

## EMU Attends Magna Charta Meeting



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) attended the meeting titled "Magna Charta Observatory of Fundamental Values and Rights" organized by the Glasgow Caledonian University in Scotland. The meeting that took place between the 18th and 20th of January 2017 was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova.

During the course of the meeting that was attended by university representatives from around the world, institutional values, Magna Charta's

academic freedom, institutional autonomy and social responsibility values were shared. The necessary procedures for EMU to sign the Magna Carta documents were also initiated. At the Magna Charta Universitatum meeting Prof. Dr. Osam and Prof. Dr. Tanova met with Glasgow Caledonian University Rector Lord Dean of Guild John F. Macleone and Prof. Caroline Parker discussing possible collaborations between the two universities. Prof. Dr. Osam and Prof. Dr. Tanova also discussed collaborations with representatives from other English universities.

### What is Magna Charta?

Magna Charta (Latin for "Great Charter") or Magna Charta Libertatum (Latin for "Great Charter of the Liberties"), is an English charter signed in 1215. With his charter the authority of the king was limited for the first time granting certain rights and freedoms to the public. It is one of the important historical stepping stones in reaching today's constitutional order. It was originally signed by Papa III. Innocent, King Johnson and barons in order to make a decision about the authority of the king. It necessitated the king waiving away some of his power and

acting according to law. It meant that the power of law was above the wish and requests of the king.

Magna Charta Universitatum is a document that was signed on the 18th of September 1988 at the 900th anniversary of the University of Bologna. It was signed by 388 rectors in Europe and beyond. It contains principles of academic freedom and institutional autonomy as a guideline for good governance and self-understanding of universities in the future. To this day, the document has been signed by 805 universities from 85 different countries.

# EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Organizes Oath Ceremony



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Pharmacy organized an oath ceremony for students who are set to graduate at the 2016-2017 Academic Year Fall Semester Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday, the 31st of January 2017. The oath ceremony took place on Thursday the 26th January 2017 at 10:00. With the event that took place at the Green Hall of the Faculty of Pharmacy, the graduates took their

first steps towards starting their professions.

Following a moment of silence and the national anthem, Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin gave an opening speech in which he noted that it was a very proud day for the faculty. Prof. Dr. Şahin also stated that he believes all graduates will be good pharmacists. Highlighting that pharmacists must be

individuals that use their resources in the best way possible and learn things throughout their lives, Prof. Dr. Şahin stated that he believes the graduates will contribute to the society. Prof. Dr. Şahin concluded his speech by wishing the graduates best of luck for the rest of their lives.

At the oath ceremony 26 pharmacists swore to serve humanity as well as to support the ideals and commitments of

their profession. They swore to respect their teachers that played a part in their development throughout their life and not to act in a manner that falls against the oaths of their profession. After the oath ceremony, students were presented their certificates by the dean, vice-dean and members of academic staff. The ceremony was also attended by the families of the students who shared their happiness on this special day. A cocktail took place at the end of the ceremony.

## Students of EMU Mechanical Engineering Department Received Certificates

Eastern Mediterranean University, Engineering Faculty, Mechanical Engineering Department awarded honor and high honor students who achieved remarkable academic success during the 2015-2016 Academic Year Spring Semester.

At the ceremony during which a total of 107 students received certificates, EMU Mechanical Engineering Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Hacışevki thanked all those in attendance and congratulated all students who have gained the right for honor and high honor certificates. Highlighting the ongoing support the department has been providing for the student development and motivation, Assoc. Prof. Dr.

Hacışevki wished all students continued success. Following the presentation of the certificates, participants spent delightful moments accompanied by a mini concert.

After the certificate ceremony, Mechanical Engineering Department 2007 graduate Eda Özbelli Karadağlı delivered a seminar about "Electrical Tools". Currently employed as the Marketing Manager at TEMSA Bus production company, Karadağlı provided information on "Electrical Tools and Electrical Power Transmission Systems". Following the presentation, Karadağlı responded to questions coming from the audience and expressed her pleasure in visiting EMU.



