbuğ for accepting their invitation and read his background. In his conference titled “The Past, Present and Future of Turkish Foreign Policy” 26th General of the Turkish Armed Forces (Ret.) İlker Başbuğ indicated that he has visited EMU many times before stating that he is always very happy to be here. Başbuğ also expressed his gratitude to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and everyone who contributed in the organization of the conference.

“Follow Atatürk’s path”

26th General of the Turkish Armed Forces (Ret.) İlker Başbuğ commenced his presentation by analysing foreign policy and the nation. Başbuğ indicated that he agrees with the expression “Neither friendships or hostility lasts forever” providing the example of Greece and Turkey who were foes during the Turkish War of Independence but became very good allies after the formation of Atatürk’s Republic. Stating that Venizelos the former Prime minister of Greece nominated Mustafa Kemal Atatürk for a Nobel Prize despite previously fighting against him, Başbuğ emphasized that friendships and hostility are volatile but national interest is sustainable and permanent. Noting that the primary mission of the state is to protect territorial integrity and the people living within its borders, Başbuğ stated that success in foreign policy is attainable if Mustafa Kemal Atatürk’s path is followed.

Rector Presents Silver Plate

At the end of the conference 26th General of the Turkish Armed Forces (Ret.) İlker Başbuğ answered student questions and received a silver plaque from EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. After the conference, Başbuğ signed his books titled “Sorunlarla Yüzleşmek”, “15 Temmuz Öncesi ve Sonrası”, “Unutulan Ada Kıbrıs”, “20. Yüzyılın En Büyük Lideri Atatürk”, “Terör Örgütlerinin Sonu”, “Ermeni Suçlamaları ve Gerçekler” and “Nasıl Bir Türkiye”.

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EMU PRODUCES OVER 1400 GRADUATES

The Eastern Mediterranean University’s (EMU) 2017-2018 Academic Year Fall Semester Graduation Ceremony took place on Tuesday, the 30th of January 2018. The ceremony commenced at the EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex at 2:00 p.m. With over 19 thousand students EMU is a locomotive institution of higher education that combines academic, social and cultural life. EMU lived the excitement of graduating over 1400 students from their respective programs. 1053 associate and undergraduate degree students and 364 master’s and PhD students graduated at the ceremony, attended by Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Speaker of Parliament Hüseyin Angölmeli, TRNC Foreign Affairs Minister Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu, Halkın Partisi Chairman and MP Prof. Dr. Kudret Özersay, former TRNC Speaker of Parliament Dr. Sibel Siber and other MPs. Including students from the TRNC and Turkey, students from 106 different countries graduated at the ceremony.

A symbolic tree planting ceremony took place after a moment of silence and the national anthem followed by speeches on behalf of the graduates delivered by Zelena Ntombizodwa Cumbu and Berkhan Yaşar.

“Graduates are Being Bid Farewell from a World University”

Speaking at the 2017-2018 Academic Year Fall Semester Graduation Ceremony EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam emphasized that the graduates are being bid farewell from a world university. Noting that EMU has reached the top level in education, Prof. Dr. Osam indicated that they have gained new international accreditations and that they will have no faculty without accreditations by 2021. Emphasizing the public service projects carried out by the university, Prof. Dr. Osam stated that EMU is working hard for future generations. Asking the graduates to help counter incorrect attitudes towards the TRNC, Prof. Dr. Osam stated that this is the best way to for them pay their debts of gratitude to EMU and the TRNC.

“A Special Day for Parents Too”

In a speech of his own, EMU Board of Trustees Member Recai Ergün underlined that today is a special day for parents too, thanking them for the support they provided for their children and their trust in EMU. Ergün indicated that the education the students received will allow them to overcome every obstacle they may face. Ergün concluded by noting that EMU will continue to develop and grow in accordance to international standards.

After the protocol speeches, graduates who finished first in their Faculties, Schools and Departments were presented their diplomas and awards. The ceremony then continued with doctorate,
EMU Organizes “Graduation Reception” For Fall Semester Graduates And Their Families

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) organized a “Graduation Reception” for 2017 – 2018 Academic Year Fall Semester graduates and their families. The reception took place on Monday, the 29th of January 2018 at the EMU Beach Club and received a great deal of interest from the graduating students and their families. Students from 56 different countries graduated from EMU at the end of this year’s Academic Year Fall Semester. To this day the university has graduated students from a total of 116 countries. The night that commenced with a cinevision screening of a film prepared by EMU TV containing images of campus life, was attended by EMU’s Rector, Vice Rectors, Deans, Department Chairs as well as Academic and Administrative Personnel who shared the joy and excitement of the graduates.

During a speech he delivered at the colorful night, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam said welcome the graduates and their families highlighting that today is a proud day for them all. Stating that graduations are occasions where students are rewarded for their efforts Prof. Dr. Osam indicated that EMU will always be in the hearts of the graduates. At the end of his address, Prof. Dr. Osam extended his best wishes to graduates in their future endeavors, wishing all guests an enjoyable night.

After Prof. Dr. Osam’s address, famous Turkish Cypriot pianist Arman Ratip delivered a musical performance during which Prof. Dr. Osam went to all tables speaking and taking pictures with graduates and their families. The joyful night came to an end with EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam presenting famous pianist Arman Ratip a plaque and the cutting of a graduation cake.
EMU WELCOMES 2017 – 2018 ACADEMIC YEAR
SPRING SEMESTER STUDENTS

Operating under Eastern Mediterranean University Vice Rector’s Office for International Affairs and Promotion, the International Office welcomed the new students of the 2017-2018 Academic Year with a Welcoming Party which took place at Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Center.

During the said party, Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova congratulated the new students for choosing EMU and expressed the university’s pleasure in hosting them at the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Stating that EMU is a high quality institution of higher education with worldwide recognition, Prof. Dr. Tanova advised the new students to protect the good reputation of the university, work hard and establish good relationships with other students during their stay in EMU.

