



## EMU Iranian Student Society Organized Yalda Night

A night of cultural display and entertainment took place on Tuesday 20th December 2016 as the Iranian Students' Society of the Eastern Mediterranean University held Yalda Night. The event which was held at the cultural center attracted not only Iranian students in EMU but also Iranians who live in Cyprus.

In his welcoming speech, the Vice Rector for International Relations and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova said it is important for a university to provide quality education for its students which also includes cultural elements. He welcomed all members of Iranian community in North Cyprus stating that EMU is a friendly university that is willing to accommodate all.

Prof. Dr. Tanova appreciated the entire

members of the community for all their efforts in making EMU better. He said though his year 2016 has been good for EMU, the future is even better while urging them to be more empathic, committed and caring for one another. In his address, the Iranian Ambassador Dr Reza Zabib appreciated EMU for their hospitality and friendliness. The event also featured live music by Ahang Ensemble, recitation from the Quran and poem renditions.

Yalda Night which means birth, is a celebration of winter solstice on December 21--the last night of fall and the longest night of the year. Yalda Night also corresponds with the night of December 20/21.

## EMU International Office Bids Farewell to 2016



The International Office of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) ended the year with a special New Year celebration on Friday, the 30th of December 2016. The colorful event was also attended by the International Societies. Present at the celebration were EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice

Rector for International Affairs & Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Coordinator Seldjan Timur, International Office Coordinator Özgür Taşcıoğlu Güler and Public Relations and Press Office Director Murat Aktuğralı. During the

celebration, personnel, assistants and students took a photo with Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam.

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

during 2016. The event also coincided with the birthday of International Office Coordinator Özgür Taşcıoğlu Güler whose workmates threw a surprise birthday party for. Güler thanked her team for the lovely surprise and wished international students and all EMU Community a happy new year.

## Children's New Year Organization by EMU Students



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

The organization that was attended by 150 people started with EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç handing the sponsors AFİK Group a plaque and giving the opening speech in which he thanked SOS Children's Village Director Ahmet

Akarsu, Çağlayan Nursery School and everyone from EMU participating in the organization. The event that was coordinated by EMU Community Involvement Centre board member Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso featured a pantomime, a clown show, a robot show, competitions, Russian, Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Tajik and Iranian national dance as well as bachata dance and a range of surprises. One of the surprises of the night was Tajik student Guliya Kemaleddinova's immaculate performance of the song Baghdad. Cultural interaction was at the forefront of the organisation. The night ended with a sketch of world famous gourmet

chefs preparing their food.

Aside from EMU students, children from the SOS Children's Village also provided entertainment with 5 dance shows. EMU Faculty of Education, Early Childhood Education program students set up a stand where they carried out face-painting, modelling clay, hand printing and ping pong activities for the children throughout the night. A band comprising of Umut Can Akar, Mazlum Keleş, Ulus Can Kargaoglu and Eran Ekiz also provided the children with enjoyable songs and moments. The stand of Mother Christmas and Arab Sheik also received a lot of attention from the

children. At the end of the night SOS Children's Village Director Ahmet Akarsu handed certificates to those who contributed in the event coming to life and a group photo was taken. AFİK Group representative Özkan Özçınar thanked Involvement Centre board member Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso, stating that he is very happy about the AFİK-EMU collaborations and noting that he would like to carry out more collaborations in the future. EMU students stated that they have been working very hard on the project for 3 months pointing out that it was worth it after seeing the smiles on the children's faces.

## Palestinian Students Hold Award Night



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

In her address, International Office Coordinator, Mrs. Özgür Taşcıoğlu Güler

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

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

Palestinian students the opportunity to represent their country and make their voices heard.

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

## "Awareness Saves Lives"

Within the framework of the social responsibility project organised by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication and Media Studies, Public Relations and Advertising Department students Ezgi Yılmaz, Zeynep Okka and Sıla Babaliki, a seminar titled "Awareness of Natural Disasters, Fires and First Aid Training" took place with the support of EMU Search and Rescue Club (EMU- SRC) at the Faculty of Tourism Conference Hall.

The seminar adopted "Awareness Saves Lives" as its theme and the

students were given applied first aid training which could be used in cases of earthquakes, accidents and emergency situations with the aim of raising awareness for such circumstances.

The training was conducted by TRNC Civil Defence Organization administrative officer Kamil Ağcabay. Both earthquake and accident victims shared their experiences with students to raise social awareness. At the end of the seminar, Civil Defence Organisation workers were presented plaques for their contribution whilst the participants received their certificates of attendance.



