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## EMU ADDS TO ITS ACHIEVEMENTS

### *EMU is Featured on the Times Higher Education Universities Impact Rankings*

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) adds to its achievements by featuring on the U.K based higher education ranking institution Times Higher Education's "2019 World Universities Impact Rankings". EMU leaves behind many universities from all over the world to feature in the 300+ band of the rankings which were announced by THE on Wednesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2019.

The said rankings were organized according to the social and economic impact of universities from across the world based on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals such as Gender Equality, Decent Work and Economic Growth, Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, Reduced Inequalities, Sustainable Cities and Communities, Responsible Consumption and Production, Climate Action, Partnership for the Goals and primarily Good Health and Wellbeing, Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions and Quality Education. The UN Sustainable Development Goals are a blueprint to eradicate poverty, protect

our planet and ensure the peace and the well-being of all people. THE compiled a ranking based on these goals for the first time in order to encourage universities from across the globe to contribute to a better world.



**THE UNIVERSITY  
IMPACT  
RANKINGS**  
INAUGURAL PARTICIPANT

EMU was the only university from North Cyprus to appear on the rankings that featured 19 universities from Turkey and 2 from South Cyprus. EMU featured in the 101-200 band of the Sustainable Development Goal of Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. The work EMU carried out in the field of health in recent years was influential in its high position on the list. In a statement EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam indicated that collaborations with Oxford University

in the field of women's health and with the TRNC Ministry of Health, University College of London and the Committee on Missing Persons on cancer research played an important role in their high ranking in the field of health. Prof. Dr.

Osam also noted that the work and collaboration they are carrying out with many ministries as well as local and central governments played a part in their high ranking on the Sustainable Development Goal of Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions as well as the service they provide for institutions and organizations, training they provide for the community and the university's democratic environment.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that they are very proud of the university's achievement that has resulted from the vision they have been following since 2014 and that success is never a coincidence, before adding that EMU continues to grow and develop each day.

## SPRING IS SPECIAL AT EMU



The 24<sup>th</sup> Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Spring Festival sponsored by North Cyprus Turkcell mobile communications took place between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 on the EMU Campus. The theme for this year's event was "Gommaz of EMU" which translates to "Friends from EMU". "Gomma" is a colloquial term often used on

the island to describe a friend. This year's theme reflected EMU's animal friendly campus and love for animals.

### **Festival Commenced with a Parade**

The 24<sup>th</sup> Spring Festival commenced with a parade walk starting at the Famagusta Developmental Academy (MGA) and

ending on the EMU Campus. The walk on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 started at 17:30. The official opening ceremony took place at 19:00 with the participation of EMU Board of Trustees' President Boysan Boyra, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Board of Trustees Members, Vice Rectors and Special Olympics (pg. 22 - 23)

## EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY IS AMONG TURKEY'S 10 BEST UNIVERSITIES FOR THE 3<sup>RD</sup> TIME



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) achieved 8th place among the universities of Turkey with 2.11 FC points (total 5 published) in Nature Index 2018 ranking that spans over October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. EMU sustained its success as it has now achieved the top 10 in Nature Index for three consecutive years. EMU's ranking in NATURE Index 2018 is due to the published works of EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Faculty Members Prof. Dr. Mustafa Halilsoy, Doç. Dr. S. Habib Mazharimousavi, Yrd. Doç. Dr. Tugçe Karaderi, Yrd. Doç. Dr. Ali Övgün and doctorate student S. Danial Forghani; and Faculty of Medicine Faculty Member Prof. Dr. Huriye Nursel Elçioğlu. The journals and published works that enabled EMU's place in Nature Index 2018 are "Protein-Altering Variants Associated With Body Mass Index Implicate Pathways That Control Energy Intake And Expenditure In Obesity", European Physical Journal C "A Note On Thin-Shell Wormholes With Charge In (-)Gravity, Asymmetric Thin-Shell Wormholes, Falsifying Cosmological Models Based On A Non-Linear Electrodynamics" American Journal of Human Genetics "Recessive MYF5 Mutations Cause External Ophthalmoplegia, Rib, and Vertebral Anomalies"

### What is Nature Index?

Nature Index is a database that creates monthly and annual lists of articles published in the world's most prestigious 82 scientific journals of independently chosen fields; medicine, health, chemistry, physics, earth and environmental sciences. This database is compiled by Nature Research. Nature Index is a real time proxy for measuring the outputs and academic collaboration of high quality researches that prepares institutional, national and regional level compilations. Nature index is updated monthly and the results are published after 12 months on [www.natureindex.com](http://www.natureindex.com) under the license of a non-commercial organization called Creative Commons. Nature Index published the regional, country and institution/university level annual outputs and an archive of the yearly tables published in the previous years (until 2016).

### How Are Nature Index Metrics Counted?

The simplest method is article count (AC). Every article, with at least one author, from a country or institution is given 1 AC. This disregards the number of authors and means that the same article can contribute to the ACs of multiple countries or institutions. To know the article

contribution of a country or university, Nature Index uses fractional count (FC) to determine the contribution of each author of the article. The total FC per article is the shared "1" by all authors under the assumption of equal contribution.

For example, an article with 10 authors means that each author receives 0.1 FC. For authors connected with multiple institutions, their FC is divided equally among those institutions. During the calculations, the total FC is taken for institutions whereas for individual authors, the FC is added.

### A Visit was Paid to Prof. Dr. Osam

The Faculty Members that enabled EMU's place in Nature Index's 2018 ranking, accompanied by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan, paid a visit to Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office. During the visit on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 (Thursday) Prof. Dr. Osam congratulated all faculty members for their achievements and noted that EMU's success would continue increasingly.

## EMU RECEIVES TSE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY CERTIFICATION

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) received the Turkish Standards Institute's (TSE) 'OHSAS 18001 Occupational Health and Safety' certification. TSE Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Director Ahmet Kemal Kızıltan, visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and presented him with the 'OHSAS 18001

Occupational Health and Safety' certificate. During the visit that took place on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Monday at 10:00, EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof Dr. Cem Tanova, EMU Total Quality Management Inspection Center Director Hasan Kavaz and EMU Public Relations and Press Office Acting Director Murat Aktuğralı were present.

underlined that EMU continues to demonstrate its high quality standards with the 'OHSAS 18001 Occupational Health and Safety' certification; and now, their goal is to receive the ISO 14001 : 2004 Environment Management System certification.



### First University in TRNC

During the meeting, Kızıltan said that after the nine-day inspection conducted by TSE, EMU has earned the right to receive the 'OHSAS 18001 Occupational Health and Safety' certification, which officially proves EMU's high-standard quality once again. Kızıltan stated that EMU is the first university in TRNC to be certified in occupational health and safety and congratulated EMU for its current success.

### New Goal is to Receive the Environment Management System Certification

Prof. Dr. Osam stated their happiness in receiving this quality certification and mentioned that since 2015, EMU has received certifications for ISO 9002015 Quality Management System and ISO 10002014 Student Satisfaction Management System. Prof. Dr. Osam



## EMU-SCT'S NEW ACCREDITATION

### SCT's 13<sup>th</sup> Accredited Programme

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) School of Computing and Technology (SCT), Information Technologies (IT) Master's Programme ASIIN (Germany) received accreditation. Breaking new ground in a master's programme, EMU-SCT also brought the Euro INF quality certification to its post-graduate study field. With these new accreditations, the number of SCT's accredited programmes increased to 13.

Electrical and Electronics Technology (2 and 3 years), Construction Technology (2 and 3 years), Computer Programming (2 and 3 years), Biomedical Equipment Technology (2 and 3 years) and Mapping and Cadastral Survey (2 and 3 years) under EMU-SCT also received their accreditations last semester thanks to devoted and

serious work. EMU-SCT Director Prof. Dr. Mustafa İlkan stated that with the ASIIN accreditation of Information Technologies Master's Programme, SCT had a grand achievement. Prof. Dr. İlkan also included that the SCT was EMU's first academic department and helps train expert intermediate staff.

Stating that accreditation is a way of reaching current standards, is a test and is being inspected by a third party, Prof. Dr. İlkan noted that they have accreditations that are valid in 28 EU countries. Prof. Dr. İlkan noted that accreditations are proof that the desired education quality has been reached, the highest level of vocational education is in Germany, and that SCT's FIBAA and ASIIN accreditations are from Germany. Prof. Dr. İlkan stated that the Computer Technology and Information Systems Programme had the international

ASIIN accreditation and the education quality was officially registered by EQAINE.

### New Accreditations were Presented to Prof. Dr. Osam

On the other hand, EMU-SCT Director Prof. Dr. Mustafa İlkan visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office and presented him with the new accreditation documents. Prof. Dr. İlkan also informed Prof. Dr. Osam about the EMU SCT's new works and thanked him for their support. Prof. Dr. Osam stated that EMU SCT's current state was a great achievement and wished Prof. Dr. İlkan and all SCT team success. He also underlined that as EMU Rector's Office, they are ready to provide support for this cause.



## EMU FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES IS AMONG THE BESTS WORLDWIDE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Arts and Sciences, which has the only Physics and Chemistry Departments within the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and one of the two Mathematics Departments in the country, has once again proven its quality by becoming one of the world's bests.

In addition to its leading position in the TRNC, with its strong and prominent academic staff members, the Faculty has been ranked within the 501-600 band in the UK based higher education ranking board Times Higher Education's (THE) 2019 World University Rankings in the "Physical Sciences" category through the contributions of the Physics, Mathematics and Chemistry Departments operating under the said faculty. With the aforesaid ranking, EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences is now 5th amongst the universities of Turkey.

Dean of EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan emphasized that the faculty's recent success in THE rankings, together with the successful achievements in the Nature Index rankings in the last 3 years, is the most important indicator of the quality of the education offered at the high standards in the Faculty, and emphasized that the faculty will maintain its outstanding success.

### Over 4000 Graduates

EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences is one of the three faculties established in 1986 when the Institute of High Technology was converted into a state university under the name of Eastern Mediterranean University. Students who have graduated from the faculty, which boasts an elite group of alumni reaching 4000 in number, continue their academic studies and careers successfully in a wide geography ranging from America to Australia, from Europe to Asia and to Africa. The Physics and Chemistry Departments, which were founded in 1989, have two important tasks in EMU and cater for the demands in these areas. The Physics and Chemistry departments also offer the students master's programs with thesis requirements and doctoral degree programs.

On the other hand, Mathematics Department, which has the only English-medium Actuarial Science Program both within Turkey and the TRNC, also offers study opportunities in different areas including Mathematics and Computer Science undergraduate program, Information Systems non-thesis master's program, Applied Mathematics and Computer Science master's program with thesis requirements, Mathematics PhD. program and Applied Mathematics and Computer Science PhD. program.



## EMU HOSTS THE 4<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BANKING AND FINANCE PERSPECTIVES



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Banking and Finance held the "4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Banking and Finance Perspectives" which commenced with an opening ceremony at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, 2 May 2019. The event that was organised with the contributions of the TRNC Central Bank, hosted over 120 academicians from 25 different countries, all of whom have expertise in the field of banking and finance. The ceremony was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Rauf Denktaş University Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Ali Bıçak, Higher Education Planning, Accreditation and Coordination Council (YÖDAK) member Prof. Dr. Hasret Balcıoğlu, EMU Vice-Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Faculty of Business and Economics Dean Prof. Dr. Seldjan Timur, Department of Banking and Finance Chair Prof. Dr. Nesrin Özataç, Cass Business School in London academic staff member Prof. Dr. Thorsten Beck, IPAG Business School academic staff member Prof. Dr. Duc Khuong Nguyen, TRNC Central Bank representative Hayri Bender, Vice-Deans, Department Chairs, academicians and students.

### Over 120 Academicians from 25 Different Countries

The opening speech of the conference was delivered by Conference Organising Committee Chair and EMU Department of Banking and Finance Chair Prof. Dr. Nesrin Özataç. Indicating that the number of participants is increasing each year as well the number of countries from which the participants are attending Prof. Dr. Özataç stated: "We are pleased that the conference is going to be attended by more than 120 expert banking and finance academicians from 25 different countries. The aim of our conference is to contribute to academia in our country and to create a platform where

the latest research on banking and finance can be shared. As always, the conference results will be compiled into a proceedings book by Springer and published in respected journals."

### One of the top 250 Programs in the World

In a speech of his own EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam indicated that the university is about to celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> year. Touching on the conference, Prof. Dr. Osam expressed his wish for the important work carried out within the scope of the event to contribute to knowledge in the field whilst thanking the world famous economy experts for participating in the conference. Stating that they were recently in France and that they saw firsthand that the universities there were no different from EMU in terms academic and social achievements Prof. Dr. Osam stated "EMU has students from 113 different countries despite being in an unrecognized country. It features in the 101-150 band of the 2019 Times Higher Education Young University Rankings. In addition, our university's Faculty of Business and Economics is one of the top 250 programs in the world in the field of Business and Economics". Prof. Dr. Osam concluded by wishing everyone a productive conference.

Following the opening speeches, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam presented TRNC Central Bank representative Hayri Bender, Montpellier Business School academic staff member Prof. Dr. Sadri Boubaker, Cass Business School academic staff member Prof. Dr. Thorsten Beck and IPAG Business School academic staff member Prof. Dr. Duc Khuong Nguyen plaques with traditional Cypriot Lefkara lace for their contributions to the conference.

### 80 Presentations Were Delivered

The event started following the opening speeches with the presentation of one of



the keynote speakers of the event, world-renowned scholar Prof. Dr. Thorsten Beck (Cass Business School, London). In his presentation, Prof. Dr. Beck talked about "Bank Resolution in Practice: Empirical Evidence." As a scholar whose work has been cited 54000 times, Prof. Dr. Beck has also worked as a consultant at the research departments of the World Bank, the European Central Bank, and the Bank of England. The conference then continued with the second keynote speaker Prof. Dr. Duc Khuong Nguyen's (IPAG Business School, Paris) talk on "On the Network of Global Currencies". Prof. Dr. Nyguen is a scholar who has important research on emerging markets, energy economics and finance. The conference continued on Friday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2019. The

latest research on banking and finance following the global financial crisis as well as opportunities and risks on the global financial market were discussed.

The two-day Conference on Banking and Finance Perspectives hosted 15 parallel sessions during which 80 presentations were delivered by academicians from 25 different countries. Efficient monetary policies that central banks need to implement in times of financial market fluctuations, volatility models, the importance of inspection and overseeing, Islamic banking, micro finance and capital markets, capital structure of firms, economic development and energy economics were among the discussion topics of the conference.

# 10<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON CYPRUS STUDIES HELD AT EMU



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Center for Cyprus Studies (CSS) held the 10th International Congress on Cyprus Studies with the broad perspective of issues focusing on Cyprus between the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. The event which commenced with an opening ceremony at 10:00 on Wednesday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 featured a total of 46 papers being presented.

The opening ceremony of the congress was attended by Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Parliamentary Speaker Teberrüken Uluçay, Republican Turkish Party MP, European Union (EU) Compliance Committee President and Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly Member Armağan Candan as well as İnönü Mayor Ali Öncü.

In her opening speech that took place after a moment of silence and the national anthem, EMU Center for Cyprus Studies President and Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı stated that 150 islands are located in the Mediterranean before noting that Cyprus is the third largest of these islands. Prof. Dr. Doratlı then underlined that Cyprus is a strategic island which has been home to many different civilizations. Prof. Dr. Doratlı went on to emphasize that EMU-CCS was founded in 1995 and that it has been encouraging and carrying out research and publications on all topics relating to Cyprus, since its foundation.

Prof. Dr. Doratlı concluded by stating that a total of 46 research papers that were selected out of 60 will be presented at the congress.

### EMU is Well-Respected in the TRNC and the World

In a speech of his own, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that EMU-CSS continues to take firm steps in light of EMU's mission to carry out research and make publications concerning regional and local topics. Underlining that EMU is a well-respected university in the TRNC and the world, Prof. Dr. Osam emphasized that this year EMU will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> year. Stating that the university promotes the TRNC and its culture in places all over the world, Prof. Dr. Osam underlined the importance of EMU featuring in 633<sup>rd</sup> place out of 25 thousand world universities. Highlighting that only 23 universities from Turkey, which is home to over 200 universities, could feature on the list Prof. Dr. Osam stated that EMU occupied 6th place amongst Turkish Universities featured on the list such as the METU and ITU. Also noting that EMU was ranked 111<sup>th</sup> amongst world universities under 50 years old, Prof. Dr. Osam relayed that TRNC state representatives need to make the necessary contributions for the university to get to an even better place.

### EMU is the Apple of the Academic Community's Eye

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the congress, TRNC Parliamentary Speaker Teberrüken Uluçay emphasized that the

Center for Cyprus Studies' congress will contribute to both EMU and the TRNC. Indicating that the TRNC is 36 years old and EMU is 40 years old, Uluçay noted that EMU is an institution that provides world-class education and is the apple of the academic community's eye. Uluçay concluded by underlining that EMU fully deserves to occupy the position it is occupying on the World rankings.