# EMU Continuing Education Center Organised a Certificate Ceremony

Some of the courses organised by Eastern Mediterranean University Continuing Education Center (EMU CEC) have been completed. For those who took part in the said courses, a certificate ceremony organised at EMU Tourism Faculty Tower Restaurant.

Participants who attended the 40-hour courses which took place between October and December 2016 received their certificates from Özlem Görkan Evre, who delivered Introduction to Computer and Internet Course, Ozay Yücesoy, who delivered Greek Course (Beginners Level) and Fulden Yavuz, who delivered German Course (Beginners Level).

Among notable names present at the ceremony were Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren, EMU-CEC Vice Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Orhan Korhan and EMU-CEC Coordinator Nibel Tektan. Further information about the courses offered by EMU-CEC may be obtained from EMU-CEC secretariat or at 0392 630 2471.



## Administrative Personnel Promotional Exam Takes Place at EMU



After a long period of time, a promotional exam aimed towards administrative personnel took place at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU). The exam that took place on the 24th of January 2017 involved the participation of 184 executive personnel and comprised of separate three sessions. The first two sessions of the exam took place at the Central Lecture Halls at 9:30. The General knowledge section of the exam was followed by a Computer Exam. These exams were followed by an English Placement Test at 13:30. This exam took place in Building A of the English Language and Preparatory School on the South Campus. The administrative personnel that were successful in the exam will be eligible for promotion in the categories of Administration and Financing, General Services, Computer System Programming, Engineering, Architecture and as technicians. Promotion assessment of employees will be carried out by the Administrative Personnel Evaluation Commission.

## EMU – CEC “Ada Işığı” Children’s Choir Organizes Choir Workshop



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Ada Işığı Children’s Choir will be holding a Choral Workshop aimed towards children’s choirs. The workshop is set to take place between the 28th and 30th of January 2017. Niğde Bilsem Children’s Chorus Conductor Serdar Köşk will participate in the organization as a guest and educational workshops about new approaches in children’s choirs will take place.

EMU Continuing Education Center (EMU – CEC) Ada Işığı Children’s Choir, its new members and organizations continue to receive the appreciation of music lovers in the new semester. Among the choir’s prospective projects for 2017 are a joint concert with TRNC Presidential Symphony Orchestra on the 23rd of April, National Sovereignty and Children’s Day and a concert at the 3rd İpekyolu Music Conference set to take place in TRNC this year.

The Choir Workshop is free to all music teachers and those interested can register via 630 24 71.

## Students Of EMU FL & EPS Discover Cypriot Culture



Within the framework of Eastern Mediterranean University Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School’s “Civic Involvement Projects, the second leg of the project titled “Cittaslow Experience” took place under the coordinatorship of academic staff member Mehşen Ercanlar and through the support of academic staff members Hüseyin Demirel and Aysa Lama. Having taken place under the guidance of Zekai Altan, the trip started at Diner Olive Oil Facility at Çayırova

region and continued at ‘The Nitovikla Garden’ in Kumyalı. During their stay at the said venue, students actively took part in the making of village buns, macaroni, mortar coffee and other local products. During their participation in the visit, students also had a chance to listen to traditional and cultural tales of Cyprus.

Another Civic Involvement Project organisation took place with the involvement of academic staff members

Mehşen Ercanlar, Damla Simsaroglu, Emine Ermetal and Sinem Çavuşoglu. Entitled “Nature Walk”, the project was implemented at Büyükkonuk village. The walk which was participated by the students of EMU Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School commenced at Büyükkonuk picnic area and continued towards animal shelters. During the walk, students received information about the village and its natural qualities and also tasted various items of local village cuisine.

### This Week’s Academic Publications

Source: Web of Science

#### Faculty of Business & Economics

1. Balcilar, M., Gupta, R., & Jooste, C. (2017). Long memory, economic policy uncertainty and forecasting US inflation: a Bayesian VARFIMA approach. *Applied Economics*, 49(11), 1047-1054.

2. Özduran, A., & Tanova, C. (2017). Coaching and employee organizational citizenship behaviours: The role of procedural justice climate. *International Journal of Hospitality Management*, 60, 58-66.