

## EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam Organizes a Press Meeting



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam organized a press meeting aimed towards journalists working in the Famagusta region. The meeting took place on the 22nd of March 2017 at EMU Beach Club. Present at the meeting were EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren, Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural and Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova as well as Rector's Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş and Public Relations and Press

Office Director (a.) Murat Aktuğralı. Speaking at the meeting Prof. Dr. Osam noted that EMU is well-regarded as a world university and that the goal they set in 2014 to become a world-university materialised in 2016. Highlighting EMU's development and goals, Prof. Dr. Osam indicated that EMU is the first and only university in the TRNC to feature on the Times Higher Education World University Rankings List. Prof. Dr. Osam also stated that EMU is considered one of the best 200

universities by the Australian Evaluation Institute, an organisation which observes the youngest universities in the world. Stating that they rank amongst the top 7 universities in Turkey, Prof. Dr. Osam provided a reminder that Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine is featured in the American World Directory of Medical Schools.

### "No problems in student flow"

Noting that EMU's student flow is speculated from time to time, Prof. Dr.

Osam stated that there is no problem and that in fact applications to some faculties were turned back because of a full quota. Indicating that EMU's problems are TRNC's problems Prof. Dr. Osam listed them as the Higher Education Planning, Accreditation and Coordination Council Act and EMU Statute. Stating that EMU is being run by an act produced in 1986, Prof. Dr. Osam clarified that they are offering suggestions to the Ministry of Education and Culture.

Prof. Dr. Osam indicated that he views the steep increase in the number of TRNC universities unhealthy highlighting that universities should provide service rather than be a sector. Prof. Dr. Osam stated that this steep increase could lead to a trauma similar to those that took place in England, France and the former Yugoslavia. Addressing the journalists at the end of his speech Prof. Dr. Osam stated "EMU is your university. EMU is the TRNC's and the World's University. We must work together to ensure that it does not see any harm."

# EMU – CWS 6th International Conference on Gender Studies



Eastern Mediterranean University Center for Women's Studies (EMU – CWS) is organizing "The 6th International Conference on Gender Studies". The conference will host approximately 200 participants from Canada to India, Germany to Iran, and Africa to other parts of the world. The theme of the conference is identified as "Gender, Conflict, War and Peace" which are amongst the world's common problems. The conference started with the opening ceremony on the 23rd of March 2017 at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center.

President of EMU – CWS Asst. Prof. Dr. Sühayla Üçışık Erbilin gave a speech at the opening ceremony, stating that the EMU – CWS organizes conferences with different themes once every three years and that these conferences have become well known. After providing information about the workshop, Asst. Prof. Dr. Erbilin concluded her speech by thanking everyone for their participation.

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam congratulated EMU – CWS for their successful work and underlined that such a center is indispensable to every modern university. Prof. Dr. Osam noted that he is against gender discrimination and that he values gender related academic work. Prof. Dr. Osam stated that, after observing gender research, he is able to see positive discrimination from time to time and that there is no consensus regarding this problem. Prof. Dr. Osam continued his speech by providing information about EMU underlining that

EMU is the first and the only university at the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus featuring on the Times Higher Education (THE) List. Prof. Dr. Osam also stated that EMU is considered one of the best 200 universities by the Australian Evaluation Institute who observes the youngest universities in the world. After stating that Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine is featured in the World Directory of Medical Schools, Prof. Dr. Osam ended his speech by thanking the participants for their interest in the conference and expressing his wish that the conference is productive.

After the opening speeches, Journalist Sevgül Uludağ delivered a presentation titled "Making the Invisible Visible: A Short History of Women and the Peace Operation in Cyprus" and former Dean of EMU Communication Faculty and current Dean of Kadir Has University Faculty of Communication Prof. Dr. Sevda Alankuş gave a presentation titled "Re-thinking peace journalism theory with feminist news criticism and ethics".

Papers that are submitted about gender discrimination, migration and refugees, the importance of gender studies for obtaining peace, the conflicts that women face in home and at work, gender and law, public conflicts about stereotypes, building of peace in education, contemporary feminism, the geography of war/peace and dozens of other gender-related research topics, will be presented in the conference which will be continuing until the 25th of March 2017.

# EMU Commemorates Çanakkale Martyrs



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) commemorated Çanakkale Martyrs in a panel titled "Çanakkale and Martyrs Memorial Program" which was organized at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall at 10:30 a.m., on the 17th of March 2017.

EMU Atatürk Research and Application Center (ATATUM) Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Hasan Cicioğlu, EMU ATATUM academic staff members Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk and Süheyla Göktürk and EMU Atatürk Ideology Club President M. Çağatay Kır, delivered presentations at the panel where students showed great interest. The panel which commenced with a Moment of Silence and National Anthem, continued with a concert about Çanakkale War and presentation of archived photos of soldiers who battled in Çanakkale War with Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. Kutlay Ön, student of EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education, also read his poem titled "18 March".