Highlighting that EMU is an institution which represents the country beyond its borders, Uluçay stated that it also contributes to the financial development of the TRNC. Emphasizing that EMU got to where it is today after 40 years of effort and devotion Uluçay noted that the work of the Center for Cyprus Studies sheds light for management, students and academicians. Following the opening speeches, a presentation titled "Turkish Cypriots and the European Union" was delivered by guest speaker Republican Turkish Party MP, European Union (EU) Compliance Committee President and Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly Member Armağan Candan.

This was followed by the presentation titled "Orthopedic Problems Seen in Cyprus" which was delivered by Dokuz Eylül University, Faculty of Medicine, Orthopedics and Traumatology Department academic staff member Prof. Dr. Hasan Havıtcıoğlu.

The first session of the conference commenced at 14:00, after the



presentations of the main speakers. A total of 14 presentations took place during the first day of the congress in two concurrent sessions. Prof. Dr. Osam and Prof. Dr. Doratlı presented Candan a certificate of appreciation and a plaque whilst Prof. Dr. Havıtcıoğlu received his from EMU Communication Faculty, Department of Cinema and Television Chair Prof. Dr. Bahire Özad.

### The Presentations Continued on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2019

Presentations continued with concurrent sessions on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2019, the second day of the congress. A total of 32 presentations took place in the first four sessions of the congress. The event came to an end with a closing panel during the final session of the congress.

## NUMBER OF PIECES IN EMU'S ART COLLECTION REACHES 423



The art collection project, run by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Center for Cyprus Studies (EMU-CCS), continues to improve and grow. In this scope, a protocol was signed with 6 local artists at EMU Rector's Office Meeting Room to include 33 more works of art to EMU's collection. In addition to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, İnci Kansu (6 pieces), Günay B. Caymaz (5 pieces), Mustafa Öztunç (5 pieces), Hüseyin Özinal (3 pieces), Nurtana Karagil (8 pieces) and Gökçe Keçeci (6 pieces) signed the protocol. Thus, the number of works of art in EMU's collection has now reached 423. Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs and EMU-CCS President Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı was also present during the Protocol Signing Ceremony.

### "The Art Work Will Meet the World"

In her speech, EMU-CCS Art Projects Coordinator Zehra Şonya thanked all the contributing artists and said that EMU would undertake all necessary precautions for preserving, exhibiting and promoting these pieces. Şonya also stated that a promotional website designed for the collection's art works will soon be in service. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam conveyed that since his first day in office, he has been a supporter of the Cyprus Turkish art and artists. He underlined that this support would increasingly continue and that these art works would meet not only the locals, but the world. In her speech, Artist İnci Kansu expressed her gratitude to EMU. She stated that EMU's art collection initiative is valuable and very satisfactory for the country's artists. The ceremony ended following the protocol signing and a group photo.



## HIGHER EDUCATION QUALITY BOARD VICE CHAIR VISITS EMU

The Higher Education Quality Board Vice Chair Prof. Dr. Sibel Aksu Yıldırım paid a visit to Eastern Mediterranean University and participated in various activities. Prof. Dr. Yıldırım, who came to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus upon the invitation of EMU, paid a visit of courtesy to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. Vice Rectors of EMU participated in the said visit which took place at 10:00 a.m. on 15 March 2019. Following the visit, Prof. Dr. Yıldırım delivered a presentation to EMU Senate regarding the work undertaken by the Higher Education

Quality Board concerning the higher education institutions in Turkey, the latest developments in the world pertaining to higher education and future projections.

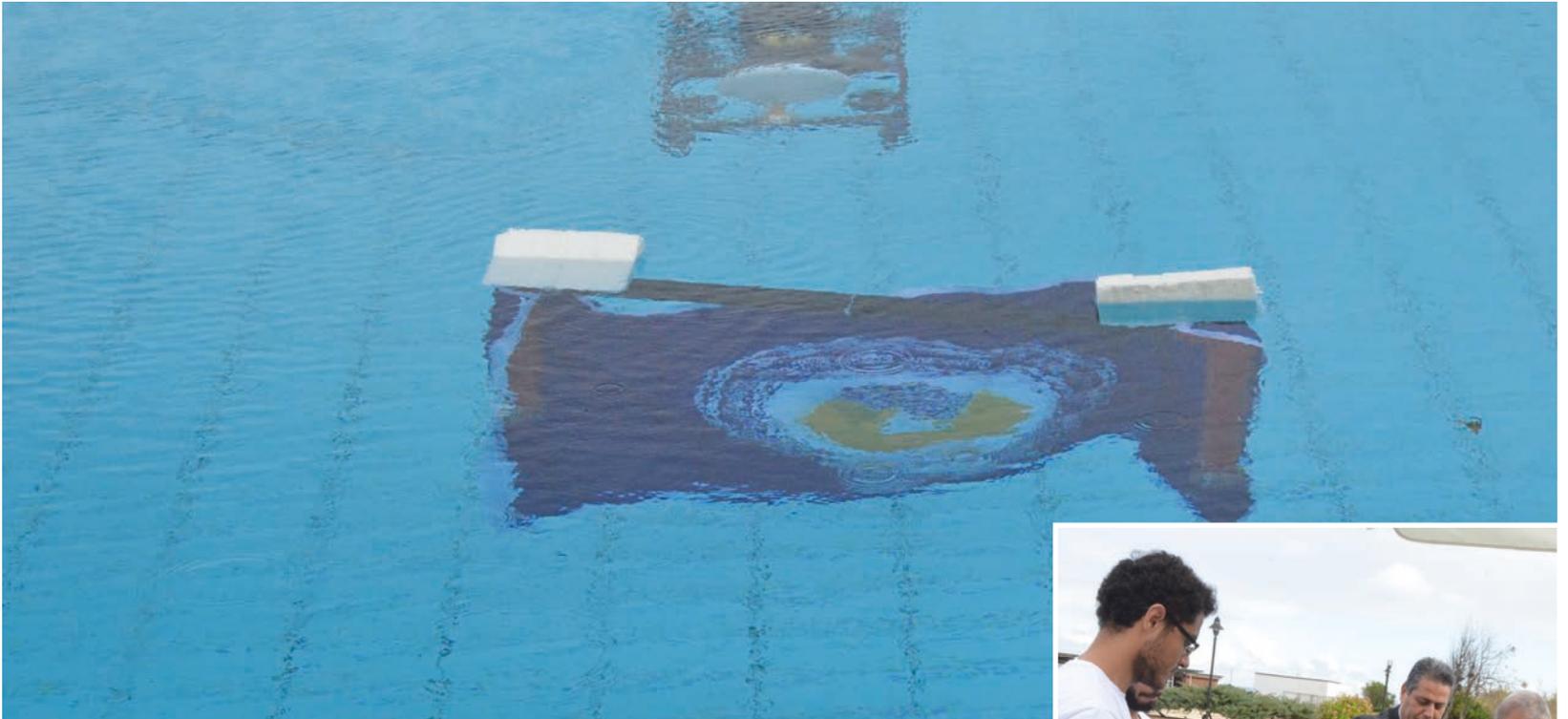
### Yıldırım Delivered a Presentation in Scope of Career Days

In scope of the 7<sup>th</sup> International Career Days hosted by the Eastern Mediterranean University Alumni Communications and Career Research Directorate, Higher Education Quality Board Vice Chair and Hacettepe University Physiotherapy

and Rehabilitation Faculty academic staff member Prof. Dr. Sibel Aksu Yıldırım attended an event organised by EMU Health Sciences Faculty. In this respect, Prof. Dr. Sibel Aksu Yıldırım came together with the students of the aforesaid faculty at EMU Health Sciences Faculty Amphitheatre at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, 14 March 2019. During the event, Prof. Dr. Yıldırım delivered a presentation titled "Bracing for the Future: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills". EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç also attended the conference which was received with great interest.



## CHAMPION EMU-IEEE ROBOTICS TEAM TESTS NEW UNDERWATER ROBOT



Eastern Mediterranean University Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Student Branch (EMU-IEEE) Robotics Team is finalising the preparations for ROBOSUB 2019 Autonomous Underwater Competition. The most prestigious universities in the world will compete at ROBOSUB 2019 which will take place at USA California. Having won the "Mind Control" category of ROBOTEX 2018 in Estonia, EMU-IEEE Robotics Team, accompanied by EMU Engineering Faculty, Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department Chair Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel and students of Engineering Faculty, tested "Caretta2", the underwater robot fully designed in EMU, at EMU Beach Club. The said trial took place at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, 4 March 2019. Among notable officials who witnessed the test run of "Caretta2" were EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, project sponsor and Executive Board Member of Shipyard Famagusta Cyprus Ramazan Gündoğdu and General Director Hasan İzkan. EMU Rector Dr. Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam congratulated the EMU-IEEE Robotics Team and emphasized that the university will provide every support for the team, the Champion of ROBOTEX 2018 competition, to be successful in the ROBOSUB 2019 and TECHNOFEST 2019 competitions.

### Competition on 29 July 2019

EMU-IEEE Robotics Team made the following statement regarding the subject: "ROBOSUB which is organized by one of the world's largest robotics communities ROBONATION, is realized with the annual participation of 40 universities. The aim of the competition is to complete the missions given in 15 minutes by an autonomous underwater robot. These missions are assigned within the scope of Autonomous Underwater Systems and organised within the context of up-to-date scientific research. The largest robotics team in our university, AQUABOTICS is formed together with EMU IEEE Robotics Team and consists of 15 students from different engineering departments. This team is preparing to compete in the USA to represent our university. Students from the departments of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Mechatronics Engineering, Computer Engineering and Industrial Engineering have been assigned to the team. The team prepares for the ROBOSUB competition which will commence on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2019 under the guidance and supervision of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department Chair Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel."



# DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS ACTIVITY

FROM EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND TRNC MINISTRY OF HEALTH



The "Down Syndrome Awareness Symposium" organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of Health and the Famagusta Special Education Center took place at Bedesten in Nicosia. The symposium was sponsored by Kyrenia Inner Wheel. The opening speech of the symposium was delivered by EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora who highlighted the importance of increasing Down syndrome awareness.

The symposium commenced after the opening speech. Presentations were delivered by EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora, Obstetrician and Gynecologist Dr. Ali Yalçın, Dr. Burhan Nalbantoğlu State Hospital Developmental Pediatrics Expert Dr. Doğa Ceren Tekgüç, EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine academic staff member and psychologist Naife Sevdalı Zaim and EMU Faculty of Education academic staff members Assoc. Prof. Dr. Selma Akalın and Asst. Prof. Dr. Hatice Bayraklı.

### "Children with Down syndrome don't need medicine they need attention, love and special education support"

In her speech Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora stated that Down syndrome isn't a disease it is a genetic difference. Prof. Dr. Gökçora continued by emphasizing that children with Down syndrome don't need medicine but that they need attention, love and special education support. Prof. Dr. Gökçora concluded by stating: "We need to change the perception that individuals with Down syndrome are disabled. We hope that a better understanding of Down syndrome which will lead to a correct approach is developed."

### "Developmental Pediatrics Polyclinic Established"

Speaking at the event, Department of Basic Health Services, Preventative Health Services Unit Supervisor Dr. Sevgül Maydanozcu Kara indicated that the "Developmental Pediatrics Polyclinic" has started to provide service at the Nicosia Dr. Burhan Nalbantoğlu State Hospital. Indicating that she has started to work with Dr. Doğa Ceren Tekgüç at the Developmental Pediatrics Polyclinic which is operating under the Pediatrics Unit Kara stated "We

are identifying individuals in need and working to see what contributions we can make. We would like to thank Minister of Health Dr. Filiz Besim for her sensitivity in addition to everyone who contributed to this event."

### "Having a Child with Down Syndrome"

EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine academic staff member and psychologist Naife Sevdalı Zaim touched upon the psychological conditions that parents who have a child with Down syndrome experience providing information about how they can be managed. Zaim also emphasized the economical, psychological and educational problems often faced by families comprising of a child with Down syndrome.

### "Early interventions are aimed to increase the psychological, physical and mental capacity of individuals"

EMU Faculty of Education academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Selma Akalın stated that Down syndrome is a life -long process for which early interventions can be made to increase the psychological, physical and mental capacity of individuals. Providing a reminder that family participation is important in the education of individuals with Down syndrome, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Akalın stated that education in schools must be provided by experts who incorporate and increase the amount of inclusive activities they participate in.



## "EMU HOSTS 2<sup>nd</sup> TRNC AMBULANCE RALLY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND FIRST AID SYMPOSIUM"



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences and Turkish Emergency Medicine Association organized the "2<sup>nd</sup> TRNC Ambulance Rally and Emergency Services First Aid Symposium". The symposium commenced with an opening ceremony that took place at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 28 May 2019 with the support of the Paramedics Association and Cyprus Turkish Paramedics.

A moment of silence and the national anthem were followed by a musical recital from EMU Education Faculty, Department of Fine Arts Education Music Teaching Program academic staff and students.

Speaking during the opening ceremony, Tark Balcı from the Paramedics Association stated that they are very happy to be here whilst highlighting that the second annual symposium has an even richer program than the first. Indicating that the Ambulance Rally which took place a day before was very successful, Balcı thanked everyone who participated in the event. Providing information about the goals of the Association Balcı relayed his belief that the symposium which is going to be attended by experts in their field will be very useful for students. Balcı concluded by recommending that students follow the symposium carefully in order to obtain valuable information.

In a speech of his own, Prof. Dr. Cem Oktay from the Turkish Emergency Medicine Association expressed his happiness about being in EMU whilst thanking everyone involved in the organization of the symposium. Stating that he also attended last year's symposium Prof. Dr. Oktay noted that this year's event has a richer program than the previous year.

EMU Health Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç also thanked everyone who contributed to the organization of the symposium and provided information about the program. Indicating that she believes this year's symposium will be just as useful as last year's, Prof. Dr. Malkoç noted that the symposium will be comprised of



6 sessions. Continuing her speech to provide information about the Health Sciences Faculty Prof. Dr. Malkoç gave the good news that the Prosthesis and Orthosis Associate program has been approved by the Council of Higher Education and will commence in the new academic year.

Following the opening speeches, Prof. Dr. Malkoç and EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora moderated a panel titled "Emergency Health Services in the TRNC". A presentation titled "State of Emergency Services in Hospitals" was delivered by Dr. Kenan Arifoğlu from the TRNC Dr. Burhan Nalbantoğlu State Hospital.

Presentations on "Trauma", "First Approach to Trauma Patient", "Nursing Approach in Trauma Patient", "Communication in Emergency Health Services", "Emergency Cases Panel 1", "Approach to Dyspnea Patient" and "Approach to Stroke Patient" were also delivered throughout the day.

### Presentations Continued on Wednesday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2019

The symposium continued on Wednesday, 29 May 2019 with the following presentations: "Heart Attack",

"Diagnosis in Heart Attack", "Treatment of Heart Attack", "Emergency Cases Panel 2", "What is Triage? How is it applied?" and "Approach to Sepsis Patient". The symposium came to an end after an award ceremony took place.

### TRNC 2<sup>nd</sup> Ambulance Rally Took Place on 27 May

Within the scope of the symposium, at 9:00 a.m. on 27 May 2019, the 2<sup>nd</sup> TRNC Ambulance Rally was held at EMU Health Sciences Faculty. During the rally, paramedics competed against each other using their knowledge and intervention skills. In this competition, the teams walked to the stations placed at certain points on campus and intervened in the cases determined by the scenarios. The opening ceremony of the Ambulance Rally was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler.

### Courses were Offered

In addition to the symposium, various courses were offered at the Faculty of Health Sciences. On 27 May 2019, Triage and TYD/İKYD, on 28 May 2019, EKG and vascular access through USG and on 29 May, patient carrying and stabilization courses were offered to the participants.



## WORLD RENOWNED CHEF CLAUDIO CHINALI MEETS WITH STUDENTS AT EMU



Italian Restaurant Chain Eataly's İstanbul Executive Chef Claudio Chinali, came to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) within the scope of Career Week organised by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Alumni Communication and Career Research Center (MİKA) as a result of their collaboration with the EMU Faculty of Tourism. Claudio Chinali came together with EMU students at the EMU Faculty of Tourism Demo Kitchen on Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 at 14:30.

### "Food is Art"

The event was attended by EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler, Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, EMU Faculty of Tourism Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Vice Deans Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren and Asst. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Güven Ardahan and members of academic staff. The two-part event commenced with Chef Chinali holding a tasting including regional products for Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts fourth year students. The cold starter was "Asparagus Flan with

Seasoned Sautéed Snail". The tasting continued with "Artichoke Rizotto with Fresh Mint". The main meal was "Oven-Baked Filet Sea-Bass with Spices and Cherry Tomatoes".

