

## 2016 – 2017 Academic Year Opening Ceremony Took Place



The Eastern Mediterranean University's 2016 – 2017 Academic Year Opening Ceremony took place at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall at 10:00 a.m. on the 27th of October 2016. Commencing with a moment of silence and the national anthem, the ceremony continued with a musical performance from Education Faculty, Department of Fine Arts Education academicians.

In his opening speech, Prof. Dr. Osam wished everyone a good 2016-2017 Academic Year. Prof. Dr. Osam went on to state that the EMU's mission hasn't changed since the day it was founded and that it has always been a university that values quality. Noting that as a result of featuring on the 2016-2017 addition, EMU is the first and only Turkish Cypriot University to appear on the Times Higher Education List, Prof. Dr. Osam stated that this achievement was amongst the previously set goals of the university. Highlighting the EMU's approach which doesn't view education as a sector, Prof. Dr. Osam emphasized that today's university current would not be accepted by the EMU.

After Prof. Dr. Osam's speech, the 2016-2017 Academic Year's first lesson titled "University and Community: Expectations, Trends and Suggestions" was delivered by former Middle East Technical University Rector and Academician Prof. Dr. Ahmet Acar.

### Visit to EMU Rector's Office

Following the Academic Year Opening Ceremony and the First Lesson, Prof. Dr. Acar came together with EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Board of Trustees' President Mehmet Bayram, Board of Trustees' member Recai Ergün and Vice Rector Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden.

## EMU Signs A Collaboration Protocol with the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) signed a collaboration protocol with the French university, University of Nice Sophia Antipolis. The protocol that allows collaboration on academic programs and projects was recently signed in Nice

The protocol was signed by Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren on behalf of the EMU and Rector Prof. Dr. Frederique Vidal on behalf of University of Nice Sophia Antipolis. University of Nice Sophia Antipolis Vice Rector in charge of International Affairs, Jean Christophe Martin and Dean of the EMU Computer Engineering Department, Prof. Dr. Işık Aybay were also present at the signature ceremony.

The protocol will allow the universities to develop joint programs in both undergraduate and postgraduate levels



as well as allowing them to carry out joint research and academician exchange programs.

Guided by Prof. Serge Miranda, Dean of the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis, Department of Computer Sciences, Prof. Dr. Eren and Prof. Dr. Aybay attended informative meetings about the university's academic

programs and Antipolis Technology Park. Ideas were also exchanged regarding detailed collaboration projects.

The University of Nice Sophia Antipolis is a state university that was founded in 1965. The university has over 25 thousand students studying in eight faculties.



## TRNC Minister of Health Faiz Sucuoğlu Visited EMU

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Minister of Health Faiz Sucuoğlu and his representatives paid a visit to Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector's Office. Prior to the meeting Sucuoğlu came together with EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, President of EMU Board of Trustees Mehmet Bayram, Board Members Cevat Rıza, Recai Ergün, Mustafa Borataş and Yusuf Kaçmaz.

During the said visit, strengthening of the existing collaborations between TRNC Ministry of Health and EMU and the settlement of prospective collaborations were discussed. After a lunch organization at EMU Beach Club, the said visit ended.



## Champions Choose EMU

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has added a world famous long-jumper to their team. Starting from the 2016-2017 Academic Year, Nigerian athlete Ese Brume will be continuing her professional sports career in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Brume came fifth in the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio with a jump of 6.81 m. She is also the 2015 African Long Jump Champion and the 2014 Commonwealth Games Champion.

Ese Brume arrived on the island on Monday, the 24th of October 2016 and visited EMU Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu and coach Hasan Maydon. She then visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam alongside Konnolu, Maydon and other EMU athletes. EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden, Rector's Coordinators Assist. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Derviş Subaşı also attended the meeting as well as Deputy General Secretary Kazım Hakverdi.