The event hosted DJ Milad’s and TR-NC’s local music band “Öldüren Şampanya’s” unique performances. Student of EMU Christiana Mazvita Chilowa also entertained the participants with a song of hers. During the organisation, Kangoo Jumps Club Cyprus also demonstrated colorful dance performances.

MAGNIFICENT LEBANESE NIGHT IN EMU

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) International Office operating under the Vice Rector’s Office for International Affairs and Promotion organized a Lebanese Night at which EMU students had an unforgettable time.

The event which was attended by over 700 students aimed to showcase the beauty and culture of Lebanon. The event which took place at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall commenced with a cocktail party followed by stage performances, surprise entertainment and a gift draw. Music at the event was provided by the group “Soundz Good”. EMU Vice Rector’s Office for International Affairs and Promotion Coordinator Ozan Süleyman İnamlık was also amongst those present at the event.

GRANDIOSE SUDANESE NIGHT AT EMU

In collaboration with the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Sudanese Student Society, the EMU International Office operating under the Vice Rector’s Office for International Affairs and Promotion held a “Sudanese Night” at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center.

The popular event that highlighted Sudan’s culture and beauty was attended by hundreds of Sudanese students and their families. The night that commenced with a cocktail continued with a photography exhibition that highlighted Sudan’s cultural and historical heritage and featured important Sudanese figures. A video screening on Sudan also took place. The video showed the changes in Sudanese culture over the last 100 years, different tribes in Sudan, musical performances and traditional dance.
The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) International Office operating under the Vice Rector’s Office for International Affairs and Promotion organized a Moroccan Night at which EMU students had an unforgettable time. The Moroccan Night that took place at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center was attended by EMU’s Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova. The famous Jemaa el-Fnaa Square located in Marrakesh was recreated at the entrance of the congress center. This square is home to a number of performances with monkeys and snakes that aim to attract the attention of tourists. A Moroccan student recreated one of these snake dance performances garnering a great deal of attention. Traditional games were played and art portraying Morocco’s weather which allows four seasons to be witnessed in different regions throughout the year was exhibited.

“Thanks to EMU for this magnificent night” Speaking at the event, Moroccan Student Society President Mehdi Fananth thanked the university’s Moroccan students for their interest in the event and the EMU Rector’s Office for the resources they provide. Fanan continued to indicate that the night would showcase the beautiful culture and traditions of Morocco. The event featured musical performances by two bands (Sardaousse and Zac) comprising of Moroccan students and a cocktail upon the conclusion of the performances. The night was also attended by Nabiha Ghiati, famous Moroccan fashion designer of local clothes.

Yemeni students came together at the “Yemen Night” event organized at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) by the International Office operating under the Vice Rector’s Office for International Affairs and Promotion.

Speaking at the event that was attended by over 200 students, Yemeni Student Society President Marwah Sailan expressed gratitude to the EMU Rector’s Office for providing an environment where they can receive quality education whilst also having fun. Indicating that the Yemeni Student Society has been in a state of constant growth and development since the day it was formed four years ago, Sailan noted that Yemen possesses a very rich culture which they are trying to reflect at this event along with its history. During the joyous night, a magnificent musical performance was delivered by Omar Al Bana, Suha Almasri and Amr Saif. The unforgettable night also featured short plays about the culture and history of Yemen.

Organized by the International Office operating under Eastern Mediterranean University, Vice Rector’s Office for International Affairs, Nowruz celebrations took place at EMU Beach Club.

During the colorful event attended by hundreds of students, students had fun-filled moments. Speaking at the event opening, EMU Iranian Student Society Chair Mohammad Karimzadeh thanked the participating students for their interest and wished them all a very happy new year. Seizing the opportunity, Karimzadeh also thanked all students who voted in last week’s EMU Iranian Student Society elections.

Commencing with a cocktail party, Nowruz celebrations continued with the outstanding music performance of Group Miras and Bamdad Falahati. During the celebrations, former members of the EMU Iranian Student Society were presented plaques of appreciation.
**EMU RANKS 7TH IN THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS QUALITY PERFORMANCE RANKING**

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Economics, ranked seventh in the Republic of Turkey Department of Economics Quality Performance Rankings. Marmara University, Faculty of Economics, Department of Economics Academic Staff Member Prof. Dr. Murat Çökgezen has been ranking Turkish Economists and Economics Departments since 1999, and publishing them in international journals. In Prof. Dr. Çökgezen’s latest Republic of Turkey Department of Economics Quality Performance Ranking, EMU Department of Economics featured in seventh place for 2012-2016.

**Prof. Dr. Balcılar First in Economists Ranking**

EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Economics Chair Prof. Dr. Mehmet Balcılar ranks the first on the 2012-2016 Turkish Economist’s Impact Factor Rankings. Prof. Dr. Balcılar has obtained the highest points amongst Turkish economists since 1999 with 10.04 points. In the 2006-2011 Impact Factor Rankings Department of Banking and Finance Academic Staff Member Prof. Dr. Salih Kattresoğlu ranked fifth whilst Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mete Feridun ranked seventh. Prof. Dr. Balcılar took first place with over 30 articles published in SSCI (Social Sciences Citation Index) economics journals between 2012 and 2016. With this performance Prof. Dr. Balcılar contributed to approximately a third of EMU’s impact score.
Prospective doctors at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty took their first steps towards their careers by wearing their white coats at a 14th of March Medicine Day event. A wreath was placed on the Atatürk bust located in the EMU Atatürk Square by EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora, academic personnel and students on Wednesday the 14th of March 2018 at 09:30. A White Coat Wearing Ceremony / Honor and High-Honor Certificate Ceremony took place at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center at 14:00. The ceremony commenced with a moment of silence and the national anthem. This was followed by the screening of a Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty promotional film and a musical recital by EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education, Music Teaching Academic Staff Members Makkia Rothery and Dilşad Asadova.