The second-part of the event featured a talk with students. Indicating that at the age of 22 he was unhappy as a third year engineering student Chinali spoke about how he quit his engineering education to become a chef. Stating that he started working in his profession at his home town of Napoli in Italy, Chinali went on to indicate that he

later worked at many Michelin star restaurants before becoming Eataly's executive chef. Advising students to be patient and prioritize local products Chinali emphasized that they should never stop-learning. At the end of the event, Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that they are very pleased to have hosted Chef Claudio Chinali at their faculty and presented him a board with traditional Cypriot Lefkara lace.

### Visit to EMU Rector

Claudio Chinali also paid a visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office along with EMU Faculty of Tourism Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Vice-Deans Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren and Asst. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Güven Ardahan. Prof. Dr. Osam thanked Chef Claudio Chinali for accepting their invitation and participating in the EMU Tourism Faculty Career Days event. Chinali emphasized that the event was very useful and that he really liked EMU and its campus. Chinali concluded by highlighting that he will be happy to participate in future talks and events at the university.



## "DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN TOURISM PANEL" HELD AT EMU

A panel organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism under the title "Digital Transformation in Tourism" took place at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. Contributions of the digital environment to the tourism sector were discussed by prominent

experts in their field. The panel moderated by Dr. Raziye Nevzat included Tatilsepeti.com General Manager Koray Küçükylmaz, Hotel Runner Director of Partner Success Rıza Kaynak, Novusens Innovation and Entrepreneurship Institute Founder Berrin Benli and IBM WATSON IOT Engineering Solutions Consultant Dr. Mehmet Kerim Çakmak as panelists.

### "It Will Contribute to the Development of Our Country"

Academic staff members, students, sector, government and NGO representatives were present at the panel where the opening speech was delivered by EMU Tourism Faculty

Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. During his speech Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that the panel will contribute to the development of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) in terms of tourism and culture. Prof. Dr. Kılıç indicated that they are very happy about the participation of professionals, workers and representatives of the tourism sector in the panel during which the views of TRNC Tourism and Environment Ministry Undersecretary Assoc. Prof. Dr. İsmet Esenyel and Cyprus Turkish Travel Agencies Association President Erkan Kilim were also relayed. Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by stating that the panel has reached its goal of raising awareness amongst students as well as the stakeholders of the country.



## EMU AWARDS SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) rewarded the outstanding achievements of students from the Fall Semester of the 2018 – 2019 Academic Year. 130 students who managed to be in the top 10 of their Faculties and Schools were awarded cheques at a ceremony which took place at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall on Monday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 at 14:30. The ceremony was attended EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler and Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu.

### “Congratulations to all of the Students”

The opening speech of the ceremony was delivered Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu who welcomed everyone to the event and underlined that many students from different Faculties and Schools achieved outstanding success. Prof. Dr. Oğurlu congratulated the students and those who contributed to their success whilst indicating that they will be presenting cheques to those who managed to get into the top 10. Prof. Dr. Oğurlu concluded by relaying her wish that the students use their prizes wisely. Faculty of Business and Economics student Suhayl Ahmed Miftah Alsuwaydi, Faculty of Architecture student Ceylin Pınar Akartuna and Faculty of Pharmacy student Reza Mehrad



were then presented their symbolic cheques by Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler. The ceremony continued with students being presented their cheques in the company of Faculty Deans, School Directors, Department Chairs and members of academic staff.

Those who ranked first were awarded 3 times the gross minimum wage. Those who ranked second were given double the gross minimum wage. Those who ranked third were awarded the gross minimum wage. Many members of academic staff were present at the ceremony to share the joy of successful students.

## TRADE MASTER LABORATORY OPENING HELD AT EMU

“Trade Master” Finance Laboratory, collaboratively established by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and İş Yatırım was opened with a ceremony at EMU Faculty of Business and Economics.

During his opening speech, EMU Faculty of Business and Economics Dean Prof. Dr. Eralp Bektaş thanked all those who contributed to the establishment of the laboratory and emphasised on the importance of integrating knowledge and technology into educational institutions in this era, the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Age. Prof. Dr. Bektaş mentioned EMU’s success, as in the last academic year, it earned a spot among Times Higher Education’s (THE) top 250 ranked universities in the ‘Business and Economics’ field; and promised similar future ventures and works. İş Yatırım General Stocks Manager Rıza İhsan Kutlusoy stated that the ‘Trade Master’ campus project was the most enjoyable project to work on. Stating that they are now in the 6<sup>th</sup> year of their project, Kutlusoy noted that EMU became the 23<sup>rd</sup> campus to have been reached. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam began his speech by expressing



his pleasure in welcoming İş Bank’s and İş Yatırım’s distinguished directors. He stated that İş Bank and its subsidiary organs have always been there for EMU and thanked them for the support they provided. Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam said that he firmly believed in the future active role of this laboratory in international works. At the end of his speech, Prof. Dr. Osam thanked Kutlusoy for his contribution and presented him with a silver plate as a symbol of gratitude. The opening ceremony ended with a cocktail.



## 55<sup>TH</sup> LIBRARY WEEK COMES TO AN END AT EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Özyay Oral Library celebrated the 55<sup>th</sup> Library Week, which is observed in the Republic of Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus between 25 and 31 March 2019. The official opening of the week took place at EMU Library Auditorium at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 25 March 2019.

In his opening speech, EMU Özyay Oral Library Acting Director Osman Soykan indicated that they will be organizing different activities to draw attention to the societal importance of books, knowledge, reading and libraries. Stating that libraries came into existence with the invention of writing and grew steadily ever since, Soykan emphasized that knowledge is an important force in society. Mentioning the serious investment made to electronic library services by university management in recent years, Soykan went on to express that research activity and academic output have increased parallel to this investment. Soykan concluded by highlighting their goal of further improving the EMU library with a strong focus on information technologies.

In a speech of his own, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam noted that Library Week is one of the events which they value the most and highlighted the importance of access to knowledge. Stating that it is a lot easier to access information today than it was before, Prof. Dr. Osam indicated that libraries are combining new functions with the old to provide incredible services. Expressing

his pride in the sophistication of EMU's database Prof. Dr. Osam noted that they chose the slogan "Virtue, Knowledge and Advancement" for EMU's 40<sup>th</sup> year because of their belief people can make better contributions to the world when knowledge is transformed into virtue.

### Documentary Screening

Following the opening addresses, at 10:30 a.m., a screening of the documentary titled "Birds of Feather: Stories from a Conflict Zone" took place with Turkish, Greek and English sub-titles. Following the documentary screening, EMU Communication Faculty, Cinema and TV Department academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Yetin Arslan delivered a talk on the film and provided her academic evaluation.

### Award Ceremony and Book Reading Activity

In scope of the 55<sup>th</sup> Library Week activities, at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 27 March 2019, three students who borrowed the highest number of books in 2018 were presented awards by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam.

On the other hand, a book reading activity took place at Özal Oral Library yard between 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Taking place for the 8<sup>th</sup> time under the organisation of the Turkish Librarians' Association, this year's 30-minute book reading activity was held concurrently in Turkey and the TRNC with the slogan "Reading Changes". Students from Yeniboğaziçi Elementary School also participated in the said event. On the same day between 2:30 p.m. and 4:30

p.m., a panel titled "Publishing in the TRNC" was held under the moderation of Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı. EMU Publishing House Executive Board Chair Prof. Dr. Vugar Sultanzade, Khora Publishing Director Mustafa Keleşzade, Rüstem Bookstore Culture and Arts Consultant Halil Duranay, and the Cyprus Turkish Education Foundation General Director Şevki Barutçu delivered presentations as part of the said panel.

### Poetry Sharing Activity

In scope of the Library Week, on Thursday, 28 March 2019, an event titled "I am Reading Poetry: Poetry Sharing Activity" took place at the Library yard between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Then, between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m, User Training Expert Ece Saraçoğlu delivered a seminar titled 'EIKON & Datastream Database Promotion and User Training' at EMU

Library Hall. During the same hours, library users played entertaining and informative library games. Students were handed out envelopes containing the names of books. They were then asked to find the locations of these books after carrying out computer searches and to bring the books to the designated area in the quickest manner possible. At the end of the competition participants were handed out a number of gifts.



## PHYSIOTHERAPY AND REHABILITATION SYMPOSIUM TAKES PLACE AT EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University, Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation's '1st National Eastern Mediterranean Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Symposium' commenced at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, 26 April 2019.

The symposium, which started with a moment of silence and the national anthem, continued with a mini concert by EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education, Music Teaching Program academic staff members Choir Conductor Erkan Dağlı and Pianist Atakan Sarı and opening speeches. EMU Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation academic staff member and symposium chair Prof. Dr. İnci Yüksel stated that it is now a necessity to share and exchange information in order to follow the developments in science and technology. Emphasizing the need to constantly work and renew information to keep up with this rapidly changing scientific era, Prof. Dr. Yüksel added that "We have to keep the soil of scientific creativity moist." In a speech of her own, EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç Professor Dr. underlined that EMU Health Sciences Faculty has gained a great momentum in a short period of time and that their main objective is to take the field of health sciences in the country to further levels. Prof. Dr. Malkoç also stated that their primary target is educating health scientists who will serve for the processing, sharing, and holistic evaluation of information and ultimately its use for the benefit of the society.

In his address, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that the organization of this symposium by the Faculty of Health Sciences is of great importance for EMU. Expressing that EMU's visibility in the field of health has increased greatly, Prof. Dr. Osam also expressed his hope that this symposium would be moved to the international level in the following years. Providing information on EMU's successful achievements, Prof. Dr. Osam also talked about the international research currently conducted by EMU Health, Medicine and Pharmacy Faculties. At the end of his speech, Prof. Dr. Osam thank everyone who contributed to the organisation of this symposium.

Taking place under the main theme 'Innovations in Orthopedic Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation', the symposium started with a session titled "The Collaboration of Orthopedics and Physiotherapy" chaired by Prof. Dr. Bülent Atilla.

The symposium then continued at 11:00 a.m. with a panel titled "New Approaches in the Treatment of Anterior Cruciate Ligament Injuries" chaired by Prof. Dr. Halit Pınar and Prof. Dr. Filiz Can Sempozyum. In the panel, Prof. Dr. Halit Pınar talked about "Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction", Assoc. Prof Dr. Aydan Aytar provided information on "The Importance of Prevention and Proprioception in Anterior Cruciate Ligament Injuries", Prof. Dr. Filiz Can delivered a session titled "Innovations in the Rehabilitation of Anterior Cruciate Ligament Injuries"



and Prof. Dr. Defne Kaya presented information on "Return to Sport after Anterior Cruciate Ligament Injuries".

The event continued at 2:00 p.m. with a conference chaired by Prof. Dr. Nihal Ekici Gelecek and Expert Phys. Şahveren Çakartaş. During the conference, Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç delivered a presentation titled "Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Approaches after Orthopedic Surgery". The conference continued with a panel titled "Ankle Ligament and Tendon Injuries".

During the session chaired by Prof. Dr. Ali Öznur and Dr. Asın Yürükler, Prof. Dr. Ali Öznur delivered a presentation titled "Evaluation and Surgical Approaches", Assist. Prof. Dr. Berkiye Kırmızıgil talked about "Conservative Treatment in Achilles Tendon Injuries", Prof. Dr. Zafer Erden provided information on "Functional

Rehabilitation in Ankle Ligament Injuries" and Assist. Prof. Dr. Yasin Kurt talked about "Foot and Ankle Orthosis".

On the second day of the symposium expert academic staff members offered panels under the titles of "Spine: Disc Pathologies", "Current Approaches in Knee Arthroplasty", "Current Approaches in Patellofemoral Pain Rehabilitation" and "Athlete Shoulder and Rehabilitation". The second day finished with oral presentations.

On the third day of the symposium, Expert Physiotherapist Kadriye Balcı Tombak offered a workshop under the title of "Evaluation and Treatment of Scoliosis with Schroth Method", Assist. Prof. Dr. Özge Çakır delivered information on "Tai Chi Applications in Orthopedic Rehabilitation" and Prof. Dr. Nur Tunali held a workshop titled "Reflexology".

## EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK MEDICINE FACULTY CELEBRATES 14 MARCH MEDICINE DAY



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty organised a series of events within the scope of 14 March Medicine Day. Eastern Mediterranean University's young doctor candidates, accompanied by academicians, laid a wreath on Atatürk statue at EMU Atatürk Square at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, 14 March 2019. The ceremony commenced with a moment of silence and the national anthem. Addressing the students in participation, EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Bülent Sezgin talked about the importance of 14 March Medicine Day.

of the foundation of their faculty as 14 March Medicine Day. This tradition was observed to date. Throughout the world, there is no concept of 'Medicine Day'. It is only special to our country". Assist. Prof. Dr. Sezgin added that the Medicine Day is highly important in bringing the health problems of the country on the agenda and acting as a platform for the solutions offered by our doctors against these problems. 14 March Medicine Day is also vital in highlighting the issues and problems pertaining to the personal rights of the health personnel.

Stating that the establishment of the first medicine faculty founded with western ideology was on 14 March 1827, Assist. Prof. Dr. Sezgin added that, "In 1919 when İstanbul was under attack, medicine students organised a meeting to protest the occupation forces. They told the commander of the occupation forces that the meeting was going to be organised to celebrate the first anniversary

### 100 Trees in 100 Years

After the ceremony, students and academicians of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty went to the area where tree planting would take place. Students planted 100 trees, symbolising the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Medicine Day, in the area allocated to the faculty as Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Grove.



## EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK MEDICINE FACULTY BECOMES A MEMBER OF ASME

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty has become a member of the Association for the Study of Medicine (ASME). Founded to conduct research with the purpose of improving and evaluating medical education, ASME, has been operating for more than 60 years. As a UK based organization, ASME organizes international scientific meetings, workshops and trainings every year and boasts two prestigious academic journals.

### Continuous Development is Targeted

A statement released by EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty reads as follows: "Medical education is one of the leading determinants of quality health care delivery. Today, health care standards are determined in the light of evidence-based medicine and are in a constant development according to these standards. The content of the information described in the medical education curricula is revised at the same rate. On the other hand, there is a common shared concern across the world that one cannot keep up with the developments in educational models, curriculum structure, the level of integration of technological innovations into education, and the adequacy of learning techniques.

### "Acts as a Roof"

"In this respect, different approaches are developed. However, one of the major difficulties in interpreting the

studies on the revival and renewal of medical education is to evaluate the effectiveness of the methods in which the current education and the proposed models will be evaluated scientifically. For this purpose, it is of great

importance to exchange views with the international community working in this field, to follow up the work done and to contribute, accordingly. Organizations such as ASME serve as a roof to cater for these needs."



## EMU TO HOST THE INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE



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### Most Recent Topics will be Discussed

The Conference President will be İTÜ Faculty of Business Dean Prof. Dr. Fethi Çalısır and Co-President will be EMU Department of Industrial Engineering Faculty Member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Orhan Korhan. This year the conference theme, last year organised as 'Industry 4.9', will be "Industrial Engineering and Applications in an Age of Digital Complications". In scope of the conference, information systems and technological implementations will be examined in detail. The main focus points of the conference will be how data can contribute to production in the digital age and how organisations can utilise this productivity. In addition to the evaluation of the most recent topics and implementations by academicians, and

researching engineers, the conference will also form a basis for future collaborations.

### To Be Published by a Prestigious Publishing House

The articles accepted for GJCIE 2019 will be published by the prestigious publishing house Springer Nature in the book with the title "Lecture Notes in Industrial Engineering and Management". This publishing is also indexed by Web of Science. The conference will also be supported by the local firm Necat & Zorlu Ltd and Tıp-Med Trading Ltd. Detailed information can be obtained from: <http://www.gjcie.org/>

## EMU INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING GRADUATE EMRE TOK'S REMARKABLE SUCCESS

The Middle East Region's largest ride-hailing company, Dubai-based Careem Inc., Vice-chaired by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Engineering, Department of Industrial Engineering Graduate Emre Tok, merged with the region's largest rival, the US-based UBER with a record price of 3.1 billion USD.