The panel also hosted EMU ATATUM Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Hasan Cicioğlu's speech titled "The Causes and Outcomes of Çanakkale War". Assist. Prof. Dr. Cicioğlu stated that Çanakkale War is recorded as the battle where the most martyrs and bullets per square meter were calculated as approximately 250 thousand people perished. In his speech, Assist. Prof. Dr. Cicioğlu explained why Çanakkale War started and gave detailed information about what was experienced during the war. Assist. Prof. Dr. Cicioğlu advised the young students to stay in

the bonding trace of Atatürk. EMU ATATUM academic staff member Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk also delivered a presentation titled "The Political and Military Observation of Çanakkale Combats". Dr. Göktürk gave detailed information about the historical facts from Çanakkale war and underlined that the war led to Atatürk's birth as a respected soldier, statesman and a world leader. After Dr. Göktürk's speech, EMU ATATUM academic staff member Süheyla Göktürk gave a poetic presentation titled "Çanakkale and Mustafa Kemal".

In his speech titled "Çanakkale and Turkish Youth", EMU Atatürk Ideology Club President M. Çağatay Kır stated that Çanakkale War could also be referred to as "Youth Defense". Kır said that a lot of martyrs who lost their lives in Çanakkale war were under the age of 18 and most of the high school students who voluntarily fought at the war could not return. Kır stated that a lot of high schools that gave 60 to 80 graduates per year from all parts of Anatolia were not able to graduate any of their students during the said war.

Çanakkale and Martyrs' Memorial Program ended after the screening of a 10 minute documentary titled "Çanakkale Cannot Be Passed". After the panel, the Student Council operating under EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate distributed wheat soup and compote at EMU Atatürk Square at 1:30 p.m. as part of the 18th of March Çanakkale Victory and Martyrs' Commemoration Day.

# EMU Communication Faculty Welcomes MPR Chair Meral Saçkan



İstanbul Bilgi University Communication Faculty Academic staff member and MPR Communications Consultancy Agency Chair Meral Saçkan was at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) after receiving an invitation from EMU Communication and Media Studies Faculty to attend the 5th International Career Week.

During the Public Relations and Advertising Department talk titled "Can a World Brand Emerge from these Lands? What should the Strategic Combination Be?" Saçkan shared her professional experience with students. In his opening speech, Vice-Chair of the Public Relations and Advertising Department Asst. Prof.

Dr. Umut Ayman thanked everyone for their participation wishing them a useful talk.

During the talk Saçkan provided information about brand equity and marketing operations. Touching upon the fact that companies act with communication experts during their establishment Şačkan highlighted the importance of using target-driven language when building brand equity: "You need to use the cultural codes of the region in which you are starting up in for marketing. Therefore you can build an emotional connection with the consumer." The talk ended with a question answer session and a group photo.

## Meaningful Visit from EMU Communication Faculty Students



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty organized another social responsibility project taking place under the operations of the Community Involvement Center of EMU. The agency Genesis IMC that operates under the Communication and Media Studies Faculty, Public Relations and Advertising

Department and Community Involvement Centre Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anıl Kaya visited Sınırüstü Old People's Home in the context of '18-24 March Respect for Elders Week'.

During the visit that lasted approximately one and a half hours, the students talked and sang songs

with elders also offering them a variety of fruit.

Melek Doğan from Sınırüstü Old People's Home management expressed her opinions regarding Respect for Elders week and the problems the retirement home is facing: "The retirement home is not receiving the financial support we

expect from TRNC citizens. This support is coming from abroad as well as from friends and families.

The elders also shared their joy after the event whilst, Melek Doğan thanked the university students for their meaningful visit expressing their satisfaction regarding the students' attention and awareness.

# EMU Interior Architecture Department on a Technical Trip in Amsterdam and Rotterdam



Within the framework of INAR/ ITAS100-ITAS300A courses, students of Eastern Mediterranean University, Architecture Faculty, Interior Architecture Department carried out research and analysis in a technical trip format in Amsterdam and Rotterdam in Netherlands.

During their technical trip in Amsterdam, one of the most vibrant, at the same time, well planned cities of Europe, students had the opportunity

to visit Van Gogh Museum, Heineken Experience Museum, Nemo Science Museum and famous architect Renzo Piano's design Eye Dutch Film Museum.

It is worth mentioning that during their visit, students were fascinated with UN Studio Architecture and Design Office, one of the best architecture offices of Amsterdam and the world. Students also carried out analysis on cafes and offices

located at De Ceuvel, an area designed by artists who adopted natural living as their style. Students also observed how the old train station De Hallen was transformed into a hotel, cafes, shops and offices also how the retired crane of the city was converted into a hotel named "Faralda Crane".

In Borneo Sporenburg, one of the best living areas of the city, students observed the harmony between the

buildings as well as their interior design. Overall, students experienced the importance of the relationship amongst the culture, users and living spaces. During their technical trip, students also visited famous windmills, Dam / Leidseplein / Rembrandtplein squares, shopping lanes, Vondelpark and Royal Palace.

As the second phase of the trip, students analysed different structures in one of the most important cities of Netherlands, Rotterdam. Students observed cubic houses designed by Architect Piet Blom, the train station designed by the UN studio, Erasmus Bridge designed by Architect Ben van Berkel, Nhow Hotel interior space design by OMA office, Market Hall designed by MVRDV office and other important locations within the city.

