

EMU Honors Staff Members On Their 25th Year



A Service Celebration Ceremony organised for staff members who have retired or been serving the university for 25 years was held at Eastern Mediterranean University. Having taken place under the organisation of EMU Personnel Affairs Directorate, the event took place at Activity Center Hall at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 30 May 2017. During the ceremony, a total of 83 staff members were presented plaques of appreciation for their valuable contributions to the institution.

In his opening address at the beginning of the ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stressed the important achievements of Eastern Mediterranean University and added that all administrations, not only the current one, have posed great contributions for the betterment of the university. Prof. Dr. Osam added that what makes his administration special

is their compliance with the rules and regulations, respect towards others and their understanding of quality. Prof. Dr. Osam put forth that EMU is an institution which has proven itself, but this is not enough. According to Prof. Dr. Osam, the university's mission is to steer the educational affairs taking place within the TRNC. Prof. Dr. Osam went on to thank all those present for owning their institution.

Following the opening address, Prof. Dr. Osam, member of the Board of Trustees and Mayor of Tatlısu Ahmet Hayri Orçan, members of the Board of Trustees Recai Ergün, Mustafa Borataş and Ali Babaliki, and Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren, Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova and Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden presented plaques of appreciation to staff present at the venue. The ceremony finished with a cocktail organisation.



Palestine Ministry of Education Representatives Visit EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam

Palestine Education and Higher Education Ministry representatives recently visited Eastern Mediterranean University Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office. Palestine Ministry of Education Scholarship and Student Services General Director Shadi Mohd Tayseer Al Hilo and Ministry Representative Dr. Monther Kawajah exchanged views with EMU Rector

Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam regarding possible future collaborations. Present at the meeting where a reciprocal exchange of gifts took place were Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova and EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty Physics Department Academic Staff Member Prof. Dr. Omar Mustafa.



EMU Hosted British Council Representatives



British Council Nicosia Office Representative James Martin and British Council European Zone Representative Rebecca Walton visited Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) along with their committee.

During the said visit the British Council representatives visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam receiving extensive information about the University. Prof. Dr. Osam

spoke about EMU's international accreditations and collaborations touching upon the value it places on quality. The visit ended after a lunch which was also attended by EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı and Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Institutional Development and International Academic Relations Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Nilgün Suphi and Public Relations and Press Office Director Murat Aktuğralı.

Protocol Signed by WAMY and EMU

A collaboration protocol was recently signed between Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and The World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY). The said protocol was signed by Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova on behalf of EMU and World Assembly of Muslim Youth Head of Scholarship Committee and Promotion, Student Affairs Section Abdullar Hamali.

The protocol aims to develop joint projects, exchange scientific, intellectual and cultural

information and invitations of activities as well as organizing seminars and programs in joint fields of interest.

The collaboration protocol signed with The World Assembly of Muslim Youth located in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia led to the renewal of collaboration between the two institutions. Before the protocol signature ceremony, Assembly Representative Abdullar Hamali visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office. After the meeting the protocol was signed.



EMU Tourism Faculty Hosted Vocational High School Competitions

Eastern Mediterranean University, Tourism Faculty recently hosted Vocational High Schools Competitions' Tourism Branch organised by the TRNC Ministry of Education and Culture.

During the competitions which took place at EMU Tourism Faculty application kitchens and Tower Restaurant, vocational high school students competed in "Local Cuisine" and "Basket" categories in the cuisine branch and "A La Carte Menu Service" and "Cocktail" categories in the service branch under the coordination of EMU Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department academic staff members Kurtuluş Özbaşar, Hakan Açıl and Koral Karamanoğlu.

Participated by Karpaz Vocational High School, Haydarpaşa High School of Trade, Güzelyurt Vocational High School and Famagusta Vocational High School, the competition aimed



at ensuring the communication and standardisation amongst schools as well as demonstrating the skills gained at vocational high schools to sectoral and university representatives.

A total of 40 students (14 in local cuisine category, 14 in basket category, 4 in A La Carte Menu Service category and 17

in cocktail category) demonstrated their skills during the competitions. EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that the faculty would be more than happy to host competitions as such during the coming years.

Delivering a speech at the competition award ceremony, TRNC Ministry of

Education and Culture, Vocational Technical Education Department representative Gülsen Hocanın stated that they aim to ensure the communication and standardisation amongst schools as well as demonstrating the skills gained at vocational high schools to sectoral and university representatives. Hocanın stated that competitions as such play an important role in increasing the self-confidence of the students. At the end of her speech, Hocanın thanked EMU Tourism Faculty for hosting the organisation.