“You Will Be Students for Life” Salih Çanlar and Fadilah Ahmed delivered speeches on behalf of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty first year students. EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora addressed the students stating that they started their profession the day that they stepped into the faculty. Noting that wearing a white coat means signing an invisible agreement, Prof. Dr. Gökçora described those who sign this agreement as agreeing to do all they can to ease the pain of other individuals, to be a student throughout their lives in order to follow rapid scientific developments in the field and to promise to work in order to remove factors that lead to bad health with the realization that preventing illnesses is more important than treating them. Prof. Dr. Gökçora went on to state: “This white coat will provide you the opportunity to earn the respect, gratitude and blessing of others. Saving lives and helping people who require it will make you happy. Sensing the gratitude in the eyes of a masked child, the tongue of an old woman or the screams of a new baby will be an indescribably positive feeling.

“We Will Reach a High Place in the Field” EMU’s Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı started his speech by wishing all medical staff a happy 14th of March Medicine Day. Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı proceeded to state that despite being founded only six years ago the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty has achieved great success. Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı underlined that the university’s medicine program was featured on the World Directory of Medical Schools and that EMU students can apply for the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) with Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certificates, therefore they can specialize in the USA. Stating that they are proud to be graduating their first students this year, Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı emphasized that they will bring the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty to a high place in a field which is globally very competitive.

First Step towards Becoming a Doctor At the White Coat Ceremony that took place after the opening speeches, the medicine students took their first steps towards their professions. A presentation titled “Innovations in Cardiac Surgery” was delivered by world-famous heart surgeon Ordinarius Professor Dr. Afksendiyos Kalangos, founder of the Kalangos Foundation and the humanitarian association “Hearts for all”. Following the presentation students were awarded their honor and high honor certificates for the 2017-2018 Academic Year. After messages were delivered by faculty graduates, the event ended with a guitar performance by EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty student Seba Beter and a cocktail.
Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Health Sciences Faculty organized a brand-new event—the “Emergency Health Services and First-Aid Symposium”—that took place for the first time in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) with contributions from the Turkey Emergency Medicine Association, Emergency Department Nurses Association, Paramedics Associations, Cyprus Turkish Medical Association and the Cyprus Turkish Paramedics Association. The three day symposium commenced at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall on Monday, the 9th of April 2018. EMU and EMU Faculty of Health Sciences promotional films were screened following a moment of silence and the national anthem.

“Our National Contributions will Continue and Increase”
Speaking at the symposium EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkarmanlı stated that the EMU family is proud to organize many scientific congresses and events throughout the year. Prof. Dr. Özkarmanlı went on to relay his wish that the symposium becomes an international annual event highlighting that the national contributions of the EMU Faculty of Health Sciences will continue and increase. EMU School of Health Services, First and Emergency Aid Program academic staff member and Organizational Committee President Asst. Prof. Dr. Rıdvan Atilla drew attention to the importance of emergency services stating that emergency service teams should be constantly educated to keep up with new technological developments.

“The Aim Is Public Service”
EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç stated that they are happy to be coming together with emergency services personnel indicating that because of the rise in the number of accidents and physical injuries planning of emergency services is as important as the planning of hospitals. Indicating that this should be done with the collaboration of the state and universities Prof. Dr. Malkoç noted that their aim is public service. Paramedics Associations President and EMU Faculty of Health Sciences academic staff member Gürkan Özel provided information about the “1st TRNC Ambulance Rally and Uni-Rally” which took place on Sunday, the 8th of April 2018 on the EMU campus.

Following the opening speeches the winning teams were delivered their awards. A joint panel on “First and Emergency Aid Approach Principles” took place. During the three day symposium joint solutions of different occupational groups within health were discussed. On Wednesday, the 11th of April 2018, the last day of the rich symposium, a “First Aid Symposium” open to the general took place.
W
ithin the scope of the “Talks Open to the Public” event that the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate (MIKA) plans to carry out each month with the collaboration of different faculties, a talk took place at the Mustafa Afsin Ersoy Conference Hall on Thursday, the 29th of March 2018 at 10:30.

The first edition of the “Talks Open to the Public” event was organized by EMU-MIKA in collaboration with the EMU Faculty of Business and Economics. Guest speaker at the “Youth and Politics” titled talk was EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Political Sciences and Public Administration graduate, TRNC Minister of Labour and Social Security Zeki Çeler.

Speaking at the opening of the talk EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated “We are very happy to be hosting Minister of Labour and Social Security, EMU graduate Zeki Çeler. He has a lot of responsibility as a young minister. He is going to share his experiences with us at the “Youth and Politics” titled talk.

Minister Çeler started the talk by expressing that he is very happy to be back at EMU. Minister Çeler went on to share his experiences at EMU from the moment of registration to graduation. Touching upon how he got into politics and what he faced as a young politician, Minister Çeler advised young people to get involved in politics. Indicating that young people can get to the places they deserve with hard work and endeavor Minister Çeler advised them to “Never give up”.

After a question and answer session at the end of the talk, Faculty of Business and Economics Dean Prof. Dr. Eralp Baktaş and MIKA Director Derviş Ekşiçü presented Minister Çeler a silver plate. Present at the talk which had a significantly large audience were EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Faculty of Business and Economics Dean Prof. Dr. Eralp Baktaş, Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özaslan, School of Computing and Technology Director Prof. Dr. Mustafa İlkan, a large number of department chairs, academic and administrative personnel as well as students.

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ustafa Afsin Ersoy Conference Hall on Thursday, the 29th of March 2018.

EMU’s Aegean graduates meet in İzmir

Graduates of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) from the Aegean region came together at a special organization which took place at İzmir Anemon Hotel on the 24th of March 2018. The night was hosted by EMU Alumni and Career Research Directorate (MIKA). The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Minister of Labour and Social Security Zeki Çeler, TRNC İzmir Consul General İpal Emin, EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova and EMU - MIKA Director Derviş Ekşiçü were amongst the notable participants of the event. In a speech of his own, Minister Çeler stated that he is also an EMU graduate from Business and Economics Faculty, Political Sciences and Public Administration Department.