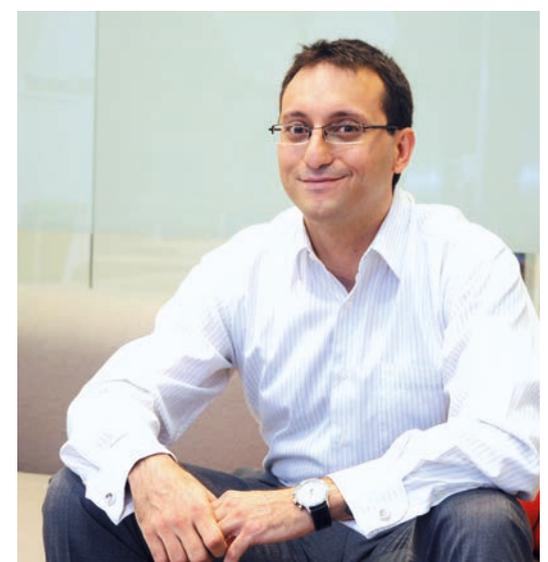
Careem Inc.'s Vice President of Growth and Digital Marketing Emre Tok, who has a significant share in the successful execution of this operation, has taken an important role in the merger process of the aforesaid rival companies in Dubai for two years. Emre Tok provided information about the merger process to the Growth Management Platform. According to the agreement, Careem's staff and 17,000 limousine vehicles in 120 different cities in the region will join the Uber in the near future. Careem, which is only a 6-year startup, has a market share of 3.1 billion USD in such a short period of time. This remarkable achievement is considered not only a victory for Careem, but also for the new technology companies in the Middle East region. Prior to his transfer to Careem, Emre Tok was the Marketing Manager for Microsoft UK's Bing, Outlook.com and OneDrive.

Expressing his views about his alma mater, Emre Tok stated that Eastern Mediterranean University Department of Industrial Engineering not only offers high quality study opportunities in the English language, but also gives the students the opportunity to get acquainted with foreign cultures at EMU, where students from 116 different countries and cultures study. In this regard, Emre Tok thanked EMU and his department for providing him with this unique opportunity.

EMU Department of Industrial Engineering Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gökhan İzbrak stated that Industrial Engineers and Business Engineers don't only work at factories where manufacturing takes place but also in the service

sector (consultancy, transportation, energy, logistics, finance, banking, hospitals, brand managing, software, tourism, education, telecommunication, marketing, human resources etc...) and in the management of construction and extraction companies (companies that deal with the extraction of petroleum, natural gas, mining etc.) helping them to produce higher quality products and services at a lower price.

The Department of Industrial Engineering offers students a double major in Mechanical Engineering or Business Administration and has ABET accreditation which has only been obtained by five Turkish universities (abet.org). Mechanical Engineering and Business Administration graduates of the Department which graduated its first students in 1998 are currently working in the management of international manufacturing, construction and extraction companies. They have also been accepted to and graduate from postgraduate programs of some of the world's best universities such as MIT and Cambridge with high honors, later going on to work as academicians at the universities.



## EMU 2018 – 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR FALL SEMESTER GRADUATES THROW CAPS IN AIR

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Fall Semester Graduation Ceremony for the graduates of the undergraduate and associate programs was held on January 28<sup>th</sup> 2019, Monday (14:00) at EMU Lâla Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex. EMU undertakes the duty of being a leading institution contributing to the social and cultural development of 20 thousand students from 106 countries. EMU experienced the excitement of graduating nearly 1400 students in the Fall Semester. On the other hand, each year EMU increases the number of its graduates and at the 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Fall Semester, the number has now exceeded 56 thousand.



### Graduation Ceremony was Broadcast Live throughout the World

Former Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Minister of Agriculture Erkut Şahali, Member of the Parliament from People's Party Mesut Genç, Member of the Parliament from the National Unity Party Olgun Amcaoğlu, TRNC Armed Security Forces Deputy Commander Brigadier General Cemal Volkan, Representative of the Nigerian Embassy in Ankara Ahmed Mohammed Monguno, EMU Board of Trustees President Adv. Boysan Boyra, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Rauf Raif Denктаş University Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Ali Bıçak, Bologna University Rector's Representative and Faculty of Law Dean Prof. Dr. Luca Mezzetti, EMU Vice Rectors, Faculty Deans, Department Chairs, academic personnel and approximately 1000 graduates and their families attended the grand ceremony. The graduation ceremony was broadcast live on the internet by EMU TV and BRT 2, Kanal T, Diyalog TV and Kanal Sim. With all its units operating responsively, the graduation ceremony was held with an enthusiastic atmosphere and was worthy of the EMU's name.



The ceremony began with the graduates' entrance to the hall, and continued with a Moment of Silence and the Turkish National Anthem; performed by a choir of EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts, Music Teaching program students led by EMU Faculty of Education, Department Academic Staff Member and Choir Chief Erkan Dağlı.

On behalf of all 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Fall Semester graduates, Faculty of Education, Department of Elementary Education, Pre-School Teacher Education Bachelor's Programme Valedictorian Aysu Şallı and Faculty of Pharmacy 6

Year Pharm. D. Programme Valedictorian Abdulhalek Dakhel gave speeches. After the speeches, valedictorians of the programmes had a symbolic tree planting ceremony in the name of the graduates.

### "We are Deeply Proud of You"

In his opening speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam congratulated the academicians, families and students. Giving the graduates advice, Prof. Dr. Osam said: "Dear young graduates. I know you are very excited. As of today, you have reached the happy ending. You have fulfilled the obligations for

being employed in your chosen fields. I congratulate you all. Do not sway from righteousness and truth. Carry out your work as a good person. Keep your ambitions under control. Have your world view on love, respect, peace, unity and cooperation. No virtues are greater than being a good person". Prof. Dr. Osam emphasised that in its 40th year, EMU's flower of science has flourished and got stronger and that EMU presented the world with scientific knowledge. He also stated that its world rankings in the last three years, research and field-focused ratings were praiseworthy. Prof.

Dr. Osam drew attention to the fact that EMU is a world renowned and respected institution of science.

After the opening speech, valedictorians of Faculties/Schools and Departments were presented their diplomas and awards by members of protocol. The ceremony continued as the Bachelors' and Associate Degree graduates received their diplomas; and at the end, all threw their caps in air with great excitement. The ceremony ended with a wonderful music performance by Lütfiye Özipek, one of TRNC's popular singers.

## EMU DOCTORATE AND MASTER'S STUDENTS RECEIVED THEIR DIPLOMAS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Fall Semester Post-Graduate Convocation Ceremony was held on January 27th 2019, Sunday (14:00) at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. Similar to the previous year, the graduate students received diplomas at a separate ceremony organised specially for them and was broadcast live on the internet by EMU TV.

Representative of the Nigerian Embassy in Ankara Ahmed Mohammed Monguno, Bologna University Rector's Representative and Faculty of Law Dean Prof. Dr. Luca Mezzetti, EMU Board of Trustees President Adv. Boysan Boyra, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rectors, Faculty Deans, Department Chairs, academic personnel and approximately 250 graduates and their families attended the ceremony.

### Emotional Moments

The 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Fall Semester Convocation Ceremony began as the post-graduate students entered the hall accompanied by music and acclamation. As the graduates entered, the academicians turned towards the families, who greatly contributed to the students' achievement, and greeted the graduates. A wave of emotions swept through the hall as the graduates made their entrance. The ceremony continued with a Moment of Silence and the Turkish National Anthem. The guests were also delighted by a magnificent trio music performance by EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts, Music Teaching program academic members Serkan Çankaya (Classical

Guitar), Altay Altınok (Percussion) and Levent Ünal (Acoustic Guitar and Soloist). After the music performance, EMU Faculty of Communication, Communication Programme Graduate Hanife Erişen gave a speech on behalf of the 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Fall Semester Master's Graduates.

### "We Will Leave the Footprints of EMU Wherever We Go"

Expressing her honour and joy of being EMU students, Erişen pointed to the hardships and necessary efforts of the post-graduate journey, and stated that they would contribute to humanity and science. Erişen said that they would leave the footprints of EMU wherever they went in the world, and underlined the importance of the friendships they formed in this international campus environment.

Speaking to represent the 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Fall Semester Doctoral Program Graduates, Faculty of Education, Department of Foreign Languages Teaching, English Language Teaching Doctoral Programme graduate Salih Gürsoy thanked all families and academicians for sharing their happiness on this meaningful day on behalf of all graduates.

### Prof. Dr. Osam Addressed the Graduates

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam started his speech by expressing their hope that EMU student Buse Acar, who went missing during the hurricane disaster in Antalya, would once again return safely. Prof. Dr. Osam offered his sincere gratitude to the thesis

supervisors and academic members for their guidance and devotion; and underlined that the families were to be thanked for their eternal support and contribution in reaching this point of achievement. Addressing the graduates, Prof. Dr. Osam said "As of today, all of you have reached a certain level of depth and thinking in your respective disciplines. These virtues will carry you forward and strengthen your inquiries". Prof. Dr. Osam emphasised that in its 40th year, EMU's flower of science has flourished and got stronger; and that EMU presented the world with scientific knowledge. He also stated that its world rankings in the last three years, research and field-focused ratings were praiseworthy. Prof. Dr. Osam congratulated EMU personnel for their sense of quality and efforts; and he also congratulated the first graduate of the joint law programme with Bologna University.



The 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Fall Semester Post-Graduate Convocation Ceremony continued as the graduates were presented with their diplomas. The ceremony ended as EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam counted down from ten and the graduates tossed their caps in the air. After a family photo, a cocktail was given at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center in honour of the graduates.



## FAMOUS AUTHOR AYŞE KULİN DELIVERS A TALK IN EMU



In scope of the activities organised by the Eastern Mediterranean University, Social and Cultural Activities Directorate, famous author Ayşe Kulin delivered a talk in EMU. The said event, which had a great turnout, took place at the EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate's Conference Hall at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 6 March 2019. During the talk, Ayşe Kulin provided information about her career and new books. The participants also had a chance to ask questions to Ayşe Kulin.

### Visit to Prof. Dr. Osam

Prior to the aforesaid talk organisation, famous author Ayşe Kulin paid a visit of courtesy to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu and Rector's Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş were also present at the visit. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam thanked Ayşe Kulin for accepting

their invitation and coming to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Thanking Prof. Dr. Osam, Ayşe Kulin stated her love towards Cyprus and her pleasure in visiting the Eastern Mediterranean University. At the end of the visit, Ayşe Kulin presented one of her books to Prof. Dr. Osam as a gift and Prof. Dr. Osam presented Ayşe Kulin a frame made of traditional Cypriot Lefkara Lace as a memoir.

## PERİHAN SAVAŞ AND TURGAY TANÜLKÜ IN EMU



Famous Turkish cinema, theatre and TV show artists Perihan Savaş and Turgay Tanülkü participated in an organisation titled "Talks with Artists" under the organisation of the Eastern Mediterranean University Social and Cultural Activities Directorate. The event which took place at the EMU Activity Hall had a large turnout of the students of EMU, administrative and academic staff and public.

### The Artists Shared Information about their Lives

Prior to the event, Turgay Tanülkü gave an interview for EMU TV. Stating that he visited the TRNC before as part of the state theatre, Tanülkü said "I came last year too for a movie. I am trying to reach people in prisons through theatre. This is a social project. Here, we have participants from different countries and cultures, that's why I find this organisation quite valuable". Tanülkü also talked about his life story, when he first got acquainted with theatre and the theatre activities they offer to prisoners as part of the

social projects they have carried out. The talk ended with the participants' questions addressed to Tanülkü. After Tanülkü, Perihan Savaş talked about her life as an artist. Highlighting the importance of love towards one's profession, working with commitment and hardwork in the path towards success, Savaş added that "If you do not like your profession, it is impossible for you to become successful". Savaş also talked about her role in the popular TV show "Çukur" and provided her views on the reasons for the show's popularity. At the end of the talk, participants asked Savaş questions.

### Visit to EMU Rector's Office

Prior to the talk, famous artists Perihan Savaş and Turgay Tanülkü paid a visit to EMU Rector's Office. Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu thanked the artists for taking their time in their busy schedule to visit EMU. At the end of the visit, Prof. Dr. Oğurlu presented the artists a Cypriot frame made of traditional Lefkara lace.

# EMU HOSTS A MAGNIFICENT ROCK FESTIVAL



Organised annually by the Eastern Mediterranean University, Social and Cultural Activities Directorate, 9th "Rock'n EMU" was held at EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium between 5:00 p.m. and 03:30 a.m. on Friday, 26 April 2019. As it is every year, the event was held with great enthusiasm and participation. Rock lovers attending the event had an unforgettable night with famous rock groups and rock singers of Turkey Duman, Hayko Cepkin, Pentagram and Evrencaan Gündüz. The



event also hosted the concerts of our country's popular group Force Awakens and EMU Music Club.

**The Stadium was Completely Full**  
Members of the public who attended the concerts from different corners

of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus had delightful moments at the event. Entrance to the concerts was free of charge. On behalf of the Eastern Mediterranean University Rector's Office, the participating groups and singers were presented plaques of appreciation by Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler and Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu.

## SELDA BAĞCAN EXHILARATES EMU

'8th EMU with Folk Songs' organised by the Eastern Mediterranean University Social and Cultural Activities Directorate was held in EMU. The said event hosted the concerts of Education Faculty Music Teaching Program students, EMU Music Club Group Mavra and Selda Bağcan, a living legend in world music. The participants of the

event which was open to public and took place at EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Center between 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on Friday, 15 March 2019, had an unforgettable night filled with Turkish folk music. Thousands of folk music lovers from different countries, cultures and regions filled the sports complex and enjoyed a colorful night.

### Selda Bağcan Exhilarated

Famous name of the Turkish Folk Music Selda Bağcan sang her most popular songs at the event. At the end of the concert, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu presented Bağcan a plaque and a bouquet of flowers in appreciation of her contributions to the event. Selda Bağcan also expressed her pleasure in being at EMU and in the TRNC.

Her reputation being beyond the borders of Turkey, Selda Bağcan earned her place at the "Legendary and Historic Living Women Singers in World Music" list of Times Magazine. In 1990s, Selda Bağcan achieved great success with her "Ziller ve İpler" album in 1992.

During the same year, her songs were selected for the movie "Kurşun Adres Sormaz". Selda Bağcan's "İnce İnce Bir Kar Yağar" song in "Türkola" album, which was composed by Aşık Mahzuni Şerif, was used at Electronic Arts game "Skate 2" with Mos Def adaptation. His real name being Dante Terrell Smith-Bey, the American actor and singer used the aforesaid Turkish folk song in his album and this led Selda Bağcan's name to be discussed at album critics and appear in various music magazines. 2010 Grammy Awards nominee for the best rap album and best performance, the hip-hop artist from Brooklyn, Mos Def, used "İnce İnce Bir Kar Yağar" Turkish folk song at his song "Supermagic" which was released in his latest album "The Ecstasies".



## EMU ELEMENTARY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ORGANISED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DAYS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Education Faculty, Elementary Education Department hosted a series of activities under the theme "Early Childhood Education". The two-day activities aimed to celebrate the joy of the graduation of 103 students at the end of the 2018-2019 Academic Year Spring Semester and, at the same time, raise public awareness on the importance of Elementary Education.

The organization started with the poster presentations of the 4th year students of the Pre-school Teacher Education Department, all of which were prepared

in scope of the scientific research project course, and continued with a panel titled "Career Journey: From Teacher to Teacher." The opening address of the panel was delivered by EMU Elementary Education Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eda Yazgın, who stated their happiness in exhibiting the outcomes of the courses offered to students throughout the year. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eda Yazgın also expressed her pleasure in their department's creating "interactive" meeting opportunities in cooperation with universities, schools and communities. At the end of her address, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eda Yazgın gave messages

to all graduands regarding professional qualifications.

During the panel which took place under the moderatorship of academic staff members Prof. Dr. Ayşe Işık Gürşimşek and Dr. Begüm Çubukçuoğlu Devran, EMU graduates Expert Seher İşler, Research Assistant Cansu Dursun and Research Assistant Elif Esra Özenç delivered speeches. Early Childhood Education Days continued with the presentation of educational materials, mini musical performances, and drama installations. On the second day of the organisation,

teacher candidates practiced their skills with the students of Lucky Duck nursery school. In this way, designed materials and presentations were piloted interactively on preschool children who were the target audience.

The high level participation of academic staff members, students studying at the department, preschool children and teachers in the two-day activities created satisfaction as all activities worked towards the fulfillment of the department's mission to raise awareness on the importance of Elementary Education.

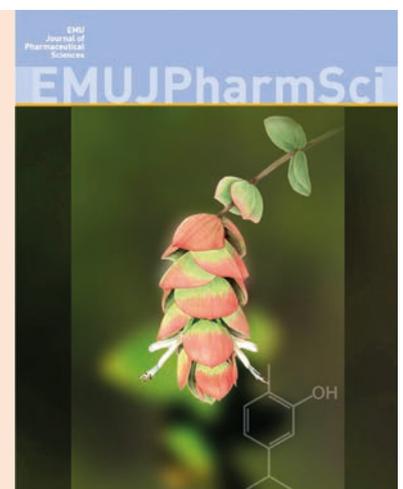


## NEW JOURNAL FROM THE EMU FACULTY OF PHARMACY

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Pharmacy published the first EMU Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences-EMU JPharmSci on the 40th anniversary of the university's foundation.