EMU Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu informed EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam about the transfer process, noting that he is very pleased to complete the transfer after two years of effort. Konnolu also thanked Prof. Dr. Osam for his support during the process. Regarding Brume's education, Konnolu noted that Brume will be studying at EMU Facul-

ty of Tourism. She will also be representing the EMU alongside other EMU athletes in Turkey and other countries in which competitions will take place. Konnolu concluded by stating his belief that Brume will raise the bar even higher whilst wearing the EMU jersey.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam noted that EMU is a university focused on success, not only academic but also sports and cultural. Prof. Dr. Osam also stated that the Rector's Office is always ready to provide support in order to aid individuals on the road to success. Answering Prof. Dr. Osam's question of "Why EMU?" Brume stated that she has heard very positive things about the university especially from Nigerian graduates. She also expressed her satisfaction regarding continuing her academic and sporting career at EMU.

Nigerian athlete Ese Brume is widely accepted as the most successful athlete to come to North Cyprus. As Brume prepares for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, her training partner will be Turkish Triple Jump champion Tuğba Aydın. Brume and Aydın carried out their first training session on the morning of Tuesday the 25th of October under the supervision of coach Hasan Maydon.



# Computer Technology and Information Systems Program's Accreditation Process

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) School of Computing and Technology (SCT) Computer Technology and Information Systems Program is going through an accreditation process with ASIIN Accreditation Institution (Accreditation Agency for Degree Programs in Engineering, Informatics, Natural Sciences and Mathematics).

Along with ASIIN Accreditation, EMU SCT is being inspected by a group of inspectors from EQANIE in order to receive the certificate of quality Euro Inf. Label in the field of Computer Software. During the visit, the visiting group of ASIIN inspectors carried out various evaluations on university administration, programs, laboratories, educational opportunities, library, syllabus, student

educational outputs and teaching techniques.

## ASIIN visited Rector's Office

ASIIN and Euro Inf. Label Audit Committee paid a visit to EMU Rector's Office and had a meeting with EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı and Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova. Prof. Dr.

Necdet Osam put forth the importance of the accreditations and also provided information about the existing accreditations of faculties. Prof. Dr. Osam also mentioned the student and academic staff profile, collaborations with other universities, infrastructure and financial structure of the university and said: "We are trying to do the best for our students."



## Hasan Sadıkoğlu: "EMU is a Very Important Institution"

İskele Mayor Hasan Sadıkoğlu paid a courtesy visit to the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector, Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. The meeting took place on Friday, the 21st of October at 14:00. During the visit, future cooperation between the İskele Municipality and EMU were discussed.

The EMU greatly values community service and carries out projects in this regard. Prof. Dr. Osam emphasized the importance of establishing EMU campuses in other regions and noted that the university is carrying out preparation to achieve this goal. Prof. Dr. Osam indicated their happiness regarding serving the society in cooperation with municipalities, also mentioning the visit to Nicosia Mayor Mehmet Harmancı. Meanwhile, İskele Mayor Hasan Sadıkoğlu noted



that EMU is a very important value and indicated that he too would be happy to cooperate with EMU. Sadıkoğlu, add-

ed to his words that a cooperation with an institution as valuable as EMU is very important for the İskele region. An

EMU committee and İskele Municipality Council Members were also in attendance of the meeting.



## EMU Hosted 5th Health Sciences Faculties' Deans Council Meeting



Hosted by Eastern Mediterranean University, Health Sciences Faculty, 5th Health Sciences Faculties' Deans Council Meeting (SABDEK) commenced at Rauf Raif Denктаş Culture and Congress Center at 9:00 a.m. on 21 October 2016.

The event which commenced with a moment of silence and the national anthem also featured the screening of EMU's Promotional Video followed by a musical performance by the academic staff members of the Education Faculty, Music Teaching Program.

The first opening address was delivered by SABDEK Honorary Chair Prof. Dr. Sibel Aksu Yıldırım, who stated that through the council meeting, Health Sciences Faculties will be shaping the

future. Prof. Dr. Sibel Aksu Yıldırım also specified SABDEK's target as the formation of the Core Educational Programs.