“I am Proud to Be a Part of EMU”

Stating that he always dreamed about entering politics during his university years, Minister Çeler said, “The relationship you establish here with other EMU graduates and Turkish Cypriots is of great importance. Once you expand this relationship further, you will see that it will bring us forward. I hope that this beautiful event continues with the increasing participation of EMU alumni. I feel privileged and proud to be a part of EMU.” TRNC İzmir Consul General İpal Emin stated that EMU was founded as a Higher Technology Institute in 1979 with only 105 students and took the name of EMU in 1985 and continued its progress as a state university.

“TRNC is an Island of Education”

Stating that EMU has won an international identity by providing education in English, Emin continued as follows “TRNC is an island of education. We have 16 active universities and 95 thousand students are being educated in total. Having the quality of being the oldest and most rooted state university and having an international recognition, EMU is one of the most prestigious universities in TRNC.” EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova mentioned that EMU has taken its well-deserved place amongst the top 600 universities in the world in international rankings. Prof. Dr. Tanova also stated that EMU holds the 7th place in Turkey and underlined that these rankings are very important achievements for a university in TRNC.

“Graduates of EMU are Very Successful”

EMU - MIKA Director Derviş Ekşiçü stated that the first of 81 Meetings in 81 Provinces Project was held in Antalya, and the second one is held in İzmir. Ekşiçü said that they will continue to meet with members of the alumni in each and every province. Ekşiçü continued, “The best reference for a university is their graduates. EMU graduates are always very successful and this means that our reference is very strong. Coming together is a beginning, staying together is a progress and working with each other is success. EMU graduates, work together and be successful. Your success is EMU’s success.” EMU Aegean graduates mentioned that they are always proud to be a part of EMU in their speeches.
EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK MEDİCİNE FACULTY HOSTS
5TH PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY COURSE

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty hosted the 5th Pediatric Oncology Course in collaboration with the Turkish Pediatric Oncology Group Society. The “Pediatric Bone and Soft Tissue Sarcoma” themed course took place on Saturday, the 24th of February 2018 at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. The said course commenced with opening speeches at 08:50 and was attended by 25 Turkish Pediatric Oncology Group Society member academicians from Turkey’s top universities and 73 pediatric experts in addition to EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty academic staff and students. The course commenced with an EMU and EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty promotional film screening which was followed by a moment of silence and the national anthem.

“I Would Like to Thank the Rector of EMU”

In her opening speech, Turkish Pediatric Oncology Group Society President Prof. Dr. Emel Ünal thanked EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora and Turkish Pediatric Oncology Group Society Management for the contributions to the organization of the course. Stating that the course on sarcoma was organized for Hematology and Oncology students Prof. Dr. Ünal also touched upon the history of the Turkish Pediatric Oncology Group Society.

“I am Proud to be Hosting Our Valuable Experts”

EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora indicated that they are proud to be hosting valuable academicians who have made important contributions to pediatrics. “I would like to welcome all of our oncologist friends. On behalf of the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty I highlight that we are very happy to be hosting you in Famagusta. I also extend my gratitude to Turkish Pediatric Oncology Group Society President Prof. Dr. Emel Ünal and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam who provided us with this opportunity.”

Emphasizing that she is very happy and excited Prof. Dr. Gökçora noted “The EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty organizes many conferences and congresses in order to encourage research whilst contributing to science and its dissemination. Today we tackle bone and soft tissue sarcoma diagnosis and treatment with a multidisciplinary approach.

After the opening speeches of the day long course, the presentation “Soft Tissue Sarcoma Pathology” was delivered by Asst. Prof. Dr. M. Hasan Toper, “Diagnostic Radiology Methods for Pediatric Sarcoma” by Prof. Dr. Berna Oğuz, “Nuclear Medicine Methods for Pediatric Sarcoma” by EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora, “Surgical Principles of Skeletal System Sarcoma” by Prof. Dr. Harzem Özger and “Approaches to Pediatric Surgery for Sarcoma” by Prof. Dr. Saniye Ekici. Other presentations that took place after the lunch break include “Rhabdomyosarcoma Chemotherapy” delivered by Prof. Dr. Nilgün Kurucu, “Non-Rhabdoid Soft Tissue Sarcomas” by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Neriman San, “Osteosarcoma Chemotherapy” by Prof. Dr. İnci Ayan, “Ewing Sarcoma Chemotherapy” by Prof. Dr. Handan Uğur Dinçal, “Radiotherapy for Bone and Soft Tissue Sarcoma” by Prof. Dr. Emin Darendeliler and “Long Term Side Effects of Sarcoma Therapy” by Prof. Dr. Nurdan Taçyıldız.
EMU ORGANIZES

“18 MARCH ÇANAKKALE VICTORY AND MARTYRS MEMORIAL” PANEL

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) commemorated Çanakkale Martyrs in a panel titled “Çanakkale Victory and Martyrs Memorial Program” which was organized by Atatürk Research and Application Center (ATAUM) at Mustafa Aşrin Ersoy Hall at 14:30 on Monday, 19th of March 2018. EMU Atatürk Research and Application Center (ATAUM) academic staff members Ass. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk, EMU ATAUM member of the board and EMU Faculty of Law academic staff member Prof. Dr. Turgut Turhan and EMU ATAUM academic staff member Süheyla Göktürk delivered presentations at the panel where students showed great interest.

“The Battle of Çanakkale Should Be Analyzed in Detail”

The panel which commenced with a Moment of Silence and National Anthem, continued with the presentation titled “Military and Political Aspects of Çanakkale Battle” delivered by EMU ATAUM academic staff member Ass. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk. During his speech, Göktürk put emphasis on the significant place of Çanakkale Battle in the history of Republic of Turkey and especially stated that the battle was not analyzed in detail and society shall take lessons from the Battle of Çanakkale. Ass. Prof. Dr. Göktürk gave detailed information about the historical facts from Çanakkale Battle and underlined that the war led to Atatürk’s birth as a respected soldier, statesman and a world leader.