## EMU FLEPS Undergoes Educational and Institutional Quality Inspection

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (FLEPS) Directorate welcomed Tony Gurr, who is one of the directors of Lead Turkey, an educational standards inspection institution. The visit that was sponsored by Berberoğlu Publishing and Pearson Education included work towards FLEPS, which has the Pearson Assured accreditation, raising its bar even higher regarding academic and administrative activities.

According to a statement released by EMU FLEPS, the evaluation that lasted for a period of five days assessed the

academic and administrative structure of the institution that aims to provide language teaching at international standards. The evaluation was divided into four different categories. The statement talks about how Tony Gurr will produce a report after carrying out documentation analysis, extensive assessment meetings with FLEPS administration and program coordinators, meetings with student and teacher representatives, focus group meetings and class observations. Work to increase the quality of the institution will continue based on the advice on this report.



## Health Sciences Faculty Students Visit Ay Işığ Nursing Home

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Health Sciences Faculty students visited Ay Işığ Nursing Home. During the visit which took place as part of the social responsibility project, the elders spent colourful moments with EMU students.

During the visit, the students gave the elders gifts, played games with them and listened to their valuable stories. At

the end of the visit, the students noted that they were very satisfied. Dean of EMU Health Sciences Faculty Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, noted that the faculty is aware of their social responsibility, stating that they will continue supporting such projects. Prof. Dr. Malkoç, also highlighted that we shouldn't forget about our elders and that we should look after them well.



## EMU Academic Staff Member Attends a Symposium in Barcelona

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

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

## Gluten-Free Menu for Celiac Patients



A gluten free lunch menu was prepared by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts students under the supervision of Gluten Free Chef Süleyman Engin, who delivered a presentation on the "Gluten-Free Living" conference. The aim of the Gluten Free Restaurant Menu prepared

for the first time was to create awareness about Celiac Disease.

The menu attracted a great deal of interest from EMU Tourism Faculty academic staff, students and members of the Celiac Association. The menu comprised of a range of starters and snacks as well as soup, a main dish



and dessert. At the end of the meal, members of the Celiac Association stated that they haven't enjoyed such a nice meal for a very long time thanking chef Süleyman Engin and EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç.

In a speech of his own, Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that the Tourism Faculty values

social responsibility projects that allow for both student development and contributions to society. Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by noting that EMU Faculty of Tourism is trying to fulfil its social responsibility obligations in the best way possible.

## EMU Represented at International AEGEE Event



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) was represented at the AEGEE (European Students' Forum) NWM (Network meeting) which took place in Ankara, Turkey. Hosted by the Middle East Technical University, the event was attended by the President of EMU Azerbaijani Students' Society Toghrul Abbasov.

Starting with visits to the historical Ankara castle and Antikabir Mausoleum the event included around

40 participants from 15 different universities of 10 different countries including Northern Cyprus, Hungary, Germany, Italy, England, Russia, Spain, Greece, Azerbaijan and the host country Turkey. The meeting had sessions about increasing knowledge about the European Bodies of the organization, Public Relations, Summer Universities, European Citizens' Initiative and Youth Mobility, learning in AEGEE and the political situation in Turkey & Europe. In his short statement, Abbasov noted

his happiness regarding representing EMU at one of the AEGEE's most productive events.

### What is AEGEE?

AEGEE (European Students' Forum) is one of Europe's biggest interdisciplinary student organisations, striving for a democratic, diverse and borderless Europe. As a non-governmental, politically independent, and non-profit organisation AEGEE is open to students and young people from all faculties and

disciplines. Founded in 1985 in Paris, today AEGEE has grown to a Network of 13000 friends, present in 200 cities in 40 countries all over Europe. Through its activities, they empower students and young people in Europe to take an active role in society. They create a space for dialogue and learning opportunities as well as act as their representatives towards decision-makers. AEGEE strengthens mutual understanding amongst young Europeans and brings Europe closer to young people.



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

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

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

# EMU Organizes Workshops for High School Students



Bekirpaşa High School, İskele High School of Trade, Erenköy High School, Karpaz Vocational High School and Değirmenlik High School, Bülent Ecevit Anatolian High School, Anadolu Fine Arts High School, 20 July Science High School, Haydarpaşa High School of Trade, Sedat Simavi Vocational High School, Ted College, Namık Kemal High School, Famagusta Vocational High School and Morphu Vocational High School. The participating students were grouped according to their prospective choices and attended relevant workshops accompanied by academic experts in the faculty.