At the end of the competition, Tourism Faculty Vice Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. M. Güven Ardahan presented certificates of appreciation to the student assistants and jury members supporting the organisation of the competition. Assist. Prof. Dr. M. Güven Ardahan and Gülsen Hocanın then presented medals and cups to winning students and schools.

EMU Hosts Prof. Dr. Canan Karatay



Famous cardiologist and internal medicine specialist Prof. Dr. Canan Karatay, gave a conference at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) as part of the 23rd Spring Festival. The conference held at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall received great interest from EMU students and personnel as well as the Famagusta public.

Speaking before the conference, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam expressed his pleasure in welcoming to the university a distinguished person, Prof. Dr. Karatay, and invited her to the stage. During the conference that

lasted for approximately one hour, Prof. Dr. Karatay provided dietary recommendations including the removal of sugar and bread from diet as well as the consumption of olive oil. Underlining that she has been a doctor for 50 years, Prof. Dr. Karatay stated that our diet is at the heart of all our health problems, highlighting the importance of nutrition. Stating "Sugar is the sweetest poison" Prof. Dr. Karatay indicated that sugar, bread and carbohydrates are the main causes of cancer and heart attacks.

At the end of the conference, Prof. Dr. Canan Karatay was handed a plaque of appreciation by Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam.

Prof. Dr. Karatay visits Rector Prof. Dr. Osam in his office Prior to the conference Prof. Dr. Canan Karatay visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office. During the visit Prof. Dr. Karatay was presented an EMU logo frame made of traditional Cypriot Lefkara.



EMU Marks World Pharmacists Day With Different Activities



Eastern Mediterranean University celebrated 'World Pharmacists Day' with different activities. The first activity marking the said day was the Cyprus Turkish Pharmacists Association Former Chair Fatma Azgın's talk on Cyprus Turkish Pharmaceutics. Prior to Azgın's talk Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hayrettin Ozan Gülcan provided information about the scope of the day and extended his best wishes to all pharmacists. Among those present at the talk were Dean of EMU Pharmacy Faculty Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin, Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hayrettin Ozan Gülcan, and academic staff and students of Faculty of Pharmacy.

"Existing Regulations Should Be Harmonised In Line With Sectoral Changes"

The Cyprus Turkish Pharmacists Association Former Chair Fatma Azgın thanked EMU Faculty of Pharmacy for their invitation and provided information about World Pharmacists Day. Highlighting the fact that the profession of pharmaceutics is closely linked with laws and scientific information, Azgın stated that pharmacists should be well aware of the rules and regulations when performing their profession. Providing information on the history of pharmaceutics, Azgın added that within 100 years, there will be no need for pharmacists as patients will be able to order the medicine online.



Azgın also stated that just like changes in sociology and humanity, rapid changes in the world of medicine are taking place. In this respect, Azgın put forth that laws and regulations should undergo rapid changes, accordingly. The talk came to an end after Azgın providing information about the history of pharmaceutics in the TRNC.

"Pharmaceutics Is A Profession With Utmost Importance"

Within the framework of the World Pharmacists Day celebrations, a panel titled "The Joint Role of Pharmacists and Doctors in Health" took place

with the participation of Pediatric Health and Diseases Specialist Dr. Umut Altunç and Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialist Dr. Şerife Göksu. During the panel, Dr. Umut Altunç delivered a presentation on prescriptions with a special focus on how they should be written and what kind of information they should contain. Dr. Altunç also provided information on prescriptions which contain errors or missing information.

After Dr. Altunç, Dr. Şerife Göksu provided recent information on birth, caesarean operations and pregnancy period. Recommending that people

should pay utmost care to their health during the pregnancy period and not use any medication without doctor's recommendation, Dr. Şerife Göksu also provided information on the health hazards caesarean operations pose on female health and how they could be treated. At the end of the panel, Dean of EMU Pharmacy Faculty Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin presented Dr. Altunç and Dr. Göksu a gift made of traditional lefkara lace in appreciation for their contributions. The final event of the celebrations was the blood donation organisation which took place in front of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy.

EMU Nursing Department Celebrates International Nurses Day

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences, School of Health Services, Department of Nursing has celebrated the "International Nurses Day" by organizing an event at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center, with the theme "Nurses' Role in Reaching Sustainable Development Goals" announced by International Nurses Association for 2017.