Unknown Facts Regarding the Period of the Battle

EMU ATAUM member of the board and Faculty of Law staff member Prof. Dr. Turgut Turhan delivered a presentation titled “Captive Balloons and Aeroplane Transporting Ships During the Battle of Çanakkale”. In his speech, Turhan explained how captive balloons and aeroplane transporting ships affect the process of battles. Prof. Dr. Turhan stated that only a small number of people have knowledge on the fact that such kind of combat vehiciles had been used during the Battle of Çanakkale.

The last speaker of the panel, EMU ATAUM academic staff member Süheyla Göktürk also delivered a presentation on “Hinterland of Çanakkale Battle: Logistical Services”. During her presentation which is in the archive of the Presidency of Turkish General Staff and which has recently been published, never seen photos of Çanakkale Battle were presented to the audience. Süheyla Göktürk mentioned that logistic conditions play a vital role on the fate of all wars. Göktürk stated that victory is not possible for troops fighting with enemy in battlefronts who are undernurished and lacking importance resources such as clothes, weapons and armory, eventhough they have superior and skillfull leaders with well-directed commands. Logistic conditions and elements in the hinterland of Çanakkale Battle contributed the victory. Çanakkale and Martyrs’ Memorial Program ended after the screening of a 10 minute documentary titled “Çanakkale Cannot Be Passed”.

EMU-CWS GENDER EQUALITY AWARENESS WORKSHOP COMPLETED

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Centre of Women’s Studies organized a “Gender Equality Awareness Workshop”. The workshop that lasted for a period of two days was attended by EMU-CWS, Turkish National Commission for UNESCO and Gender and Women’s Studies Association Board Members as well as a large number of EMU students. The said workshop covered a wide range of topics such as “Stereotypes and Discrimination at Universities based on Social Gender Inequality”, “Gender and Medicine”, “Gender and Law”, “International Norms and Practices”, “Resistance Faced, Policies and Strategy Documents” and “Gender Conditions and Practices in the TRNC”.

“Similar Events Will Be Organized”

EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Elementary Education academic staff member and EMU-CWS Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçşık Erbilen expressed her gratitude to guest academicians, participants and EMU-CWS research assistants Bilcan Bladani and Aységül Bedir for their contributions to the workshop. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erbilen highlighted that despite the passing of a period of over 100 years since women have been accepted to universities, every day she is further questioning to what extend gender equality is present in academia. Indicating that as EMU-CWS they value gender equality and its institutionalization which they view as criterion for quality of universities, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erbilen stated that they are very happy with the Turkish National Commission for UNESCO collaboration workshop as they believe it was very useful and a success. Indicating that they presented the participants their certificates at the end of the workshop Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erbilen concluded that EMU-CWS will continue to organize similar events.
EMU ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER BARÇIN BOĞAÇ CONTRIBUTES TO THE PRODUCTION OF A DOCUMENTARY ON CYPRUS

Eastern Mediterranean University Communication Faculty, Cinema and Television Department academic staff member Barçın Boğaç participated in the documentary series project of Razor Films, one of the most prestigious leading production companies of New Zealand.

Boğaç took part in the production stage of one of the tourism-oriented international documentary series on Cyprus produced by Polly Fryer and directed by Justin Hawkes.

Having undertaken duties during the planning, organisation, location discovery and coordination phases of the documentary which was shot at different parts of Cyprus, Boğaç worked with the team and provided consultancy services during the production stage and with producer Fryer, production coordinator Antonia Bowie and director Hawkes during the post production stage.

In an interview, Boğaç highlighted the importance of the Cyprus episode of the documentary series which was produced by Razor Films as the part on Cyprus will be broadcast in the United States of America. According to Boğaç, the series will pose important contributions to the tourism sector on the island.

Stating that his work experience with an experienced and well-known production company at the international arena will contribute greatly to his experience as well as vision, Boğaç added that similar to most of the visual arts, production and creativity in film production give delight to as well as create challenges for the person both during the production and post production stages. According to Boğaç, as much as the importance of listening to one’s inner voice during these processes, your interaction and communication with your team members are equally important in the produced work. In this respect, having the chance to work with different teams is always a great experience.

Boğaç also added that he is planning to work with Polly Fryer and Justin Hawkes in different projects in the future, and added that he is currently working on giving the students the chance to gain experience through similar international connections in the near future.

PROF. DR. AYKUT HOCANIN HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS A MEMBER OF THE ENGINEERING DEANS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD

Eastern Mediterranean University Engineering Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın has been appointed as a member of the Engineering Deans Council Executive Board. Having taken place under the auspices of Balıkesir University Engineering Faculty, the 34th Engineering Deans Council hosted the formation of a Candidate Determination Board in line with Article 6 of the directive for the formation and operation of the said council. As a result of a voting session, Prof. Dr. Hocanın received the Candidate Determination Board’s unanimous approval and was appointed as a member of the Engineering Deans Council Executive Board.

Established in line with a decision taken at the Engineering Deans Meeting which took place at the Middle East Technical University on 19 January 2001, the Engineering Deans Council formed by the deans of engineering and engineering-architecture faculties of universities in Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus is a strong platform of information exchange where experiences are shared, good practices are discussed and strengths and weaknesses are analysed.

The Engineering Deans Council currently boasts the membership of 183 engineering faculties in 166 universities (116 state universities, 60 foundation universities, 5 TRNC universities and 2 universities with private status). The primary aim of the council is to exchange information on the problems faced in engineering education, to develop proposals ensuring the effective and productive delivery of the engineering education, to spend efforts in the actualisation of the said proposals, and to take necessary steps in the aforesaid areas as and when necessary.
The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) School of Computing and Technology (SCT), has started to provide blended learning for its students in the Spring Semester of the 2017-2018 Academic Year.