Following Prof. Dr. Yıldırım, Chair of SABDEK Prof. Dr. Fatma Gül thanked all attendees for their participation and put forth that in line with the increasing number of Health Sciences Faculties, SABDEK was formed to provide solutions to problems in the relevant field. Prof. Dr. Şener also provided information about SABDEK's ongoing work and projects.

Dean of EMU Health Sciences Faculty Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç expressed their happiness and pride in hosting the meeting. Prof. Dr. Malkoç also put forth

that a total of 72 deans and commission members from 43 different universities of Turkey and the TRNC are participating in the event.

Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Osam also delivered a speech at the event opening during which he stated his pleasure in hosting deans of Health Sciences Faculties of Turkey and the TRNC. Adding that EMU is amongst the rare achievements of the TRNC, Prof. Dr. Osam put forth that since its establishment, EMU has achieved

Mediterranean University being the only university from the TRNC listed on the Times Higher Education 2016-2017 Academic Year World University Rankings.

Following the opening addresses, Prof. Dr. Osam presented plaques of appreciation to Higher Education Quality Board Member Prof. Dr. Tuncay Döğeroğlu and SABDEK Honorary Chair Prof. Dr. Sibel Aksu Yıldırım for their contributions. The opening ceremony of SABDEK Meeting also



important successes. Prof. Dr. Osam also provided information about EMU with a specific focus on quality assurance and accreditation work currently being carried out. At the end of his speech, Prof. Dr. Osam also mentioned Eastern

hosted Undersecretary of the TRNC Ministry of Economy and Energy Emin Bilgen, Undersecretary of the TRNC Ministry of Health Kemal Deniz Dana, Famagusta District Governor Dürdane Acı and Vice Rectors of EMU.

## Social Studies Educational Program Introduced To Form Teachers



The first presentation of the Social Studies Educational Program developed as part of the Primary Education Program

Development project, took place as a result of the cooperation between the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the TRNC Ministry of Education. The project was introduced to 4th year form teachers from Nicosia, Kyrenia and Morphou at the Open Learning Faculty. The second presentation took place at Rauf Raif Denктаş Culture and Congress Hall with the participation of 4th year form teachers from İskele and Famagusta. The final presentation of the project took place at the Nicosia Türk Maarif College and included all 6th year form teachers.

Academic consultant to the Social Studies Program Commission and EMU Education Faculty, Elementary Education

Department academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilen answered audience questions after introducing the program details to the attendees.

The philosophy of the newly reformed program was indicated by Assoc. Dr. Erbilen as follows:

"The Educational Program of Social Studies was arranged for students to understand how people managed to live together as individuals and in groups from past to present, and how they interacted with their physical and social environments. In addition to this, the program allows its students to reach accurate information and approach social events with an investigative understanding. The program contrib-

utes to the student's ability and creativity when problem solving by making them wisely question information. Our aim is to let the students of TRNC perceive the society they are living in as an entirety, by looking at its history, geography, economy, culture, art, administration and social groups; to value and protect the nature and people of the country and to actively participate in the society".

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erbilen, described the newly formed program's aim as a providing a contribution to raise confident, free and autonomous individuals who participate in their social and physical environment based on knowledge in order to gain intellectual, social and affective maturity.



## “Idea Field” Innovation Program Introduced

The “Idea Field” Innovation Program, a collaborative effort between North Cyprus Turkcell, the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry and the Informatics Association was introduced at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU). The aim of the program that was introduced to faculty deans at the EMU Senate Room, is to reveal the development potential of technology in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) by centralizing innovation.

The presentation called for the opinions of everybody regarding the usage of information and communication technologies to increase competition with the TRNC’s fundamental economic sectors and integrating the innovation culture into economy.



## Animal-Friendly Campus Project Growing

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Animal-Friendly Campus Project is growing. The EMU Animal Rescue Club, one of the university student clubs, has started a petition on campus. 5000 signatures were collected within a week in order to show support for the Animal-Friendly Campus Project.