EMU Nursing Department Chair Prof. Dr. R. Selma Görgülü delivered an opening speech after a moment of silence and the National Anthem. Prof. Dr. Görgülü thanked everyone who joined the event and gave brief information about EMU Nursing Department. Prof. Dr. Görgülü stated that the department keeps growing since its foundation and provided information about the objectives of the department in 2017 – 2018 Academic Year. Prof. Dr. Görgülü celebrated the International Nurses Day of all nurses and addressed to Nursing Department students: "You are the future and safekeepers of this profession." EMU Faculty of Health Sciences Vice Dean Assist. Prof. Dr.



Gülten Sucu Dağ also gave information about the International Nurses Day and celebrated all nurses.

Assist. Prof. Dr. Dağ stated that profession of nursing requires professionalism and underlined the importance of the profession. After

the opening speeches; Nurse Aytül Karabalkanlı, EMU Nursing Department Graduate Student Nurse Zişan Pekri and undergraduate students Fulya Eskioba, Ayşe Korkmaz and Serkan Ceylan participated in a talk titled "My journey on Nursing; What Do I Expect, What Will I Find?". The said talk took

place under the moderation of EMU Nursing Department Faculty Member Prof. Dr. Samiye Mete. After a cocktail organisation, various student activities took place. The event ended after awards were presented to students who participated and became successful at different social and sports organisations.



EMU-MIKA Completes the First Phase of the Career Development Program



The first phase of the "Career Development Program" organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University Alumni Communications and Career Research Directorate (MIKA) was successfully completed. The program aims to prepare prospective graduates for their professional careers.

Director of EMU Alumni Communications and Career Research Center Derviş Ekşici stated that the first phase of the program hosted seminars delivered by experts including Vodafone Human Resources Training and Recruitment Senior Specialist İnci Moreket's Interview Techniques and Live Interviews, EMU Academic Staff Member and International Office Coordinator Ozan İnamlık's Personal Marketing and Career Plan and EMU academic staff member Turan Değirmencioglu's CV, Cover Letter and Statement of Purpose Writing Techniques. Director Derviş Ekşici also added that during the second phase of the program, prospective graduates will be integrated into the program regarding 'Job Seeking Techniques'. At the end of the program, Ekşici presented a gift to İnci Moreket for her contributions and thanked all speakers for their valuable support and participation in the program. Stating that the seminars



will continue in an increasing fashion, Ekşici put forth that the Career Center operating under MIKA was established in the light of the findings regarding cultural and social problems students encounter. Highlighting the young generation's need for support in this regard, Ekşici stated that one of the most important problems of the

current day is the lack of platforms bringing together those seeking employment and those looking for employees. Ekşici concluded his words by stating that the seminars they organise will hopefully bridge the gap between the employers and jobseekers.

EMU Organises a Certificate Ceremony for "Traffic Security Awareness for Kids Project"

Within the framework of a project titled "Traffic Security Awareness for Kids", a certificate ceremony was organized by Eastern Mediterranean University, Education Faculty, English Language Teaching Department in collaboration with EMU Traffic Education and Research Center. Among those present at the ceremony were Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Dean of Engineering Faculty Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın, Chair of Foreign Languages Education Department Assoc. Prof. Dr. Javanshir Shibliyev, Chair of Civil Engineering

Department Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serhan Şensoy, project coordinator and academic staff member at Foreign Languages Education Department Assoc. Prof. Dr. Naciye Kunt, Foreign Languages Education Department academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Gilanlıoğlu, Traffic Education and Research Center Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Metin Kunt and students.

In his opening address at the beginning of the ceremony, Traffic Education and Research Center Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Metin Kunt highlighted

the importance of the traffic awareness in kids and put forth that among the aims of their center is the 'provision of traffic training for kids regarding traffic security through appropriate methods and applications'. Assist. Prof. Dr. Kunt also put forth that they have initiated the project due to the insufficiency of traffic education in pre-school and elementary school curricula.

Assist. Prof. Dr. Kunt added that students receiving certificates at the ceremony prepared suitable course materials allowing kids to actively learn about

traffic security through the activities in their English courses. Following Assist. Prof. Dr. Kunt, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı stated that the provision of effective educational tools for kids regarding their traffic security awareness is an essential educational approach. Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı thanked Assist. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Metin Kunt and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Naciye Kunt for their contributions. The ceremony continued with certificate distribution and ended with a cocktail.



EMU Translation And Interpretation Department Makes A Difference With Its Educational Approach

Organised by Eastern Mediterranean University, Arts and Sciences Faculty, Translation and Interpretation Department, 6th "Translation and Interpretation Department Documentary Translation Days" took place at Eastern Mediterranean University.