The language of the Journal which has been dubbed as the Faculty of Pharmacy's gift to EMU is English and it will feature scientific publications relating to Pharmaceutical

Sciences. The peer reviewed open access journal will be published three times a year. Pharmaceutical chemistry, pharmacology, toxicology, biochemistry, pharmacognosy, pharmaceutical botany, microbiology, history of pharmacy, phytotherapy, ethnobotany and sports pharmacy are the main topics of the journal. Research will be published as original articles, short articles and review papers.



## 7<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CAREER DAYS ARE COMPLETED



The 7th International Career Days events hosted by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate have been successfully completed. 47 expert participants from around the world came together with students at EMU within the scope of the event that took place between the 4th of March 2019 and the 24th of May 2019. The experts provided students with valuable advice whilst sharing their experiences and career journeys. Seminars, workshops, talks and courses were delivered by the experts in the EMU Health Sciences Faculty, Engineering Faculty, Architecture Faculty, Business and Economics Faculty, Communication Faculty, Law Faculty, Tourism Faculty and Arts & Sciences Faculty.

### Many Experts from Different Fields Participated

The following experts came together with EMU students in scope of the 7th International Career Days: Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Ministry of Health Central Organisation Hospital Chief Suna Gök and Beste Akın Özyavaş, Vodafone Turkey Release & Environment Manager Emrah Kaan Akyol, Vodafone Turkey IT Senior Manager Cem Sever, Northumbria Newcastle University Mechanical and Civil Engineering academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Farzad Rahiman, Ege University Sports Sciences Faculty Sports Health Sciences

Department Chair Prof. Dr. Bekir Muzaffer Çolakoğlu, Qatar Airways Regional Pricing Director Ziya Ediz Gürsan, Cerebra Turkey Senior Consultant Gizem Taştemel Dinçkan, Ginette Caron Communication Design Brand Designer Ginette Caron, Hacettepe University, Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Faculty academic staff member and YÖK Quality Board Vice Director Prof. Dr. Sibel Aksu Yıldırım, İksa Engineering Project Director Serkan Avcı,

EnergyIQ Intelligent Energy Solutions CEO & Founder Alptekin Evmez, Unilever Turkey, North Africa, Middle East, Russia, Ukraine and Belarus Nutrition and Health Director Dr. Dt. Berat Nursal-Tosun, SANKO University Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Department Chair Prof. Dr. Nevin Ergun, Amazon Luxembourg Senior Product Manager Orkun Özbatır, İstanbul Bar Association Children's Rights Center President Adv. Aşkın Topuzoğlu, İstanbul

Bar Association Internship Training Central Executive Board Member Adv. & Mediator Gülderen Zerrin Kavak, Cyprus Turkish Bar Association Human Rights Committee member Adv. Melis Türkkal, Saha Information Technologies Senior Test Engineer Alper Saltık, Akbank TAŞ Senior Database Administrator Emre Gökoğlu, Cognitive and Behavioral Therapy Center Senior Psychiatrists Deniz Erkal and Selen Üstüner, Kayseri Transportation A.Ş. General Director Feyzullah Gündoğdu, Eataly İstanbul Executive Chef Claudio Chinali, Barista Academy Barista Naim Koca, Namık Kemal University Chemistry Department academic staff member Prof. Dr. Murat Ateş, Boğaziçi University Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Ali Tekcan, İstanbul University Physics Department academic staff member Prof. Dr. Ekrem Aydın, CNN Türk Program Director Halil İbrahim Özkan, Ertuğ Architecture Founder Ertuğ Ertuğrul, Instagram Phenomenon Altuğ Galip, Destek A.Ş. Technical Services Director Serkan Kılıçarslan, Shell & Turcas Petrol A.Ş. Transportation Planning Director Necmi Şerbetçioğlu, Kyrenia Youth and Development Center Expert Psychologist Akile Yüzügülen, Worldwide Career Center Founder Mustafa Uzer, 1983 Beyoğlu Chocolate & Coffee Founding Director Seda Sezer Şahin, METU Civil Engineering Department academic staff member Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tokyay, TRNC Insurance and Reassurance Companies Association's General Secretary İbrahim Kavçın, Akdeniz Bulletin News Magazine News Director Esra Köksal, Ege University Hospital Director for Nutrition Services Dr. Dt. Derya Hopancı, İzmir Economy University academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özgen Osman Demirbaş, SunExpress Airline Pilot Serdar Altunok, METU academic staff member Prof. Dr. Ramazan Sarı, Microsoft Services Premier Field Engineer Niklas Fredengren, Microsoft Data & AI Sr. Azure FastTrack Engineer Belkis Özhorasan and Build Up Communication Consulting Founder Bahar Yapıcılar.



# SPRING IS SPECIAL AT EMU



Club carried out an air rope descent, the Photography club held a Mixed Photography Exhibition and the Fine Art Club held their 8<sup>th</sup> Arts Meeting. Gncrkcll Recreational Games also took place.

#### Fantastic Performance by Koray Avcı

Famous Turkish singer Koray Avcı performed on the main stage from 22:00 and onwards in front of a capacity crowd at the EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium. During the concert Avcı invited children from the Special Olympics Turkey basketball group onto the stage where they conversed and took a selfie. The excited crowd vigorously applauded the special youngsters for a long period of time. Avcı hugged the youngsters one by one and took photos with them before resuming the concert. At the end of the wonderful concert Koray Avcı was handed a plaque of appreciation by EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu.

#### Talks Were Delivered by Famous Names

During the Spring Festival many famous names delivered talks at EMU. These names included famous screenwriter, actress and writer Gülse Birsal, Jet Sosyete and Alice Müzikali actor and social media phenomenon Enis Arıkan, experienced journalist and TV producer Güneri Civaoglu, the founder of Turkey's first natural purification center as well as HAY Health Center Dr. Ender Saraç, presenter, television personality, thespian and poet İbrahim Sadri, famous psychiatrist Prof. Dr. Mehmet Sungur, artist, encyclopedia author, journalist, editor and consultant Orhan



*(Continued from cover)* Turkey Executive Board Chair Mehmet Civelek at the Festival Area. Following the opening ceremony Board of Trustees' President Boysan Boyra, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and the Vice Rectors visited the festival stands. EMU students and the TRNC public experienced delightful moments at the funfair set-up within the festival area where the EMU Search and Rescue

Alkaya, astrologist Rezzan Kiraz, former Galatasaray football player and commentator Tugay Kerimoğlu, famous actress Nebahat Çehre who has appeared in hundreds of Yeşilçam films as well as the TV series Aşk-ı Memnu and Muhteşem Yüzyıl, Ercan Kesal who portrayed "Rıza Koçovalı" in the TV series "Çukur" and famous TV programmer and presented Esra Erol.



## "I Am Don Quixote" Staged In EMU

In scope of Eastern Mediterranean University's 24<sup>th</sup> Spring Festival, a theatre play titled "I am Don Quixote" was performed by famous thespians Ozan Güven and Günay Karacaoğlu at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center at 7:30 p.m. on 16 and 17 May 2019. The play had a large attendance both by the EMU community and members of the TRNC. As a classic adapted to Turkish, the play is directed by Emrah Eren and has a rich cast including Nazlı Tosunoğlu, Ömür Arpacı, Serhan Ernak, Nur Erkul, Dilşat Bozyiğit, Diren Polatoğulları, Enis Aybar, Tuğba Eskicioğlu, Rifat Durmuş and Kamran Velicanov.

## MFÖ Lit Up EMU

Turkey's legendary group MFÖ gave a concert at EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium. The concert commenced at 22:00 on Thursday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2019. Music lovers from all over the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) flooded the stadium to listen to and sing along with MFÖ's most popular hits. At the end of the concert, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu and Student Council President Mustafa Kırılmaz presented MFÖ a plaque of appreciation.

## The 24<sup>th</sup> EMU Spring Festival Comes To A Close With Magnificent Edis Concert

The 24<sup>th</sup> annual Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Spring Festival came to a close with a magnificent concert by famous Turkish artist Edis. The concert took place on Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 at EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium. During the concert that commenced at 22:00 Edis performed his greatest hits for EMU students and fans that arrived at the university from all over the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). At the end of the concert, Edis was presented a plaque of appreciation by EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu.



# UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT FOR EMU'S ALGERIAN STUDENTS



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) International Office operating under the Vice Rector's Office for International Affairs and Promotion organized an Algerian Night at the EMU Beach Club.

The event was attended by a large number of Algerian students as well as students from other countries. The Algerian students offered participants their local food and a cake was cut to highlight the meaning

and importance of the night at which students were sporting traditional clothing and Algerian flags. Live picture shows, local songs and dance performances also added color to the unique event.

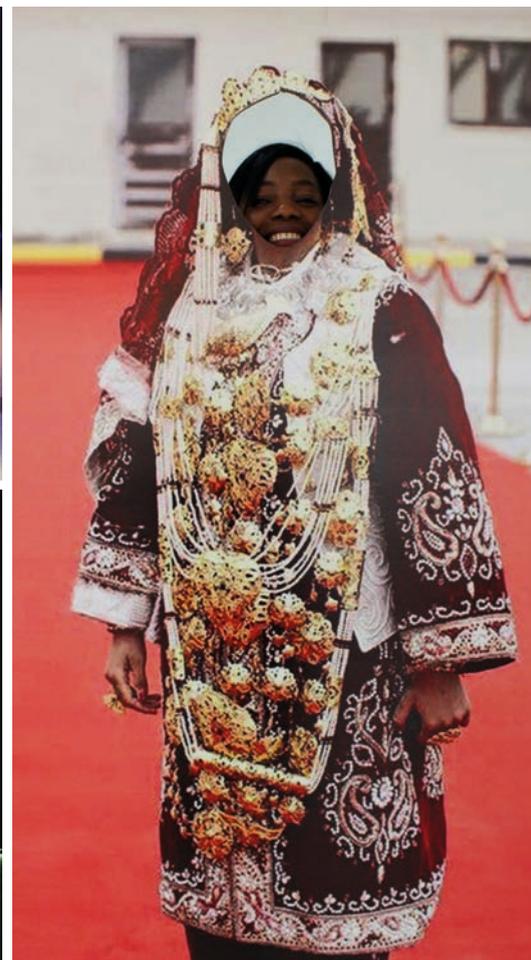
## GAMBIAN NIGHT TAKES PLACE AT EMU



Gambian students had an unforgettable time at Gambian Night hosted by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) International Office which took place at the EMU Beach Club on the Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2019. The said event was also attended by students from Near East University and Lefke European

University who travelled by bus to take part in the event. The night featured unique Gambian music and dance performances. Traditional Gambian food was also available to those in attendance who participated in fun games and activities throughout the night

## MAGNIFICENT LIBYAN NIGHT IN EMU



Organised by the International Office operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University Vice Rector's Office for International Affairs and Promotion, "Libyan Night" was held at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center with the participation of students from Libya and from other cultures. In scope of the event, the participants were served special cocktails and Libyan food. An exhibition featuring the photos from Libya also gathered the interest of the participants.

### Thanks to the EMU Administration

Following the Libyan National Anthem, President of the Libyan Students' Association Sadeq Elfaituri delivered a speech and thanked all firms sponsoring the event. Thanking EMU administration for supporting the organisation of the event, Elfaituri relayed his special gratitude to EMU International Office for their valuable contributions. Elfaituri also advised Libyan students to maintain their cultural values and



respect the rules of the community in which they are currently living. Following the speeches, theatre and dance shows took place. The event came to a close

after successful members of the Libyan Students' Association and those who contributed the event were presented plaques of appreciation.

## EMU ORGANISES A SPECIAL NIGHT FOR EGYPTIAN STUDENTS



Operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University Vice Rector's Office for International Affairs and Promotion, the International Office organised a special night for Egyptian students at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. Delivering an speech at the said event, President of the Egyptian Students Association Yousef Mohammed thanked all EMU staff for the organisation of such a unique event. Yousef

wished his fellow students all the success both in their academic endeavors and social lives and thanked them for maintaining the Egyptian culture even though they are far away from their homeland.

### Cultural Activities

During the event which attracted a large turnout of both Egyptian students and students from other

countries, Egyptian students offered the participant their local delicacies. A visual with a Pharaoh figure placed at the entrance of Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center attracted the interest of the participants, who took photos next to it. Following a special video screening, the night continued with theatre, music and rap dance performances. The students had unforgettable moments during the night.

## EMU UNITES CULTURES THROUGH A MAGNIFICENT ORGANISATION



The International Night 2019, one of the largest and most colourful cultural festivals of the Eastern Mediterranean University, was held at Famagusta Walled City Namık Kemal Square with the participation of thousands of students from 113 different countries. Bringing together students from different corners of the world, the event hosted cultural dances, songs and local cuisines of different cultures. Organised with the support of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Ministry of Tourism and Environment and various cultural associations, the event provided a cultural platform bringing together students from different cultures.

Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova delivered an opening address at the event in which he thanked all participants and sponsors for their support.

### Traditional Outfits Garnered Interest

During the event, visitors had a chance to visit the stands of student societies of different countries. Whilst the local culture of different countries was promoted at the stands of the student societies, the event also hosted numerous dance performances. Dancing all through the night, students also had a chance to experience different cultures. The event also hosted the performances of DJ Milad, DJ Aydın, folk dance shows by Cyprus Turkish Folk Dances groups and Turkey's folk dancing teams, Kian, the Congolese Students' Society, Iranian Students' Society, Pakistani Students' Society, Ozi and

Youngstar's musical performance, a Latin Dance Show by EMU Dance Community, and local dance shows of the Chadian Students' Society, Big 5, Palestinian Students' Society, Nigerian Students' Society, Jordanian Students' Society, and Azerbaijani Students' Society.

The event was held under the sponsorship of Ramen Dormitory, Akdeniz Dormitory, Alfam Dormitory, Golden Plus, Pop Art Dorm, Novel Center Point, Nural Dorm, New Form Gym, Palm Beach Hotel, Port View Hotel, Salamis Hotel, İtimat, Turkcell, Lala Mustafa Paşa Gym, Ekor, EMU-KOOP, Table D'Hote, Roof Restaurant, Happily, White Queen, Koton, Citymall, Bianchi Cafe, Yojo Cafe, Oriento Cafe, Solmaz, Gymaholic, Rouge 21, Deniz Plaza and Strike Zone.



# EMU WELCOMES 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR SPRING SEMESTER STUDENTS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) International Office operating under the Vice Rector's Office for International Affairs and Promotion organized a "Welcoming Party" in Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex and welcomed more than 1,000 newly registering students for the 2018-2019 Academic Year Spring Semester. EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova delivered a speech during the Welcoming Party, thanked all new students for choosing EMU and expressed his pleasure of having them in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Emphasizing that EMU is listed amongst the world's prestigious universities, Prof. Dr. Tanova encouraged the students to protect the university's reputation during their stay in EMU. Prof. Dr. Tanova advised students to work hard and also to socialise with each other.

As well as the traditional Cypriot food that was served during the event, students enjoyed watching folk dance and Salsa performances and the performances of the Reggae group The Healers and DJ Milad.



## MAGNIFICENT YEMEN NIGHT IN EMU



Organised by the International Office operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University Vice Rector's Office for International Affairs and Promotion, Yemen Night took place at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center on Wednesday, 13 March 2019. Among notable officials attending the event was Yemen Ministry of Youth and Sports Deputy Minister Nadya Al-Akram. Delivering a speech at the beginning of the organisation, Al-Akram extended her best wishes to student on their academic and social endeavors and thanked them for maintaining Yemeni culture even though they are far away from their motherland. Mohammed Al-Hamed, who participated in the event representing the Embassy of Yemen in Ankara, also delivered a speech in which he thanked EMU and Yemeni students for their hospitality. Al-hamed also added that Yemeni students conveyed him their pleasure and satisfaction both in studying in EMU and living in the TRNC.

### Cultural Activities

During the event which was participated by over 200 Yemeni students, students offered the participants their



regional delicacies. Additionally, photos belonging to Yemen were exhibited at the exhibition area at the same venue. Students also had unforgettable moments with Yemeni artist Mustafa Gharamah's oud performance. During the same organisation, students also performed



local dance, music and comedy shows. At the end of the event, Coordinator for EMU International Affairs and Promotion Ozan İnamlık and activity organiser Cemre Mühendisoglu presented honor and high honor certificates to successful Yemeni students.