EMU Animal Rescue Club Chair, Atıl Berk Değirmencioglu, noted that the purpose of the campaign is to make sure that cats and dogs living on campus are provided with food and vaccinations. He added that people who perceive the animals to be dangerous and disturbing are in a minority and expressed his

expectation for support to the campaign. Animal Rescue Club Advisor and Neuter, Vaccinate and Let Live (NVLL) Project volunteer Fayka Güresun noted that the NVLL Project undertakes the neutering of animals, whilst the Animal Rescue Club club undertakes the feeding and care, in order to create a more habitable EMU campus for our animal friends. Güresun indicated that the growth of NVLL and the Animal-Friendly Campus Project, which started in March 2011, is due to the cooperation and endeavors of the university Administration, the Animal Rescue Club and project volunteers. Güresun also noted the support given to the petition is a result of these endeavors.



## EMU Put Palm Trees Under Protection

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Environmental Affairs Directorate put palm trees under protection. After preparing a protection plan, the EMU Environmental Affairs Directorate have been caring for the trees since the 3rd February 2016.

The EMU Environmental Affairs Directorate who have been taking special precautions regarding the Red Palm Tree Beetle, provided information about their efforts. The Directorate noted that it has been scientifically proven that an odor

is released when palm trees are pruned that attracts harmful insects. Therefore, the pruning of palm trees on the EMU Campus only includes the pruning of dry branches. Insecticide is used before the pruning and grafting wax is applied after the pruning of troublesome green branches in order to protect the trees. The EMU Environmental Affairs Directorate stated that there are a total of 80 date palm trees and 818 palm trees on campus, which are cared for once every two months in order to keep away harmful insects.



## Our University is Represent in Fairs

Organized by the British Educational Services Agency, 4th International Education Fair took place on 7-8 October 2016 in Cairo capital of Egypt at Intercontinental – City Stars Hotel. EMU Faculty of Business Economics Academic Staff Prof. Dr. Sevin Kürşad and student of economy department Passant Mohamed Borai Selim were

present at the said fair and represented EMU. On the other hand, Coordinator of EMU Rector's Office Assoc. Dr.Fahme Dabaj represented EMU at the 18th Fall UK Universities Exhibition which was organized by Bridge International for Academic Services between 19-20 October 2016 in Amman.



## This Week's Academic Publications

Source: *Web of Science*

### Faculty of Arts & Sciences

Hawking Radiation of Mass Generating Particles from Dyonic Reissner-Nordstrom Black Hole  
Sakalli, I (Sakalli, I.); Ovgun, A (Ovgun, A.)  
**Source:** JOURNAL OF ASTROPHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY, **Volume:** 37  
**Issue:** 3  
**Article Number:** 21  
**DOI:** 10.1007/s12036-016-9397-6,SEP 2016

### Faculty of Business & Economics

The Effects Of Financial Development On Investment In Turkey  
Balcilar, M (Balcilar, Mehmet); Ciftcioglu, S (Ciftcioglu, Serhan); Gungor, H (Gungor, Hasan)  
**Source:** SINGAPORE ECONOMIC REVIEW, **Volume:** 61  
**Issue:** 4  
**Article Number:** 1650002  
**DOI:** 10.1142/S0217590816500028, SEP 2016

### Faculty of Business & Economics

Comparing Spillover Effects Among Emerging Markets With A Higher (Lower) Share Of Commodity Exports: Evidence From The Two Major Crises  
Bein, MA (Bein, Murad A.); Tuna, G (Tuna, Gulcay)  
**Source:** ECONOMIC COMPUTATION AND ECONOMIC CYBERNETICS STUDIES AND RESEARCH, **Volume:** 50  
**Issue:** 3  
**Pages:** 265-284, 2016

### Faculty of Architecture

Rural carob warehouses in Cyprus: an assessment of architectural and structural characteristics  
Vehbi, BO (Vehbi, Beser Oktay); Yuceer, H (Yuceer, Hulya); Hurol, Y (Hurol, Yonca)  
**Source:** JOURNAL OF ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION, **Volume:** 22  
**Issue:** 1  
**Pages:** 18-47  
**DOI:** 10.1080/13556207.2016.1208473, 2016