With the contributions of the Director of EMU Institute of Distance Education and EMU Computer Center, Office365 (Microsof Office and Skype Institutional Application Software) and a Moodle - based learning management system are implemented in the lessons, thanks to the collaboration of EMU and Microsoft. Students have live lessons over Skype institutional and after the course videos have been recorded, they are provided for students’ use over Moodle learning management system. Students can log on to the learning management system through “Single Sign On” or “SSO” method, by using student portal user details. Through this method, students do not need to enter a new username or a new password every time log on to the system.

The program offers many advantages of Office365 and Moodle systems at the same time.

Director of EMU School of Computing and Technology provided information on the application and stated that the course content used in the system has been developed by Zafer Yuca, Esen Ertunga, Cihan Ünal and Pınar Kumyalılı. Prof. Dr. Mustafa İlkan also put forth that similar to face-to-face learning course content is presented to students through a distance learning model. Prof. Dr. Mustafa İlkan went on to state that students may follow courses in small classes where the lessons are presented or through live broadcasts with the help of mobile devices with Android, IOS, and WINDOWS operating systems. During the live broadcast, students can interact with the lecturer either at CT001 coded amphi which is supported by professional cameras or in an online format. Students may also reach course presentations via internet and revise the course elements, accordingly.

With this system, students can ask questions to the instructors and receive real-time answers. Both the students watching from the internet and the students physically present in the classroom will be able to hear the answers of these questions. Students can also contribute in real-time. At the end of the lectures, the video recordings are presented online via the Moodle system. Those recordings are available to the students throughout the term without distinctions of place and time. In the 2017 - 2018 Academic Year Fall Semester, it was observed that there was a positive increase in the exam results of students receiving education in the blended learning environment compared to the student who took lessons in the previous semesters.

What did the Academic Instructors delivering the Lectures Say?
As a result of the labor division amongst academic staff delivering the course, academic staff member Esen Ertunga undertook the duty of the coordinator, academic staff member Cihan Ünal was assigned the responsibility of the application of independent learning models for the offered courses, and academic staff members Pınar Kumyalılı and Esen Ertunga undertook the monitoring of the applications offered via internet. The aforementioned academic staff members stated that in line with students’ increasing success rate, the interest towards the courses has increased, too. Through the delivery of the said courses in an online environment, young people can also use the mobile devices for educational purposes which would be of their benefit.

What did the students say?
Department of Psychology student Merve Hande Yaşımur highlighted the significance of distance learning in terms of saving time and using technology efficiently. She stated that classes not attended can be viewed from a dormitory environment or in a cafeteria alone or with friends.

Department of Nursing student Şehmus Arslan stated that they are very happy that they can watch the lessons they have missed online. He added that the courses available for viewing on mobile devices via the internet should not be limited to computing lectures.

Department of Nursing student Bursa Altun, stated that they have adjusted well to the distance learning model of the computer courses adding that the sharing of lecture notes and lectures (both live and upon completion) is very useful.

In general, students noted that they are very satisfied with the opportunity to benefit from an interactive learning model. The students who shared their opinions on the new technological system in class stated that they will not miss any lessons underlining that the system is very helpful.

The students who viewed the system specially designed for them by EMU-SCT as a system more suitable for the modern education system thanked EMU-SCT academicians who provided the opportunity for them to follow the course wherever they might be.
EXHIBITION ORGANISED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE 54TH LIBRARY WEEK

On Monday, the 26th of March 2018 at 11:00 the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted artist Leyla Çınar Algül’s photography exhibition titled “Traces of the Past in Cypriot Homes -2” within the scope of its 54th Library Week. The exhibition at the Library Exhibition Hall was launched by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. Present at the exhibition opening were Faculty of Education Dean Prof. Dr. Ülíker Vancı Osam, EMU Student Affairs Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Derviş Şubaşı, Özay Oral Library Director Osman Soykan, Public Relations and Press Office Director (a.) Murat Aktaş, Özay Oral Library personnel and EMU students.

“We Must Value The Culture of our Past”
Speaking at the opening of the exhibition, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that he has received very positive feedback from students concerning the Özay Oral Library. Prof. Dr. Osman also thanked all library personnel and artist Leyla Çınar Algül. Özay Oral Library Director Osman Soykan stated that they are pleased to be celebrating the 54th Library Week with a range of events. Concerning Leyla Çınar Algül’s exhibition Osman Soykan noted: “The exhibition focuses on the home equipment that comprise the cultural aspects of houses in Cyprus’s rural areas in addition to their spatial and structural features. I would like to thank Leyla Çınar Algül who has a special awareness about Library Weeks for sharing her work with audiences via her exhibitions.” Artist Leyla Çınar Algül highlighted that she didn’t purchase her articles from antique dealers but that she collected them from people who share this interest. “With this exhibition, we aim to value the culture of our past and relay this culture to future generations.”

Upon the completion of the speeches EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam presented Leyla Çınar Algül a plaque of appreciation.

BOOK READING ACTIVITY TAKES PLACE DURING 54TH LIBRARY WEEK

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Özay Oral Library’s 54th Library Week celebrations commenced with artist Leyla Çınar Algül’s photography exhibition titled “Traces of the Past in Cypriot Homes-2” continued with a book reading activity that took place on Wednesday, the 28th of March 2018 between 11:30 and 12.00 in the EMU Özay Oral Library Yard. The book reading event that takes place concurrently in Turkey and the TRNC was organized in collaboration with the Cyprus Turkish Librarians Association and this year’s guests were students and teachers from the İskële Şehit İkizer Primary School.

The 7th annual book reading event was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Faculty of Education Dean Prof. Dr. Ülíker Vancı Osam, EMU Özay Oral Library Director and Cyprus Turkish Librarians Association President Osman Soykan, Cyprus Turkish Librarians Association Board Member Mavişe Uysal, İskële Şehit İkizer Primary School Headmaster Coşkun Akyerli, Cyprus Turkish Education Foundation Board Member Derviş Hasipoğlu, library personnel and EMU students.