## EMU'S IRANIAN STUDENTS CELEBRATE NOWRUZ

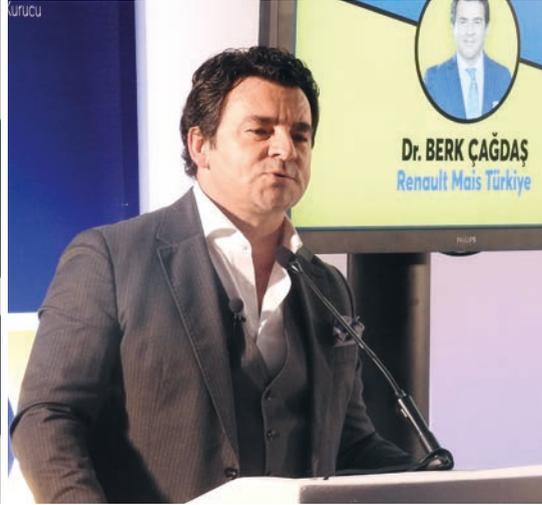


The Iranian Student Society operating within the scope of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Social and Cultural Activities Directorate celebrated their annual new year which is known as Nowruz on Saturday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2019. This year marks the 1398<sup>th</sup> celebration of Nowruz. The celebration which took place at the Rauf Raif

Denktaş Culture and Congress Center featured members of the Iranian society as well as members of other societies. The event commenced with the Iranian national anthem and recitation of the Quran. The opening speech was delivered by Iranian Ambassador of Nicosia Hosein Aminian Tossi. During his opening speech Ambassador Tossi wished

the students a happy Nowruz. Congratulating the Iranian society at EMU for their good work Ambassador Tossi went on to express that he is sure they will continue to promote Iranian culture at the university. During the celebrations, the Iranian students enjoyed themselves with local dances, theatre performances and musical shows.

## EMU SUCCESSFULLY HELD "SOCIAL MEDIA AND BRAND WEEK'19"



EMU Communication Faculty Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Agah Gümüş indicated that their faculty values social media in both their curriculum and activities. Stating that those participating in this event will obtain very valuable information, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gümüş also thanked all involved in the organization of the event as well as the sponsors. EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu relayed her belief that Social Media and Brand Week will be very useful for all participants, noting that Institutional Communication and the Social Media Unit established in 2010 is doing a great job of bringing together students and social media as well as running the social media of the university. Prof. Dr. Oğurlu also highlighted the importance of events that bring together students and the sector. Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. H. Tanju Besler stated that the Social Media and Brand Week which is taking place for the third time this year has become a trademark of EMU noting that they will continue to fully support such organizations. Following, the opening speeches representatives of the sponsors; Turkish Airlines, Creditwest Bank, Lifecell and Cookies Bake Shop were presented plaques of appreciation by Prof. Dr. H. Tanju Besler.

On the first day of the event, Reputation365.eu (Belgium) Digital Identity Management Consultant Denys Malengreau, Netflix series 'Protector' Director Umüt Aral, Akustikhane founder Namık Zafer Yılmaz, Innova Digital Founder Ali Tüzünkan, Beaz Kreatif

Founder Umay Yılmaz, Slogan Institutional Founder Bertan Görüş and Cypdes Factory Founder Selma Gürani shared their experiences with students.

### The Presentations Continued on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day

Presentations also took place on Thursday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2019, the second day of the event. Creditwest Bank CEO Mazher Zaheer, SP Branding and Management Founder Selin Persentili, Maxfield & Parrish, INC. Founder Eren Yağmuroğlu, Political Campaign Managers Atıf Müezzinzler and Ömer Yetkinel and Renault Mais Turkey CEO Dr. Berk Çağdaş shared their experiences with the participants at 10:00 at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall.

Focusing on the aspects of social media and marketing, the event previously hosted experts from Coca-Cola, Hepsiburada, Sony and Arçelik. This year's event hosted not only social media experts but also political campaign managers, digital identity managers and experts of platforms that appeal to masses such as Netflix and Akustikhane in order to follow digital trends and local consumer habits.

EMU Social Media and Brand Week' 19 appeals to anyone interested in working or specializing in these fields as well as people who want to follow current sectoral developments as to identify fields that have future potential.

The Eastern Mediterranean University's (EMU) "Social Media and Brand Week'19" organized by the Social Media Unit in collaboration with the Faculty of Communication commenced with opening speeches delivered at 09:30 on Wednesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2019 at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. In her opening speech, EMU Faculty of Communication Academic Staff Member / Institutional Communication and Social Media Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Raziye Nevzat touched upon how the Social Media and Brand Week originated and relayed information about the program of this year's event. Asst. Prof. Dr. Raziye Nevzat also thanked the sponsors and everyone who contributed to the event. Touching upon the digitalization of communication and the effects of social media today,



## KAZIM KARABEKİR PASHA'S DAUGHTER TİMSAL KARABEKİR DELIVERS A CONFERENCE AT EMU



The series of events organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University Atatürk Research and Application Center (EMU-ATAUM) in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 19 May 1919, the starting date of Turkish national struggle are continuing. Within the scope of these events a conference was delivered by Turkish National Struggle commander Kazım Karabekir Pasha's daughter Timsal Karabekir at the EMU Prof. Dr. Mehmet Tahiroğlu Hall at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Before the conference commenced, EMU-ATAUM President Asst. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk provided information about the events organized by the Center in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Struggle whilst announcing that the "Record-Breaking Blood Donation" campaign organized of Friday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2019 reached its goal by collecting 112 units of blood and breaking the TRNC record.

### Emotional Moments

Asst. Prof. Dr. Göktürk then went on to thank Timsal Karabekir for supporting their event before reading

the biographies of Timsal Karabekir and her father Kazım Karabekir Pasha. In the conference titled "Don't Forget Yesterday so That you are Entitled to a Tomorrow" Timsal Karabekir touched upon what Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's comrade in arms Kazım Karabekir and other commanders went through during the National Struggle whilst showing pictures from the period. Students experienced emotional moments during the conference which had a significantly large turnout. At the end of the conference EMU-ATAUM President Asst. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk presented Timsal Karabekir a bouquet of flowers.

### "We Are Proud"

Before the conference EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam hosted Timsal Karabekir in his office. Indicating that she is very happy to be in EMU and Cyprus, Karabekir gifted Prof. Dr. Osam a book introducing the Kazım Karabekir Foundation of which she is a founding member. Prof. Dr. Osam stated that it is a great honor to be hosting the daughter of a National Struggle commander and presented Timsal Karabekir



a board with traditional Cypriot Lefkara lace. Also present at the said meeting were Kazım Karabekir Foundation General Secretary Sadık Tekel, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler and EMU-ATAUM President Asst. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk.

## EMU-ATAUM ORGANISES NATIONAL STRUGGLE ORATORIO

In scope of the activities organised by the Eastern Mediterranean University Atatürk Research and Application Center (EMU-ATAUM) in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the start of the national struggle which commenced with Atatürk's arrival to Samsun on 19 May 1919, a National Struggle Oratorio titled "One Ata, Tens of Heroes, Hundreds of Legends" was held at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, 13 May 2019.



Prior to the National Struggle Oratorio, a cocktail was held for the participants. Delivering an opening speech at the event, President of EMU-ATAUM Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk shared information about the Oratorio's program and expressed that they are very proud and excited about the event. Assist. Prof. Dr. Göktürk added that since the beginning of the academic year, they have been planning and realising

these activities with the support of EMU Student Clubs. Providing detailed information on the activities organised in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Struggle, Assist. Prof. Dr. Göktürk thanked all those who contributed to the organisation and realisation of the aforesaid activities.

Folk dancing performances, presentations by the music community and EMU Search and Rescue

Club's flag shows also took place in scope of the oratorio produced by Murat Atak and Ahmet Alper Ayana. Ahmet Alper Ayana was presented a plaque of appreciation for his contributions by Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı. The Cyprus Turkish Peace Forces Commander Major General Yılmaz Yıldırım and Security Forces Commander General Tevfik Algan were also present at the event.

## "100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL STRUGGLE" CELEBRATED AT EMU

The events organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University Atatürk Research and Application Center (EMU-ATAUM) in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 19 May 1919, the starting date of the Turkish national struggle have been completed.

### 100th Year Youth Walk

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 19 May 1919 celebrations came to an end with the "Re-creating Ata's Signature on Land" and "100<sup>th</sup> Year Youth Walk" events which took place on Sunday, 19 May Commemoration of Atatürk Youth and Sports Day. At 15:00 students used their bodies to make a frame for Atatürk's signature at the EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium. This event was also attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. At 19:19 on the same day the "100<sup>th</sup> Year Youth Walk" commenced from the Atatürk Square. Famagusta District Governor Kemal Serpal, EMU Health Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Commander Ali Koruk, EMU-ATAUM Executive Board Members, academic staff, EMU and Famagusta high school students also participated in the said walk.

### Significantly High Attendance

The events commenced with a moment of silence for martyrs and the national anthem, followed by a speech from EMU-ATAUM President Asst. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk. Asst. Prof. Dr. Göktürk indicated that the date of May 19, 2019 has a special meaning as it is



the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "19 May 1919 which is when Mustafa Kemal Atatürk stepped down to Samsun and launched the Action Phase of our National Struggle which was the commencement of national sovereignty. Victory was reached on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September with the liberation of İzmir. Asst. Prof. Dr. Göktürk indicated that another reason why it is a special day is because it is the day which

is often accepted as Atatürk's birthday. The parade walk during which a number of anthems were chanted by those participating in the walk and the Famagusta public that were encountered on route commenced after Asst. Prof. Dr. Göktürk's speech was completed. The walk came to an end at the city center along with EMU-ATAUM's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Struggle celebrations.

## RECORD BREAKING BLOOD DONATION CAMPAIGN BY EMU-ATAUM

Eastern Mediterranean University Atatürk Research and Application Center (EMUATAUM) organised a series of events in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 19 May 1919, the starting date of the Turkish national struggle. The first series of activities commenced on 3 May 2019 at EMU Atatürk Square with a blood donation campaign taking place through the collaboration of EMU Red Crescent Club and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Red Crescent.

### Record Breaking Blood Donation

Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, EMU-ATAUM President Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk, EMU-ATAUM Executive Board members

Assist. Prof. Dr. İlke Akçay, Dr. Kenan Başaran, Sen. Inst. Süheyla Göktürk and Sen. Inst. Erkan Malkoç, members of the TRNC Red Crescent, a crowded group of academicians and students participated in the event during which EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and EMU-ATAUM President Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk donated blood.

Releasing a statement about the event, EMU-ATAUM President Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk stated that they are celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the national struggle on 19 May 1919 by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk also thanked all those who donated



blood during the campaign. Extending his pleasure in taking part in the event, Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Osam stated that Atatürk is a valuable leader who will always be remembered. 112 units of blood were collected during the record-breaking blood donation campaign.

## EMU-ATAUM HOLDS "RE-CREATING THE SIGNATURE OF ATA IN AIR, ON LAND AND AT SEA" EVENT

The Eastern Mediterranean University Atatürk Research and Application Center (EMU-ATAUM) organized a series of events in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 19 May 1919, the starting date of the Turkish national struggle. Within the scope of this celebration the Atatürk Ideology Club held the first two parts of their event "Re-creating the Signature of Ata in Air, on Land and at Sea".

Part one of the "Re-creating the Signature of Ata in Air, on Land and at Sea" event took place on Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2019. Atatürk Ideology Club member students dived off the coast of İskele and placed Atatürk signature, a Turkish flag and a Turkish Cypriot flag at the bottom of the sea. A professional photoshoot also took place. The



event continued on Tuesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 at the EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium. A 14x3 meter large poster with Atatürk's signature was tied to 30 helium balloons and flown 100 meters above the ground at the event which commenced at 14:00. The poster flew throughout National Struggle Week and could be seen from many spots across Famagusta.

The "Re-creating Ata's Signature on Land" part of the event took place at the EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium from 14:00 onwards on Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2019. 1919 students dressed in black took part in the event on the grass area of the stadium. Attendance at the event was high.

## 9<sup>TH</sup> IŞIK SAVAŞIR CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY SYMPOSIUM TOOK PLACE IN EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Psychology hosted the "9<sup>th</sup> Işık Savaşır Clinical Psychology Symposium" between the 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of May, 2019. The symposium was held in Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. The symposium that was organized in cooperation with Turkish Psychologists Association and Turkish Cypriot Psychologists Association commenced on Friday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of May at 9 a.m. Speaking at the opening ceremony of the symposium, Turkish Psychologists Association President Assoc. Prof. Dr. Okan Cem Çirakoğlu stated: "We extend our gratitude to EMU for volunteering to host the symposium organized in memory of our very valuable teacher and scientist Prof. Dr. Işık Savaşır who contributed to the development of clinical psychology and set an example for everyone in the field. We believe that it will be a very fruitful and successful symposium with the participation of psychology students from Cyprus."

### "We Are Combating So-Called Certification Programs"

Turkish Cypriot Psychologists Association President Expert Psychologist Refia Erosal stated: "Unfortunately our island which was synonymous with Aphrodite, love and beauty has been struggling with war, migration, trauma, missing people, identity and cultural chaos for the last 50 years. Therefore, as mental health workers we have a great responsibility. In this regard the symposium is of great importance." Meanwhile, EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Psychology Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fatih Bayraktar noted: "As the EMU Department of Psychology we are proud and honored

to be hosting the 9<sup>th</sup> Işık Savaşır Clinical Psychology Symposium. The symposium is exemplary in terms of its substance and duration. We are combating so-called certificate and clinical psychology postgraduate programs that have no validity in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) as well as Turkey."

### "We Are Proud to be Hosting the Symposium"

EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarlan stated: "We are proud to be hosting this important symposium that will feature 60 speakers who have carried out original work in the field of clinical psychology. With its multicultural and strong academic staff as well as the TRNC's first and only laboratories of its kind, the EMU Department of Psychology is one of our faculty's most popular departments. Graduates from our department whose program has been designed according to European Psychology Diploma and Council of Higher Education standards can easily get accepted for postgraduate programs in some of the best American and European universities."

### "We Are Setting an Example for Other Universities in Cyprus"

During his speech, EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova provided information about EMU: "EMU is an educational institution, with over 18 thousand students from more than 100 countries and over 1000 members of academic staff from more than 30 different countries. According to Times Higher Education our university is in the 600-800 band of the world's top 1000 universities. It is also in the top 200 amongst young universities that are no



more than 50 years old. This year we will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Therefore, we are very happy to be hosting this symposium. EMU will always continue to set an example for other universities in Cyprus whilst doing what's right and expressing that this is more effective."

Around 60 presenters (mainly from Turkey) who conducted unique studies on clinical psychology delivered presentations during the 9<sup>th</sup> Işık Savaşır Clinical Psychology Symposium. The symposium came to an end on Sunday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 with the simultaneous working groups of 3 different locations.



## EMU HOSTED SECOND PHYSICS DAYS



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Physics Days commenced under the auspices of EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Physics Department at the EMU Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The event had a large attendance including students from the Famagusta Turkish Maarif College. The opening speech of the event was delivered by Chair of the Organisation Committee and Departments of Physics and Chemistry Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı who relayed his satisfaction regarding the participation of world renowned physicists in the event. Prof. Dr. Sakallı also wished everyone a fruitful event. EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan also delivered a speech of his own in which he indicated that EMU has the only Physics and Chemistry Departments in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Prof. Dr. Özarslan went on to emphasize that the conference will add new perspectives to postgraduate students and researchers. The two day event featured presentations delivered by important physicists and students receiving education in the field of physics.

### A Total of 26 Presentations in Two Days

On the first day of EMU Physics Days, during the first session Vahid Karimipour from Sharif University of Technology delivered a presentation titled "Quantum Simulation of Physical Systems" and Alikram Nunbalaoglu Aliev from TÜBİTAK talked about "Superradiance and Black Hole Bomb: Profiling the Invisible". During the second session, Mustafa Halilsoy from EMU delivered a presentation on "Einstein-Rosen Gravitational Waves" and Özlem Yeşiltaş from Gazi University talked about "High Order Supersymmetric Models in Quantum Mechanics". As per the third session,

Hüseyin Çakallı from Maltepe University spoke about "Up Continuity of Real Functions" and Ahmad Al-Badawi from Al-Hussein Bin Talal University presented information on "Comparing Geodesics Equations Between Schwarzschild Black Hole and Schwarzschild Immersed in Homogeneous Electrostatic Field". During the same session, Tahsin Çağrı Şişman from Türk Hava Kurumu University delivered a presentation titled "Kerr-Schild-Kundt Metric". Presentations delivered on the fourth session are as follows: Çetin Şentürk from Türk Hava Kurumu University "A Modified Theory of Gravity: Null Aether", Ali Övgün from EMU "Light Deflection by Blackholes/Wormholes Using Gauss-Bonnet Theorem", Ercan Kılıçarslan from Uşak University "Weak Field Limit of Infinite Derivative Gravity", Mehmet Ali Olpak from Türk Hava Kurumu University "Calculating Covariant Expressions for Dirac Bilinears" and Halil Nutuk from On Dokuz Mayıs University "Artificial Neural Network Applications in Quantum Mechanics". The first day of the event finished with a group photo.