Final year students of the said department Erdem Arslan, Tugan Uygur, Sibel Yurtsuz, Afgan Balashli, Direnç Kuyucu and Nezaket Şadırvan shared their graduation projects on visual-auditory translation with the university community. Held in a workshop format, students provided information to the attendees regarding

the visual-auditory translation methods and process. Visual-auditory translation specialist and project advisor Sen. Inst. Neslihan Binatlı Hekimoğlu stated her happiness in observing the final year students carrying out their graduation projects on deciphering,

synchronisation and sub-title translation of documentaries, which is an indicator of the high quality education they have been offered for the past 4 years. Sen. Inst. Neslihan Binatlı Hekimoğlu also added that Documentary Days have been introduced by the department

with the purpose of supporting students' professional and personal development. Sen. Inst. Hekimoğlu stated that documentaries translated by the said students are the indicators of their readiness for their prospective professions.



EMU Represented Internationally by Health Sciences

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) was represented by Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç and academic staff member in charge of the Centre of Prosthesis Orthesis and Biomechanics Asst. Prof. Dr. Yasin Yurt at the 16th World Prosthesis Orthesis Congress organized by the International Society of Prosthesis and Orthotics (ISPO) in Cape Town, South Africa.

During the congress that featured different occupational groups such as doctors, physiotherapists, prosthesis orthesis technicians and podiatrists as well as over 2000 participants, Asst. Prof. Dr. Yasin Yurt presented the work he is coordinating titled "Lower Extremity Loading Symmetry in Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis While Walking With and Without Brace". Relaying her opinions about the congress that lasted for a period of four days Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç stated: "It was nice to see that we are carrying out Prosthesis, Orthotics and rehabilitation practices that are being carried out in other places however we will need to keep working to ensure that we can keep up to pace with technological advancements".



Students from EMU Tourism Faculty Visited İzmir and Aegean Region

Eastern Mediterranean University Tourism Faculty organized a tour of İzmir aiming to help students discover the cultural heritage of the said region. Students from Tourism and Hospitality Management and Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Programs participated in the trip which took place under the guidance and supervision of EMU Tourism Faculty academic staff members Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso and Senior Instructor Turan Değirmencioglu .

Participated by 30 students from 8 countries including Pakistan, Cameroon, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Jordan, Russia, TRNC and Turkey, the tour of İzmir provided the students with a cultural mosaic. Students had a chance to visit İzmir Saat Kulesi, Narlıdere, Urla, Alaçatı Rüzgar Gülleri, Çeşme Castle and Çeşme Harbour, Şirince churches, Greek Houses, Efes mosque and baths, Artemis temple,

and Kuşadası bazaar. On the second day of the visit, the group participated in the 8th Plant Festival at Alaçatı. Dean of Tourism Faculty Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated his pleasure regarding the trip and put forth that the festival was extremely beneficial for the students of gastronomy and culinary arts as they discovered over 1000 different types of edible plants.

On the last day of the tour, students discovered the historical Kemeraltı bazaar as well as the historical lift. Dean of Tourism Faculty Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that the faculty formerly organised tours to İstanbul, Ankara, İzmir and Batum and that similar visits will continue as the faculty aims to convert theory into practice through cultural visits as such, allowing the students to possess information on cultural heritage, environment, ecology and local cuisine of a certain region.



EMU Computer Centre Represented at 11th ULAKNET Workshop

The 11th Ulaknet Workshop was recently organized with the contributions of The Scientific And Technological Research Council Of Turkey (TUBITAK) Turkish Academic Network And Information Center (ULAKBIM) and Akdeniz University. The main topics of the workshop were "A Glance At ULAKNET", "Open Code Software Usage Applications", "PARDUS", "Wireless Network Technologies" and "Campus Applications".

The workshop took place with 82 Universities, TUBITAK Bilgem Civil Certification Centre, TODAIE, Ataturk

Supreme Council for Culture, Language and History and 205 participants.

The said workshop was attended by EMU Computer Center Computer Networks Unit representative Yusuf Küçük and Network Director Soner Aksal. During the workshop, Yusuf Küçük gave a presentation titled "Campus LAN and WLAN Expanding Project". The presentation that touched upon the latest wired and wireless technologies and campus applications garnered a great deal of technical and promotional interest from all participants.