“I Come with a Very Special Book”
Speaking at the opening of the event, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that he loves reading and that reading is an important tool for the development of communities. Indicating that he came to the event with a very special book Prof. Dr. Osman stated: “I brought with me former EMU Health Center Chief Physician and former EMU Board of Trustees President the late Dr. Turhan Korun’s book ‘Ben De Yazdım’ that I have not been able to put down since I picked up. We remember him with respect.”

EMU Özay Oral Library Director and Cyprus Turkish Librarians Association President Osman Soykan noted that reading isn’t at the desired level in the country and that their aim is to emphasize the importance of libraries. Soykan indicated that libraries play a big part in instilling the love of books and touched upon the insufficiency of library services in primary schools in the country. Soykan stated that they are working hard to bring practices of modern school libraries to the TRNC. Meanwhile, Cyprus Turkish Librarians Association Board Member Mavişe Uysal thanked the EMU Rector’s Office for hosting this beautiful event.

Plaque of Appreciation for Participants
After the speeches, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam presented İskële Şehit İkizer Primary School Headmaster Coşkun Akyerli, Cyprus Turkish Education Foundation Board Member Derviş Hasipoğlu and Deniz Plaza Representative Ahmet Aslanavlar certificates of appreciation for their contributions to the event. After the activity, Cyprus Turkish Librarians Association President and Board Members visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office at 14.30 providing information about the work they are carrying out and their activities. At the end of the visit, Prof. Dr. Osam was presented a plaque of appreciation for his interest in and contributions to librarians in the country.
The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture, Department of Interior Architecture is celebrating its 20th year in the 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester and recently held its Honour - High Honour Certificate Ceremony for successful students.

The said organization took place at the Chimney House located in the Famagusta’s Old Town with “No to violence” and “Refunctioning” themed Warm-Up Project Presentations. It was a proud night for the EMU Department of Interior Architecture that always stresses the importance of re-opening un-used historical places and once again making them a part of our everyday lives as the Chimney House opened its doors to Interior Architecture students, parents, academic staff and members of the general public.

The aim of the ceremony was to present certificates to successful students of the Fall Semester as well as to allow ITAS 102 / FARC 102 / INAR 292 and ITAS 302 / INAR 391 / INAR 392 students to present their warm up projects designed with the aid of course instructors Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özlem Olgaç Türker, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nil Paşaoğulları Şahin, Asst. Prof. Dr. Ahenk Yüksel Damgaci, Asst. Prof. Dr. Kamil Güley, Asst. Prof. Dr. Hacer Başarır, Academic Staff Seyit Ermiyagil, Cansu Denizhan ve Pınar Sabancı. The warm-up projects aimed to raise awareness about the previously mentioned themes “No to violence” and “Refunctioning”. The ceremony commenced with an opening speech delivered by EMU Department of Interior Architecture Chair Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağlı. Prof. Dağlı stated that one of the primary missions of their department is bringing to life unused historical buildings. Noting that the department has completed many revival and sustenance projects in the Walled City, Prof. Dr. Dağlı added that they held this activity at the Chimney House because they felt responsible to bring life to the this building where restoration was recently completed. In a speech of his own, Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek congratulated the Department of Interior Architecture and its students for this successful organization.

EMU HOSTS 4TH İLEDAK EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted the 4th Education Workshop with the Communication Training Evaluation and Accreditation Board (İLEDAK) at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Centre on Saturday, the 17th of March 2018. The workshop that took place between 10:00 – 18:00 was attended İLEDAK members and academicians of Turkish Cypriot universities.

Speaking at the opening of the workshop Prof. Dr. Aysel Aziz stated “This is a very important day as this is the first time the five faculties in the TRNC have come together”. Stating that İLEDAK is a non-governmental accreditation organization, Prof. Dr. Aziz noted that İLEDAK aims to increase the quality of education programs in communication and related fields. “Our mission is to train well-educated and qualified communication professionals that embrace and understand current and developing communication technologies with the ultimate goal of a society with heightened awareness. There were different institutions that evaluated disciplines other than communication. We started talking about why there wasn’t an institution for communication. In 2015, we met with Ankara University, Istanbul University and Adnan Menderes University representatives. We couldn’t have done it without the support of their communication faculties. Therefore our accreditation process got underway. We submitted our application to the Council of Higher Education on the 14th of February 2017. The process was prolonged because of the structuring of the ‘higher education quality council’ however we became registered after a year.” Prof. Dr. Aziz went on to indicate that they will initially be providing accreditation for undergraduate programs but that they will be carrying out work regarding associate degree and postgraduate programs as well.

At the end of the workshop, İLEDAK Certificates of Participation were delivered by Communication Research Association (ILAD) President Prof. Dr. Aysel Aziz.
Within the scope of the “6th International Career Week” organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Graduate Relations and Career Research Directorate (MIKA) Faculty of Communication, Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design hosted Paris based HM Studio Director and “Poster for Tomorrow” coordinator, world famous designer Dr. Herve Matine.

Herve Matine delivered an intriguing presentation that looked at the power of design titled “One person is a start: a thousand is a movement that cannot be denied”. Following the presentation that attracted the attention of students and academicians, a “Freedom of Movement” themed exhibition was launched. The exhibition is comprised of the top 100 posters out of 6993 designs from 133 different countries.

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A seminar titled “Finding the tomb of Suleiman the Magnificent” took place at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) organized by the Cyprus Policy Center (CPC). The seminar that commenced with the opening speech of EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Political Science and International Relations Chair and EMU-CPC Director Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen was delivered by Norbert Pap. Norbert Pap is an academic staff member of Hungary’s University of Pécs and the person who found Suleiman the Magnificent’s lost tomb.