### Second Day

On Friday, 22 March 2019, prominent physicists participated in different sessions. Names of the presenters and the presentations delivered on the second day are as follows:

Can Kozcaz from Bogazici University "Understanding Gauge Theories from String Theory", Vahid Karimipour from Sharif University of Technology "Topological Quantum Computing", Mehmet E. Özel from Fatih Sultan Mehmet Foundation University "Biospheric Energization and Origin of Life: Çanakkale 'ABD' Model", Aysel Karafistan from Girne University "Structure and Stability of Primordial Starts", Osman Adıgüzel from



Firat University "Lattice Reactions and Physical Basis of Phase Transformations in Shape Memory Alloys", Razieh Morad from Boğaziçi University "Jets of Light Hadrons via AdS/CFT Correspondence", Özyay Gürtüğ from Maltepe University "Quantum Resolution of Time-Like Curvature Singularities", Cypriot Astronomer Yenal Ögmen "Dwarf Novae: A Class of Cataclysmic Variables", Danial Forghani from EMU "On Thinshell Wormholes", Yashmitha Kumaran from Sussex University and EMU "Production of Gravitational Waves in the Early Universe from First-Order Phase Transitions", Huriye Gürsel from EMU "AdS/CMT Correspondence for Black Holes with Dynamic Critical Exponent", Niloufar Abtahi from EMU "Dynamics of Flexoelectric Fluid Membrane" and Eren Erberk Erkul from Famagusta Turkish Maarif College "Theory of Photonical Gravity and Considerations of String Theory's Extra Dimensions and Its Implications".

## EMU BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT INTRODUCES A NEW MASTER'S PROGRAM

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Biological Sciences Department has introduced a new Master's Program without thesis under the title of "Medical Biotechnology". A presentation regarding the new master's program was delivered at EMU Campus at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 15 May 2019. Delivered by EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Biological Sciences Chair Prof. Dr. Bahar Taneri Güder, the presentation was also attended by EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan, EMU Institute for Graduate Studies and Research Director Prof. Dr. Ali Hakan Ulusoy, academic staff members and students.

### Extensive Career Opportunities

During the presentation, general information about Medical Biotechnology, which is an important area in the diagnosis and treatment of human diseases, was provided. In addition, detailed information about career opportunities

of the graduates, program curricula and conditions of application were given. Graduates of the program have a wide range of career opportunities, including various positions in the biotechnology sector, diagnostic and molecular laboratories, and the pharmaceutical industry. The 1-year program consists of a total of 10 courses.



Students with a bachelor's degree in molecular biology and genetics or other similar fields can apply to the program. The Republic of Turkey Higher Education Council (YOK) certified Medical Biotechnology program also offers scholarship opportunities for students.

The program has started to accept online applications at <https://applyonline.emu.edu.tr/grad/>. For further inquiries about the program, applicants may send an e-mail to [med.biotech@emu.edu.tr](mailto:med.biotech@emu.edu.tr).

## EMU FACULTY OF LAW HOSTED A SYMPOSIUM ON CONSTITUTION



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Law, in collaboration with EMU Law Club operating under the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate, organised a symposium entitled "Individual Application to the Constitutional Court: Recent Developments". The symposium's opening ceremony took place at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, 23 May 2019. The symposium hosted important names both from the TRNC and the Republic of Turkey.

Delivering an opening speech at the event opening, EMU Faculty of Law Dean Prof. Dr. Metin Gürkanlar welcomed all participants and provided information on 'Individual Application to the Constitutional Court'. Extending his gratitude to all those who supported the organisation of the event, Prof. Dr. Gürkanlar wished

all participants a fruitful event. EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova was also present at the event opening.

The symposium's first session took place under the moderatorship of EMU Faculty of Law academic staff member Prof. Dr. Turgut Turhan. In the first session, Prof. Dr. Sultan Tahmazoğlu Üzeltürk talked about "The Historical Development of Constitutional Complaint", Prof. Dr. Fazıl Sağlam provided information on 'The scope of the European Convention on Human Rights Foreseen for Individual Application: What does it mean?', Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tolga Şirin talked about 'The Normative and Distinctive Problems of the Constitutional Court's Individual Application (Constitutional Complaint) Mechanism', and Faculty Member Dr. Gülay Arslan

Öncü presented information on 'The Rule of Execution of Ordinary Laws on Individual Appeals to the Constitutional Court'. The second session took place under the moderatorship of the Retired Member of the Constitutional Court of Turkey Prof. Dr. Fazıl Sağlam. During the said session, the following presentations took place; Prof. Dr. Osman Dođru "Right to Life and Prohibition of Torture", Assist. Prof. Dr. Bezar Eylem Ekinci "To see Gender Inequality in the Interpretation of Fundamental Rights and Freedom", Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazime Beysan "From the Perspective of Gender Inequality, Married Woman's Last Name and Constitutional Court's Judicial Opinion", and Prof. Dr. Gülriz Uygur "Domestic Violence in the Constitutional Court's Judicial View". At the end of the sessions, the participants were presented plaques of appreciation for their contributions and support.



## RENOWNED CHEF RICHARD O'CONNEL VISITS EMU IN SCOPE OF THE COOPERATION WITH TOM'S KITCHEN RESTAURANTS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç held a workshop and an interview with Tom Aikens; one of the most prestigious chefs worldwide; and the owner and chef of the Tom's Kitchen Restaurants awarded with two Michelin stars in England. Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that they were beginning to get the rewards of their efforts.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that EMU's Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts is the leading department in this field throughout the country. He stated that once again, they are breaking new grounds by inviting Richard O'Connell to teach at EMU; group chef at the 2 Michelin starred Tom's Kitchen Restaurants. Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined that this was the first time an internationally renowned restaurant chef ever taught at one of the country's universities; and that this was an extremely important event.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç mentioned that two years ago, 3 students took internships at Tom's Kitchen. Due to their willingness for hard work and learning, all three had started working for the Tom's Kitchen Restaurants. One of the students, Mustafa Kocabaşoğlu, was promoted to line chef in his first year and became the assistant of Richard O'Connell who visited the university to teach the 'A La Carte Cookery' course in scope of 'Educational Cooperation'.

In scope of the A La Carte Cookery course given by Richard O'Connell, group chef at the 2 Michelin starred Tom's Kitchen Restaurants, the students prepared with Chef O'Connell for four days on the presentation of dishes with different cooking techniques. On the last two days, they entered the application phase in pairs, and this phase was followed by written examinations. At the end, the students were presented with certificates from Tom's Kitchen Restaurants.



## GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR EMU TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT STUDENTS

As a result of the collaboration protocol signed between the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Virginia Tech University, which is widely regarded as one of the world's leading universities, EMU Tourism Faculty students have obtained the opportunity to continue their studies in the United States of America. The agreement foresees that EMU Tourism Faculty students will study in the USA for a year after completing three years at EMU. Virginia Tech University's Tourism and Hospitality Management program is ranked third in the USA. Releasing a statement on

the matter, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç highlighted the importance of international academic collaborations in terms of contribution to student development whilst emphasizing that they play a key role in the goal of internationalization.

### "Confidence in Quality of Education"

Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined that students who complete their first three years at EMU Tourism Faculty will be able to continue their education in the USA indicating that students who wish to do so can continue to take postgraduate courses

at Virginia Tech University. Noting that the agreement made is 3+1+1, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that the collaboration with Virginia Tech University, which is one of the leading universities in not just the USA but the world, is a sign of the confidence in the quality of education at EMU. Indicating that they are proud of this fact, Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by highlighting that students who complete their fourth year in the USA will gain important experience, vision and development without having to pay any extra fees.



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## 4<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL EMU GENETICS CLUB STUDENT SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM WAS HELD

The "4th International EMU Genetics Club Student Science Symposium" organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Genetics Club operating under EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate was held last week. The symposium that took place in Consensus Meeting Hall in Kyrenia Acapulco Resort & Convention & Spa was participated by a large number of students, as well as academic staff members from various universities both in Turkey and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). The first day of the event ended with a dinner following the presentations of EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Biological Sciences students Golsa Baridlatif, Meena Husainy, Omar Sherif Barakat, Adili Abulimiti and Safa Zaatari.

### Cancer Studies were shared

The second day of the symposium commenced with the opening speech of EMU Genetics Club Chairman Yara Mazloun and EMU Genetics Club Introductory Film screening. Following the opening speech, EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Biological

Sciences academic staff member and Vice Dean of Dentistry Faculty Prof. Dr. Şükrü Tüzmen made the presentation entitled "Identification of Novel Signatures as Drug Targets in Cancer Treatment" during the first session of the day. During the highly attention attracting presentation, Prof. Dr. Tüzmen stated that he has started conducting cancer research after he worked on cholesterol biosynthesis. Tüzmen also added that the common ground for two disciplines were published in January 2019 within SCIE index articles in the scientific journal, Personalized Medicine. Prof. Dr. Tüzmen informed the participants regarding the research and findings of his studies conducted in the field of cholesterol and cancer. Moreover, Prof. Dr. Şükrü Tüzmen provided information on biomarkers that can be used to identify candidate genes.

Following the presentation and speech of Prof. Dr. Tüzmen, Bilkent University Molecular Biology and Genetics Department academic staff member Prof. Dr. İhsan Gürsel's presentation titled "Therapeutic Oligonucleotide



Research Lab – THORLAB" took place. Prof. Dr. Gürsel touched on his cancer research studies during his presentation and, presented detailed information on the vaccinations being developed that aims to provide protection from cancer. Presentations of the following academic staff members took place during the second day of the symposium; Acıbadem University academic staff members Prof. Dr. Uğur Özbek, Prof. Dr. Cengiz Yakıcıer and Prof. Dr. Uğur Sezerman, Boğaziçi University academic staff member Prof.

Dr. Nursel Aşan Baydemir, Erciyes University academic staff member Prof. Dr. Yusuf Özkul, Dr. Emine Sporel Özakat from Sporel Beslenme, EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty research assistant Arwa Abou Rajab and Near East University research assistant Erol Eyüpoğlu. A cocktail was organized following the presentations. All speakers were presented plaques and, certificates were presented to all the participants of the symposium. The symposium ended with a tour of Karpaz region on the third day..



## WORLD FAMOUS DESIGNER GINETTE CARON MEETS WITH STUDENTS AT EMU

Within the scope of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Communication Faculty, Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design "7<sup>th</sup> International Career Days" world famous designer Ginette Caron came together with students at the university.

Ginette Caron is continuing her work at her own studio named "Ginette Caron Communication Design". She previously worked as a designer (corporate identity, graphic design, packaging, guide signs etc...) and art director at many big companies such as Benetton and Prada. She has important customers such as Barilla, Bulgari, Fabriano Butique, Ferragamo, Knoll, Moleskine, San Carlo, Swatch, TV5 and Vatikan.



During her presentation titled "Form Comes From Wonder" which had large attendance of Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design students and academic staff Ginette Caron relayed useful information about subjects such as design processes and concept development. Caron also answered student questions at the end of the presentation.

Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Chair Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu noted that Ginette Caron who was Canada's 2017 Cultural Ambassador will be meeting with students again next year as a guest of the department course "Learning from the Masters" which aims to bring together students and some of the world's best designers.

## FAMOUS ACTRESS AYLA ALGAN IN EMU

In scope of an activity organised by Eastern Mediterranean University, Faculty of Communication, Department of Radio, Cinema and Television, famous theatre player, actress and singer Ayla Algan came together with students and her fans at FCMS 011 at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 8 May 2019.

### Algan Talked about Her First Starring Experience

The talk started with the presentation of a section from the internationally acclaimed film "Ah Güzel İstanbul", which was made in 1966. Algan commented that she co-starred the film with Sadri Alışık and they received the "Silver Tree" award at the 10th International Bordighera Humor Films Festival in San Remo, Italy. Algan said "This is my first film in cinema after my theater. In those years, color films were shot in Europe and America. Yeşilçam had no money. If our film was not black and white, it would have been crowned with a degree beyond the first place. But the black-and-white camera that our director of photography used was much better than the color one. As a result, we achieved an important success in an area where we were competing with international master directors such as Fellini.

### "Cinema does not Resemble Theatre"

In addition to cinema and theater, Algan introduced the poems of Yunus Emre to the world by reading and singing poetry in German, French and English. Algan stated that she started to sing after 1972. Algan also added that Şehnaz Longa is the most beautiful piece of



Ayşe in the film 'Ah Güzel İstanbul'. Algan continued by saying that acting in cinema is not like acting in theater and also emphasized the importance of assembled acting for cinema. Touching on the importance of existentialism in training activities, Algan added that the curricula of Istanbul Drama Art Academy is based on Hegel philosophy.

### "I Wouldn't Star in Bad Commercials Even If I am Broke"

Algan stated that she played only in one commercial during her life and that she chose to do it because it would be beneficial for the society. Algan went on to state that "I wouldn't star in bad commercials even if I am broke". Algan added that her profession in arts started as a hobby for her. Providing recommendations for students, Algan said that "If you have hobbies in your daily life, go on, learn and improve



yourself. While doing so, realize your shortcomings and don't give up." At the end of the talk, EMU Communication Faculty, Radio, Cinema and Television

Department Chair Prof. Dr. Bahire Özad presented famous actress Ayla Algan a gift. The event came to a close after a group photo was taken.



## EMU ACADEMICIAN'S FILM BRINGS THE PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP AWARD TO CYPRUS

The film titled "The Two Faces of War" directed by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, Department of Cinema and TV senior instructor Ömer Evre received the "Peace and Friendship Award" at the 10th International Lions Short Film Competition. The short film sets-off from the joint pain of the 1974 war whilst drawing attention to friendships between Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots as well as missing people. "The Two Faces of War" competed with 220 short films making the final along with 18 other films and it is based on a true story.

In a statement on the matter Ömer Evre indicated that the film aims to raise awareness regarding work relating to

missing people after the 1974 war as well as to strengthen friendship bonds between the two communities. Pointing to the contributions made by his students at the EMU Communication Faculty, Department of Radio, Television and Cinema Evre advised his students to not shy away from being creative if they want to achieve success.

### Feature-Length Version will also be Filmed

Evre stated that the slogan for the film is "Pain Knows No Bounds" before going on to note: "The trauma of '74 led to joint pain amongst both communities. There are still people who don't know what happened to their spouse, children, brothers and relatives. The generation that witnessed the war is getting older



and some of those people are dying. As people cannot carry the burden of their sins they are confessing to the Committee on Missing Persons. The aim of our film is to raise awareness about the work carried out by the Committee on Missing Persons by telling a true story. This story reflects the friendships developed and maintained between Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots following a confession that took place 45 years after an event. What is left behind from the pain is the saying

'When elephants fight it is the grass that suffers.'

Giving the good news that filming will commence for a feature-length version of "The Two Faces of War" in June 2019 Evre stated that the voluntary work of the technical crew, production crew, thespians and musicians will be of extreme value. The feature length version of the film will include big names such as artist Ayla Algan and consulting director Biket İlhan.

## 9<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL DESIGN WEEK TAKES PLACE IN EMU



Organised annually by Eastern Mediterranean University Faculty of Architecture, 9<sup>th</sup> International Design Days have commenced with the theme "IN/DEPENDENCE" at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 8 May 2019.

At the opening ceremony of the event which continued until 10 May 2019, EMU Architecture Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek provided information about 'Design Week' and this year's theme. Stating that they are hosting guests from different countries, programs and cultures during the Design Week, Prof. Dr. Dinçyürek also expressed his pleasure in seeing the participation of a considerable number of architects and design professionals in the event. Prof. Dr. Dinçyürek also thanked all those who contributed to the organisation of the event and wished all a fruitful week.

Delivering a speech at the event opening, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam told the participants that he remembers the first years of the event, which was then a simple organisation. Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam added that the event has evolved into an international organisation and acts as an important platform for the students regarding innovations and new trends in their field. Providing information about EMU, Prof. Dr. Osam added that their aim is to offer high quality study opportunities at international standards. Prof. Dr. Osam stated that EMU is getting ready to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its foundation in October 2019. Prof. Dr. Osam put forth

that EMU is maturing day by day. Following the opening addresses, world-famous Alireza Taghaboni delivered a presentation at the end of which Prof. Dr. Osam presented a plaque of appreciation to him.

The 9<sup>th</sup> International Design Week which took place under the sponsorship of Kalebodur continued with a panel titled 'Talks with Architects' under the moderatorship of Prof. Dr. C. Abdi Güzer at Rauf Raif Denктаş Culture and Congress Center at 1:00 p.m. During the said event, managers of NORM Architects Prof. Dr. Ahmet Tercan and Esin Tercan met with the participants at a talk on the current architectural and design practices.

At Faculty of Architecture Conference Hall, Prof. Greg Keeffe of Queen's University in Belfast delivered a talk titled 'Biomimetic Cities' at 7:00 p.m. Following a cultural trip inside Famagusta Walled City under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Kokan Grchev and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hacer Başarı Dindiç, the first day of the event was completed with a cocktail taking place at Namık Kemal Square at 7:30 p.m. with the contributions of Famagusta Municipality.