Taking place under 38 different topics, the workshop sessions aim to help high school students explore and develop their existing skills and talents. The workshops include Mechanics Workshops, Cutting Pieces with CNC Workshops, Computer Based Production Workshops, Electrical Car Production Workshops, Robot Assisted Production and Optimisation Application Workshops, Resistance Tests of Concrete Columns Workshops, Electrostatic and Electromagnetic Experiments Workshops, Pattern Design with Microcontrollers in LED Sequence Workshops, Cyprus Conflict Workshops, Stock Market Workshops, Molecular Genetics Workshops – Demonstration of Polymerase Chain Reactions Workshops, Urban Landscape Workshops, Architectural Sunshade Design Workshops, Living Environments Workshops, Modern Architectonics Workshops, Shooting in Virtual Environments Workshops, Photography Studio Workshops, Short Movie Workshops, Social Media Journalism Workshops, Creative Thinking Techniques for Advertising Workshops, Lets Create a Brand Together Workshops, Creative Thinking and Aesthetics Activity Workshops, I Am Shooting My Own Video (Video Production) Workshops, Balanced Nutrition Workshops, Dynamic Balance Assessment Workshops, (Nose – Stomach) Catheter Application Workshops, Microbiological Analysis Workshops, Pedometer Workshops, Kitchen Applications Workshops, Social Media and Security Workshops, Small Scale Project Applications through 3D AutoCAD Workshops and Animation Techniques Workshops.



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) is offering "Workshops" for high school senior year students receiving education within the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Targeted towards more than 1000 high school students, the said workshops took place

between 26 December 2016 and 2 January 2017 at various academic units in EMU.

The workshops were attended by the students of 19 May Turkish Maarif College, Cengiz Topel Vocational

High School of Industry and Lefke Gazi High School, Famagusta Turkish Maarif College, Famagusta High School of Trade, Dr. Fazıl Küçük Industry Vocational High School, Eastern Mediterranean Doğa College, Polatpaşa High School, Cumhuriyet High School,

# Students' Comments on the Workshops



**Bekir ERBEKİR – Lefke Gazi High School Senior Year Student**

EMU is the best university providing quality education in the TRNC. It has a very big and beautiful campus. I am interested in studying psychology and EMU is definitely among my choices. As for the workshops, in my opinion they are very helpful for our decision process.



**Günay AYDOĞAN - Dr. Fazıl Küçük Industry Vocational High School Senior Year Student**

I have been at EMU before and I definitely think that EMU is one of the best universities with quality education in Cyprus. I would like to study in the field of Tourism. EMU is among my choices. As for the workshops, I think they have been very helpful for us to get to know more information about EMU's departments.



**Tuğçe TEMEL - 20 July Science High School Senior Year Student**

This is the first time I am visiting EMU which is a very beautiful university with its extensive campus area. I liked the university atmosphere very much and I would like to study Medicine. EMU will definitely be among my choices. As for the workshops, I had the chance of getting to know my department better and I found the organization very useful.



**Cemaliye Pırgot TAYFUNER - TED College School Counsellor**

EMU is a significant university in TRNC and I certainly recommend it to my students who are planning to study in Cyprus. There are many departmental choices in EMU for the students. The organisation is very helpful, this is the third time we are attending the workshops as TED College and it gets better each year.



**Zeynep DOĞRUYOL – 19 May Turkish Maarif High School Senior Year Student**

EMU is definitely the best university in TRNC. I have been at the campus before because my cousin who is studying here but thanks to the organisation I had the chance of getting to know the university and its departments better. I would like to study Architecture and I will choose EMU.



**Emine GÖKTE - Cumhuriyet High School Senior Year Student**

I want to study Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation at EMU because it is a university in which students can receive educations at international standards. Thanks to the workshops, I had the chance of receiving more information about the department I am planning to study.



**Ali KABA – Erenköy High School Counsellor**

At first, I thought that these workshops were solely for our school but then I learned that the organization involves each and every high school all across Cyprus which made me very happy. In my opinion the workshops are very beneficial for high school senior students because it enables us to come and see the departments which then facilitates the decision making period for us.

## This Week's Academic Publications

Source: *Web of Science*

### Faculty of Engineering

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### Faculty of Architecture

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### Faculty of Business & Economics

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# University Staff Bid Farewell to 2016 in a Colorful Atmosphere Filled with Entertainment



Faculty of Tourism



Promotion Office



Technical Affairs Directorate



Environment Affairs Directorate



Public Relations and Press Directorate



Computer Center Directorate





Faculty of Education



Faculty of Education



Purchasing and Inventory Control Directorate - Pressing Office



Sports Affairs Directorate



Sports Affairs Directorate



Purchasing and Inventory Control Directorate