Students Of EMU Department Of Foreign Language Education Donated Books To Primary School

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Education, Department of Foreign Language Education students Merve Kılıç, Buse Bengüsu Nalc, Sibel Soybir and Tatiana Zilbershnir carried out a very meaningful project as part of the "Community Service Applications" course under the supervision of their course instructor Ahmet Hıdıroğlu.

Within the framework of the said social responsibility project, the students invited the public to donate books suitable for primary school students. The students then formed a stand on EMU campus and managed to gather 126 books, which were then donated to Şehit Osman

Ahmet Primary School at Famagusta Maraş district. Students also donated suitable class materials contributing to the effective delivery of the English courses at the said primary school.

EMU Department of Foreign Language Education Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Javanshir Shibliyev stated that the department frequently initiates projects as such and that they are happy to contribute to schools' welfare. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Javanshir Shibliyev concluded his statement by saying that through projects as such, participating students also have a chance to witness real life.



Bone Marrow Donor Registration Takes Place at EMU

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Health Sciences Faculty, Department of Health Management organized a Bone Marrow Donor Registration activity as part of their Communication course, in collaboration with the Kemal Saraçoğlu Children with Leukemia Foundation. During the event, 60 volunteers became registered donors.

Speaking at the event EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç stated: "Our faculty had carried out an event with the Kemal Saraçoğlu Children with Leukemia Foundation last year. This year's event carried out by Department of Health Management students is very important and meaningful. Collecting samples, finding suitable bone marrow and becoming a donor is very important. We congratulate academic staff member Çiğdem Duvarcı and our students for organizing this event. Health Sciences Faculty will continue initiating similar events."

Touching upon the second Bone Marrow Donor Registration organized by EMU Health Sciences Faculty and their foundation, Kemal Saraçoğlu Foundation Palliative Care Unit Chief

Nurse Servet Özeralp stated: "On behalf of our community and patients waiting for suitable bone marrow, I would like to thank everyone who participated in this event which will hopefully become an annual organization at EMU. One sample equates to one life and each life should be valued regardless of age."

The event with the slogan "Every donor is hope, hope is a thousand times happiness" will provide hope for Leukemia patients across the world. The Kemal Saraçoğlu Children with Leukemia Foundation provides the opportunity for Bone Marrow Donors Worldwide registration via the Cyprus

Bone Marrow Archive as a result of their collaboration with the Karaiskaki Foundation. In their statement, the Foundation noted that each year thousands of people, mainly children face problems such as leukemia, lymphoma and other haematological illnesses. Patients that get better after chemotherapy and radiotherapy do not require any other treatment. However for some patients, the serious and difficult stem cell transplantation from parents or voluntary donors is the only treatment method. Thanks to stem cell transplantations many patients have been revived."

The foundation went on to explain that the Cyprus Bone Marrow Archive has the registration of over 125 thousand Cypriot volunteers, stating that this is the world's largest bone marrow archive according to registration to population ratio. It was also stated that as a member of Bone Marrow Donors Worldwide, the Cyprus Bone Marrow Archive can donate bone marrow to patients worldwide as well as receive worldwide bone marrow donations for Cypriot patients. Further information can be obtained from the Kemal Saraçoğlu Children with Leukemia Foundation website: <http://www.kemalsaracoglu.org>



11th Sand Sculpture Festival and Competition Takes Place at EMU

Organized by EMU Architecture Faculty, Interior Architecture Department in collaboration with EMU Design Club, the 11th annual Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Sand Sculpture Festival and Competition took place at EMU Beach Club with the participation of 50 different groups comprising of students from different nationalities from all universities in Cyprus and members of the general public. The evaluation of the sculptures was carried out by a jury comprising of Nil Paşaoğulları (EMU), Ahmet Saymanlıer (CIU), Hassina Nafa (GAU), Serhat Selışık (ODTÜ), Seyit Ermiyagil (EMU), Badiossadat Hassanpour (EMU), Ahenk Yılgin Damgacı (EMU) and Anıl Zeybek (EMU-Design Club). After assessment, the groups "Le Feminist", "Çökelekler", "Modern Zamanlar", "Sunshine" and "Tired woman" were selected as prize winning groups.

The winners were awarded their prizes by EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural, Architecture Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek, Interior Architecture Department Chair Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağlı, lead jury Serhat Selışık and EMU

Design Club President Anıl Zeybek.

This year's activity was also enlivened by the Latin dance groups' magnificent performances. Throughout the day, competitors had a magnificent time on the beach, building their sand sculptures at the only activity of its kind in Cyprus and maybe the world. In addition to the competitors, a large number of visitors came to the EMU Beach Club, observing the work carried out.