During the seminar Prof. Dr. Pap spoke about the collaboration between the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) and the University of Pécs which aimed to find Suleiman the Magnificent’s lost tomb, the joint work carried out, methods used and the results of the collaboration. Prof. Dr. Pap indicated that Turkish and Hungarian state archives, abstracts of titles and notes of travelers were scanned as well as German, French, Croatian, Austrian and Italian archives.

Prof. Dr. Pap stated that a group comprising of Turkish and Hungarian scientists found the place where Suleiman the Magnificent’s interior organs were buried in 2015 and the mosque that was made by one of the Ottoman’s important viziers Sokollu Mehmed Pasha and the remains of a dervish lodge next to in 2016. Prof. Dr. Pap indicated that structures found during excavations on the site matched those in a map dating back to 1689 and that this eliminated all doubts about the dervish lodge. Noting that the Ottoman site that was found will contribute to relations between Turkey and Hungary in terms of culture and tourism Prof. Dr. Pap showed a 3D animation of the site at the end of his talk.
EMU WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL TEAM BECOMES TURKISH LEAGUE ONE CHAMPIONS

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Women’s Volleyball team has finished first in the Turkish University Sports Federation Volleyball League One earning the right to compete in matches to be promoted to the Super League. During the matches played in Gaziantep between the 16th and 20th of April 2018, the EMU Women’s Volleyball team dominated competition to become undefeated champions. Meanwhile the EMU Men’s Volleyball Team finished in second place being defeated only once. The EMU Women’s Volleyball Team comprising of 7 Turkish Cypriot, 3 Turkish, 1 Nigerian and 1 Ukrainian athlete will be competing for the right to gain promotion to the Super League in Elazığ between the 30th of April and the 6th of May 2018.

The competition at which the top three teams will earn the right to be promoted to the Turkish Universities Super League will be taking place on the Firat University campus.

“We want to achieve a first!”

In a statement EMU Women’s and Men’s Volleyball Team coach Ecevit S. Cankat emphasized that the matches in Gaziantep went very well for both teams. Indicating that he is very proud about the Women’s team becoming undefeated champions and the men’s team finishing second with only one defeat Cankat noted that they want to carry out a first during the Super League Promotion matches. Cankat concluded by underlining his trust in both teams.

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and family members organized a tennis tournament in memory of late academic staff member, Dr. Ayten Sururi, who passed away eight years ago. The “4th Annual Dr. Ayten Sururi Tennis Tournament” took place at the EMU Tennis Courts between the 2nd and 11th of April 2018. A total of 140 players competed in 68 matches in 7 categories (Women’s Over 18s, Men’s Over 18s, Men’s Over 35s, Women’s Over 35s, Men’s Doubles, Women’s Doubles and Mix Doubles). After five final matches played on Wednesday, the 11th of April 2018 an Award Ceremony took place at 19:00. Players were presented their awards by EMU Student Affairs Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Derviş Subaşı, Faculty of Education, Department of Educational Sciences Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Canan Zeki, Dr. Ayten Sururi’s mother Füsun Sururi and her sister Fezile Sururi.

The rankings of the “4th Annual Dr. Ayten Sururi Tennis Tournament” are as follows:

Women’s Over 18s:
- Gözde Nur
- Mina Bozognia
- Özden Tiliki and Tuğçe Özşırma

Semi-Finalists:
- Özden Tiliki and Tuğçe Özşırma

Men’s Over 18s:
- Amir Sahehvand - Bahtiyar Satış
- Semide Oğuzer - Yeşim Tüğçe

Semi-Finalists:
- Ömer Tunali and Mohammed Arabi

Women’s Over 35s:
- Aydın Kayol
- Erman Fıyatlı
- İlhan Altay and Emir Konuklu

Men’s Over 35s:
- Aydın Kayol
- Erman Fıyatlı
- İlhan Altay and Emir Konuklu

Men’s Doubles:
- Mahmut - Aydın
- Erman - Avcı

Women’s Doubles:
- Selma - Laïka
- Filiz - Tuğçe

Semi-Finalists:
- Damla - Nevra and Paniz - Parmida

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- Mahmut - Aydın
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Mixed Doubles:
- Aydın - Mina
- Erkan - Paniz

Semi-Finalists:
- Cem - Özden and Yazdan - Zeynep
The 9th International Futsal Tournament organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Sports Affairs Directorate ended with the final matches and award ceremony that took place on Tuesday the 10th of April 2018. The final night commenced at the Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex at 18:00. Parallel to the increasing popularity of the tournament, this year over 500 active students from 30 countries competed in 30 men’s and 7 women’s teams from different countries.

The award winning teams were decided after group matches played between the 26th of March and 6th of April 2018, the quarter and semi-finals played on the 9th of April 2018 and the finals held on the 10th of April 2018. The final match in the women’s category was played between TRNC and Nigeria. Nigeria became champions after defeating the TRNC 1-0. In the men’s category Turkey became champions by defeating Morocco 6-1. Iran came third in the women’s category by defeating Turkey 3-0. Palestine came third in the men’s category after defeating Zimbabwe 4-1.

Award Ceremony
Following the matches, an award ceremony where the top teams were presented cups and medals took place. Cups and medals were awarded to the winning teams by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. Student Affairs Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Derviş Subaşı and Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu presented awards to the teams that finished second and third respectively.

In the female’s category the Best Goalkeeper Award went to Sadat Momoh, the Top Scorer and Best Player Awards went to Zainab Yahafa, the Individual Fair-Play Award went to Olayinka Ola sulmo Afolabi and the Fair-Play Team Award went to Nigeria. Meanwhile in the men’s category the Best Goalkeeper Award went to Mehmet Sungur, the Top Scorer Award went to Mazlum Karabogla, the Individual Fair-Play Award went Mahmoud Sheriff, the Best Player Award went to Mustafa Akgül and the Fair-Play Team Award went to Iran. The awards were presented to the winners by Sports Affairs Directorate personnel.