In scope of the 9<sup>th</sup> International Design Week, the award ceremony of the high schools video competition titled 'Strange Designs' took place at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, 9 May 2019. At 11:00, the event continued with an exhibition opening. At 1:00 p.m. Tonguç Gökalp's performance show titled EPSILON took place at Rauf Raif Denктаş Culture



and Congress Center. The event was followed by a panel taking place under the moderatorship of Prof. Dr. Güven Arif Sargin and the participation Abdurrahman Çekim - BARAKA and Emre Özgüder - GROTESK.

Following the workshops took place on Friday, 10 May 2019, three short presentations by Banu Uçak, Barış Atiker and Emre Güneş took place under the theme "FREE TALKS" at 2:00 p.m. at Rauf Raif Denктаş Culture and Congress Center. The 9<sup>th</sup> EMU International Design Week finished with a closing ceremony.



## “DISASTER RISK REDUCTION FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS WORKSHOP” HELD IN EMU



“Disaster Risk Reduction for People with Special Needs Workshop” organized with the collaboration of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Architecture Faculty, Famagusta Municipality and Famagusta Special Education Center was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, 2019 at 09:30 at Arkın Palm Beach Hotel. The workshop focused on issues such as the reduction of the risks experienced by the people with special needs in an event of disaster, and setting a data base. At the end of the workshop, a future action plan preparation was also dwelled on.

The workshop organized by EMU Education Faculty under the coordinatorship of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sibel Dinçyürek hosted total of 75 participants consisting of the representatives of TRNC Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Labor and Social Security, Ministry of Tourism, Civil Defence Organization and universities.

The event commenced with the music recital performed by the Education Faculty, Fine Arts Education Department, Music Teaching Program students. During the opening speech, Famagusta Special Education Center Director Emirali Evcimen stated that the event was organized to discuss the needs of a very special group of people as well as to set a course for such needs. Evcimen also added that the Famagusta Special Education Center has been caring about the education, needs and necessities of people with special needs but the concept of disaster

risk reduction for people with special needs is a whole new topic.

EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu held the floor following Evcimen’s speech and mentioned that it is vital for everyone to create awareness in any aspect of their lives. Prof. Dr. Oğurlu continued her speech by saying; “We have many steps to take by the reason of being a small community. Therefore, we should act as a one”. Moreover, Prof. Dr. Oğurlu expressed EMU’s pleasure in supporting the event.

Famagusta Mayor İsmail Arter was also among the speakers during the workshop. Arter started his speech by expressing Municipality’s excitement on the workshop and continued his words by emphasizing the need of taking precautions for natural disasters as they generally happen unexpectedly. According to Mayor Arter, the importance of the workshop is once more urged on when the latest flood disaster is taken into consideration. Arter ended his speech by stating the need of setting an action plan in collaboration with all units in light of the data gathered from the workshop.

During the speech made by TRNC President Mustafa Akıncı’s spouse Meral Akıncı, Mrs. Akıncı expressed her excitement and underlined the significance of the workshop on taking a first step in the island towards the issue of disaster risk reduction for people with special needs. Meral Akıncı expressed her wish on workshop



to be a starting point for setting a course regarding “disasters and special needs” and, emphasized the need for being prepared for possible natural disasters. Mrs. Akıncı also touched on the importance of the statistical analysis which is to be gathered by the virtue of the workshop, as the number of people affected from the natural disasters remains unknown. Akıncı wished a successful and fruitful workshop to all.

Following the opening speeches, Yıldız Technical University Architecture Department staff member Prof. Dr. Aslı Sungur and Assist. Prof. Dr. Ayten Düzkantar from Anadolu University Research Institute for People with Disabilities made presentations. After the presentations, workshop continued with study groups.



## EMU HONORS ITS 25TH YEAR GRADUATES



The "25<sup>th</sup> Year Graduates' Commendation Ceremony" organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate (MIKA) took place at 19:00 on Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 at the Arkin Palm Beach Hotel. The event that re-united all 1994 EMU graduates was also attended by EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, EMU-MIKA Director Derviş Ekşici and Personnel Affairs Director

Özlem Avcı. The event commenced with the screening of EMU's promotional film and graduate speeches.

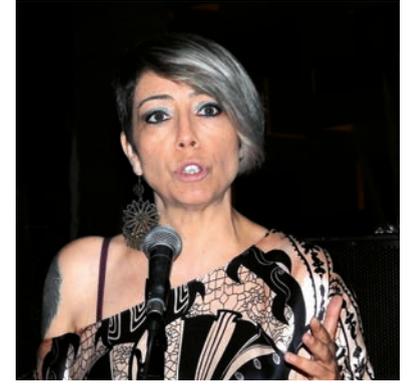
**"It is an Honor to be an EMU Graduate"**  
1994 graduates Özlem Çelik, Müge Yüce and Nejat Yüksel stated that they are proud to be from EMU indicating that they gained a lot from the university's international environment and successful academic team. The graduates also noted that they have successful careers because of EMU and that it is an honor to be a graduate of the university.

**"We are Proud of Your Achievements"**  
Delivering a speech at the event, EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova stated that the university has improved significantly since 25 years, the time when the class of 1994 graduated. "We are proud of your achievements. EMU isn't just any university. It is a place where students from 113 different countries mix with each other.

It is ranked within the 601-801 band on the UK based Times Higher Education World University Rankings. It shares this position with Turkish universities such as METU and ITU. EMU is a well-known and well-respected institution. One of the reasons for this is its graduates' success. We thank all of our graduates attending the 25<sup>th</sup> year event and wish them further success in their careers."

**"Beginning, Progress and Success"**

EMU-MIKA Director Derviş Ekşici stated that the "25<sup>th</sup> Year Graduates' Commendation Ceremony" allows old memories to come flooding back to graduates who are reminded that their strong connections that haven't been broken will grow even stronger. Ekşici noted that EMU, which he described as the most rooted higher education institution on the island, continues to stand tall and make itself heard to the world as a result of its graduates. Highlighting that coming together is a BEGINNING, standing



together is PROGRESS and working together is a SUCCESS, Ekşici stated: "MIKA has established and started to accept memberships for the EMU Graduates platform "emu.network" (<http://emu.network>) to bring together and strengthen the bonds between graduates. EMU Network leads to better communication between graduates as well as between EMU and its graduates. I invite you our valuable graduates to become members of this platform."



## ZEKİ ÇELER DELIVERED A TALK AT EMU

Former Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Labor and Social Security Minister Zeki Çeler was the guest of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) "Public Talks" event which was organized by the Business and Economics Faculty in collaboration with the Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate (MIKA).

At the event which commenced at 10:30 at Prof. Dr. Mehmet Tahiroğlu Hall on Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2019, Çeler delivered a presentation titled "Career Path" during which he stated that he is very happy to be with EMU students on his last day as the TRNC Labor and Social Security Minister.

EMU Business and Economics Faculty, Department of Political Science and

Public Administration graduate Çeler shared his experiences at the university from registration to graduation with those in attendance. Going on to address

how he entered into politics and what he experienced as a young politician Çeler indicated that he has fulfilled all of his goals up to now and that his next goal is

to become the first EMU graduate TRNC President.

Expressing that one doesn't need to be rich or from a good family to be successful, Çeler highlighted the importance of bravery whilst advising students to follow their dreams and never give up. After recommending that students listen to their hearts Çeler accepted questions from audience.

At the end of the event Çeler was presented a silver plate by EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Business and Economics Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Selcan Timur and MIKA Director Derviş Ekşici. The talk was attended by many students, EMU Department of Banking and Finance Chair Prof. Dr. Nesrin Özataç and members of academic staff.



## "CAREER OVER COFFEE" TAKES PLACE AT EMU

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate (MİKA) collaborated with the Faculty of Business and Economics to organize the "Career over Coffee" event. The event which was attended by many companies took place at the yard of the Faculty of Business and Economics. Students and participants obtained information from the companies and gained the opportunity to carry out future internships at the said companies.

### "Thank You to the Companies"

EMU-MİKA Director Derviş Ekşici released the following statement on the event: "The event attracted a lot of students. Our goal was to develop the career planning and job finding skills of our students. We are proud of the interest shown to our event, university and students by participating companies and this interest motivates us to do even better for our students. I wholeheartedly thank all the companies that attended the event and supported us to gain student satisfaction."

### "Great Opportunity"

Addressing students at the event, EMU Faculty of Business and Economics Dean Prof. Dr. Selcan Timur stated: "Today is a special day on which employers and future employees come together to speak about what they can achieve. The valuable companies that are present here today have always provided job opportunities for our students. I would like to highlight the importance of this support. Our Career over Coffee event is a great opportunity for students to meet, get to know and collaborate with different employers." Prof. Dr. Timur



thanked the companies that participated in the event and provided career advice for students.

### Attended by Leading Companies on the Island

The companies that attended the said event are as follows: Koopbank, Limasol Turkish Cooperative Bank, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Central Bank, Creditwest Bank, Cyprus Vakıflar Bank, Ziraat Bank, Şekerbank, Garanti Bank, Asbank, İktisat Bank, TEB, Universal Bank, Umay Construction, Uzun Group Construction, Dörter Construction, Tanyel Construction, Noyanlar Group of Companies, Famagusta Municipality,

Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce, Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry, North Cyprus Turkcell, Başman Group of Companies / AVON, Özkaraman Accounting and Consultancy Bureau, Mapfree Insurance, Limasol Insurance, Türk Insurance, Northhills Group of Companies, Ashrafi Estate, Velocity Estate, Smart Estate, Cyprus Reality Estate, İnce Property, Ergün Oza Coffee, Yemen Coffee, Coffeemia, Segafredo Espresso Zanetti, Turkish Airlines, Kozansoy Printhouse, Mey Su, EMU-KOOP, Go Social CY, EMU-CEC, Banking and Finance Club.

## "BE A PARTY TO HOPE WITH EMU" CHARITY EVENT ATTRACTS GREAT INTEREST



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) held their traditional charity event in support of children. The event which took place with the voluntary contributions of EMU staff under the title "Be a Party to Hope with EMU" was held in front of the Central Lecture Halls between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, 2 May 2019. During the said event, homemade food and beverages were sold at the stands allocated to faculties, directorates and units. The proceeds of the event will go towards Dr. Burhan Nalbantoğlu State Hospital Pediatric Oncology Department.

### Interest was Great

There was great interest towards the colorful charity event. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam also attended and contributed to the charity event where he visited all stands

talking with EMU personnel and students. The event also featured a folklore dance performance from Dipkarpaz Primary School students and the participation of Eastern Mediterranean Doğa Primary School students. The proceeds of the charity event will go towards the needs of children at the Pediatric Oncology Department of Dr. Burhan Nalbantoğlu State Hospital. The "Be a party to hope with EMU" project organized by the EMU Personnel Office Directorate will provide financial support for disadvantaged groups and children with a different event each year. The project aims to lead to an increase in social cohesion and awareness as a result of the university and community collaboration. The said project is also an example of the importance EMU attaches to social values.



## EMU NURSING DEPARTMENT HELD "NURSEVIVOR"

Eastern Mediterranean University, Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Nursing, in collaboration with the Cyprus Turkish Nurses and Midwives Association, held an activity under the title "Nursevivor – The Game Awaits You" at EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium.

In 1965, the International Nurses Association, in memory of Florence Nightingale, the founder of

modern nursing, specified 12 May as 'Nurses Day' and 12-18 May as the International Nursing Week. Each year, a theme is identified by the aforesaid association, and in this context, the problems of the profession and health system are discussed and solutions are proposed in all membering countries. This year's theme was specified as "Nurses: A Voice to Lead, Health for All". Within the scope of the theme, important responsibilities of nurses were emphasized in preventing and solving global health problems and achieving health targets.

Within the scope of the activities held in celebration of the Nursing Week, the second NURSEVIVOR competition was held with the participation of 108 students from 6 universities. "Nursevivor", which was quite a colorful activity as in the past year, offered students a day filled with fun by combining nursing practices and sports. Awards were also presented to students who demonstrated successful performance in "Nursevivor".



## EMU WOMEN'S SWIMMING TEAM BECOMES CHAMPIONS

The women's swimming team of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) operating under the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate became Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) champions after scoring higher than 6 other universities

at a competition organized by the University Sports Federation in Nicosia. At the competition where the EMU men's swimming team finished in fourth place, EMU women's swimming team athlete Dilahan Tezel broke the 200 meter short course medley TRNC record.

The EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate released the following statement: "We would like to thank all of our athletes and our new-record holder for their efforts in the championship."



## EMU CHESS TEAM BECOMES CHAMPIONS OF TURKEY



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Chess Team operating under the Sports Affairs Directorate became university champions of Turkey after winning a tournament organized by the Turkish Chess Federation. The tournament took place in Antalya between the 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2019. A total of 103 universities competed in the said tournament. The EMU Chess Team defeated teams from Pamukkale University, İzmir Katip Çelebi University, Marmara University, Hacettepe University, Boğaziçi University and Bursa Uludağ University to become Turkish champions.

### "We Dedicate the Championship to Yaşın Düşüner"

Group supervisor and coach Talat Şentürk congratulated the team for making EMU proud by defeating all of their opponents and becoming champions. Şentürk also thanked EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu for their contributions to the team's success, indicating that they made a plan and implemented it to bring the gold to EMU. Şentürk concluded by stating "We are deeply saddened by the passing of our student Yaşın Düşüner to whom we dedicate our championship. He will always be in our heart."



## EMU TENNIS TEAM ENTERS SUPER LEAGUE AS CHAMPIONS

Operating under Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Sports Affairs Directorate, EMU Tennis Team successfully completed Tennis 1st League Group A matches which were organised by the Republic of Turkey University Sports Federation between 9 and 12 March 2019. During the aforesaid matches, EMU Tennis Team played against Yıldız Technical University, Kocaeli University and İstanbul Technical University and having won all the matches, completed Group A as the Champion with a score of 3-0.

Following the aforesaid successful achievements, EMU Tennis Team defeated the champion of the other group Yaşar University in singles with Şevki Öksüzöğlülari and Rasim Ülker and in doubles with İsmet Baykur and Mustafa Zorba. With a score of 3-0, EMU has entered the Super League as the champion. Upon the completion of the matches, EMU Tennis Team returned back to island with their trainer Aydın Kayol and Team Leader Cüneyt Doğan.



## EMU INTERNATIONAL FUTSAL TOURNAMENT COMPLETED

*Palestine Becomes Champions in the Men's Category and Nigeria Becomes Champions in the Women's*

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), which boasts the biggest international student organizations of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) with its more than 20 thousand students from 113 countries, has successfully completed University Cup of Nation Futsal 2019 Tournament with the final matches and an award ceremony which took place at Lala Mustafa Pasa Sports Center. In total, more than 500 active students represented their country in the organisation.

As in the last year, Nigeria has become the champion's of the Women's group after the final match played between Nigeria and the TRNC. In the men's category, Palestine became champions by defeating Nigeria. Turkey came third in the women's category by defeating Iran. Again, Turkey came third in the men's category after defeating Swaziland.

### 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 champions by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu presented awards to the teams who came second and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler presented awards to teams who finished third.

In the female's category the Best Goalkeeper Award went to Sadat Momoh, the Top Scorer Award went to Zeliha, Dwieta Kim and Moji, the Best Player Award went to Dwieta Kim, and the Fair Play Team Award went to Congo. Meanwhile in the men's category the Best Goalkeeper Award went to Mohammad Said, the Top Scorer Award went to Mohammad Ibrahim, the Fair-Play Team Award went to Yemen, the Best Player Award went to Salah and the Best Coach Award went to Swaziland. Additionally, the Best Student Community Award went to Palestine. The awards were presented to the winners by the Sports Affairs Directorate personnel.



## EMU'S OLYMPIC ATHLETE ESE BRUME CONTINUES TO DEMOLISH RECORDS

Despite her young age, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) athlete Ese Brume who finished fifth in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games long jump competition continues to demolish records. Ese Brume's most recent achievement is to pick up the gold medal at the 16<sup>th</sup> Turkey Koçsporfest University Games in the category of long jump. At the

competition which took place on Monday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 at the Samsun İlkadım Athletics Stadium, Brume also broke the Turkish Universities Women's Long Jump Record with a jump of 6.76 metres.

### Brume Preparing for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics

At the age of 23, Ese Brume is one of the biggest favourites for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. She is continuing her preparation with EMU Sports Affairs Directorate coaches Hasan Maydon and Yaya Kayode. Her jump of 6.82 is amongst the best jumps of this year. EMU Rector's Office continues to provide their full support for Brume. A statement released by EMU coach Hasan Maydon indicated that Ese's latest jump is her best jump of this year and that she is ready to compete for the gold in all high level competitions.



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