EMU Hosted Special Olympics Turkey Dilek Sabancı Mixed Football Project Activity



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Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted Dilek Sabancı Mixed Football Project Activity organized in collaboration with Special Olympics Turkey, which provides year-round sports training and athletic competitions in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The event titled "Mixed Futsal Tournament and Healthy Athlete Screenings" took place at the EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex.



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Special Olympics Turkey which carries out its operations under Special Olympics, a non-governmental amateur athletics organization in 177 countries working in collaboration with 225 partners, continued its activities that provide training for children and adults with intellectual disabilities by organizing the Dilek Sabancı Mixed Football Tournament. Organised in collaboration with EMU, special athletes and their partners displayed

performances in the branch of mixed football. All participating athletes were examined by volunteer clinical directors from Turkey in 3 different medical fields. The activity received high participation with 56 special athletes and their partners, coaches, doctors, teachers and volunteers being presented medals at the end of the tournament.

"Live Together, Play Together"

Speaking at the event opening, Special Olympics Turkey Executive Board Chair Mehmet Civelek stated "We continue to introduce events and activities organized with the purpose of integrating special children into social life. We are extremely happy to create an environment where our children mingle with their peers, compete and win together. We extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude to Eastern Mediterranean University for hosting us and giving us the opportunity to beautify life through games. This year, together with Eastern Mediterranean University's volunteering students, once again we say, "Live Together, Play Together".

Following Civelek, Rector of EMU Prof.

Dr. Necdet Osam expressed his pleasure in hosting the event for the second time at Eastern Mediterranean University. Expressing his happiness and pride in observing the success of individuals with special education needs in the field of sports, Prof. Dr. Osam added that special value should be given to special people. Following the speeches, the matches commenced after two children one of whom was from a special children's group took a sports oath.

A Conference on "Special Care: Health"

Along with the Dilek Sabancı Mixed Football Project Tournament, a conference titled "Special Care: Health" took place at the EMU Health Sciences Faculty for the first time in the TRNC, including participant speakers from Argentina, India, Romania, Turkey and the TRNC. The conference hosted discussions on health issues in individuals who need special care. During the conference, data on health screening applied by Special Olympics in different countries was also shared with participants.



Breathtaking EMUATHLON Race

The EMUATHLON race organised by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Sports Affairs Directorate took the breath away of those watching. During the said race, athletes in teams of 8 were expected to pass 22 endurance barriers involving jumping, climbing, hurdles, mud-crawling, step-climbing and pool running within the shortest duration possible.

At the third annual EMUATHLON race, each team consisted of 4 males and 4 females. The competition also required each team to have a member over 40 years of age. A total of 25 teams and 200 athletes participated in this year's race. The competition was monitored by referees deployed by EMU Sports Affairs Directorate, who also helped direct competitors to the finish line.

Competing in front of a large crowd, both audience members and athletes had

a day to remember. A range of prizes were awarded to the top four teams after

the race that was started by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam.



Academic Appointments

Professorship Appointments:

1. Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı
2. Prof. Dr. Seldjan Timur
3. Prof. Dr. Tuğrul İlter
4. Prof. Dr. Bahar Taneri

Associate Professorship Appointments:

1. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Afet Çeliker
2. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emre Hamurtekin
3. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hayrettin Ozan Gülcan
4. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Suzan Cival Buranay

Assistant Professorship Appointments:

1. Asst. Prof. Dr. İlke Çetin Akçay

This Week's Academic Publications

Faculty of Art & Science

1. Faranak Beladi, Samaneh Saber-Samandari, and Saeed Saber-Samandari. "Cellular compatibility of nanocomposite scaffolds based on hydroxyapatite entrapped in cellulose network for bone repair." *Materials Science and Engineering: C* 75 (2017): 385-392.
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and Ali Övgün. "Light deflection by a rotating global monopole spacetime." *Physical Review D* 95, no. 10 (2017): 104012.

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Faculty of Engineering

1. Tülin Akçaoğlu. "Determining aggregate size & shape effect on concrete microcracking under compression by means of a degree of reversibility

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exponential and generalized trapezoidal channel cross-sections using three velocity points." *Flow Measurement and Instrumentation* 54 (2017): 27-38.

Faculty of Tourism

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School of Computing & Technology

1. Selira Kotoua, and Mustafa Ilkan. "Online tourism destination marketing in Kumasi Ghana." *Asia Pacific Journal of Tourism Research* 22, no. 6 (2017): 666-680.

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