During the trip which took place under the coordination of Prof. Dr. Uğur Dağlı, Assist. Prof. Dr. Kamil Güley and Senior Instructor Seyit Ermiyagil, students had exciting moments while observing the places designed by famous designers. Stressing the fact that, design education is not possible only in class and with books, the academic staff members highlighted the importance of integrating observation, practice and application into programs.

## EMU Prepares for International Conference on Foreign Language Education

Eastern Mediterranean University

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION**

**ICONFLE 2017**

organised by Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School is preparing for the International Conference on Foreign Language Education (ICONFLE2017). The conference is set to take place between 20 and 21 October 2017 at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center.

The main theme of the conference is Current Issues in Foreign Language Education. The conference will allow language teachers and academicians to exchange ideas and share information about current issues. According to the statement released by the Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, one of the themes of the English language conference can be chosen for application. The themes are "Syllabus Design and Development of Materials, Language Examinations, Assessment and Evaluation, Vocational Development, Education Technology and Language Learning, Student/ Teacher Autonomy, Global and Cultural Topics, Institutional Development and International Accreditation."

Detailed information about the conference can be obtained from the website <http://iconfle.emu.edu.tr> or via the telephone number 630 1330.

## The Best Director from EMU



Students of Eastern Mediterranean University continue to receive awards at national and international competitions. In this respect, EMU School of Applied Sciences,

Management Information Systems Department student Ertan Köse received the Best Director Award with his film titled "The Longest Darkness" at "March Fest Culture and Arts

Festival" taking place at METU North Cyprus Campus.

The film titled "Great Poet" directed by Sedat Esin from Near East University

received the Best Film and the Best Scenario Award and the film "You Have My Support" directed by İlbey Evcil from METU received the Special Jury Award.

### Monetary Prize Granted to Winners

At the end of the competition, those qualifying for awards were granted monetary prizes. Director of the film "Great Poet" Sedat Esin received a prize of 1000 TL, and Ertan Köse received 500 TL for his film "The Longest Darkness". Additionally, İlbey Evcil received a prize of 250 TL for his film "You Have My Support".

### Jury Members

The following were the jury members among whom was EMU Communication and Media Studies Faculty Research Assistant and short film director Mert Yusuf Özlük;

Mert Yusuf Özlük (EMU/Director)  
Burak Görül (Scriptwriter)  
Ersan Ocak (Director)  
Seyhan Özmenek (METU)  
Serenay Yalçınkaya (KKTCELL)  
Emil İsgenderli (LEU)  
Zeyde Yalınur Ürek (NEU)

## Choral Concert at EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Education is organizing a Choral Concert at 20:00 on Friday the 24th of March 2017 at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Centre. EMU Faculty of Education, Fine Arts Education Department, Music Teaching Program Choir, EMU Continuing Education Centre (EMU-CEC) 'Ada Işığ'ı Children's Choir' and

Cyprus Polyphonic Choirs Association, Othello Choir will be performing at the event.

In a statement EMU Faculty of Education, Music Teaching Department Chair Prof. Dr. Memduh Özdemir highlighted the importance of the concert that involved a long preparation period, finally meeting with the public.

Prof. Dr. Özdemir noted that they value and support choirs which are an important part of polyphonic music. Prof. Dr. Özdemir went on to state that polyphony is an important factor in people listening to each other and that polyphony choirs are important examples of democracy. Prof. Dr. Özdemir concluded that their aim is to spread the culture of song, highlighting

the importance of children, adolescents and adults performing in a concert together. Inviting the general public to attend the concert Prof. Dr. Özdemir indicated that they are free of charge. During the concert the choirs will be conducted by Erkan Dağlı and Rana Uluçay, Deniz Amcazade will be on piano.

# American Football Team EMU Crows Close to Second Place in Group



Operating under Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Sports Affairs Directorate, American Football Team "EMU Crows" took its first defeat in Unileague 1st League Group A against Bosphorus University American Football Team "Boğaziçi Sultans" with the game on the 18th of March 2017 Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at EMU Stadium. Boğaziçi Sultans guaranteed their progress for the play-off's after defeating the unbeaten EMU Crows, who will keep battling for the second place in Group A after receiving their first loss in the season.

EMU Stadium was filled completely by the supporters of EMU Crows primarily consisting of Faculty of Architecture students, student clubs and public. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, EMU Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren,

EMU academic staff and administrative personnel were also amongst the viewers. The game began after team captains met in the centre of the field and the whole stadium standing up for a moment of silence for Çanakkale War Martyrs.

Faculty of Architecture academic staff entered the stadium during the game with their students holding colorful balloons that represent EMU Crows. EMU students, who also cheered for EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam from time to time, performed a flag show in the stadium regarding 18 March Çanakkale War Martyrs Commemoration Day. EMU Crows will face Okan University American Football Team "Okan Huskies" on the 8th of April 2017 for the second place in Group A.



# International Futsal Tournament Commences

8th "Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) International Futsal Tournament", organized by the EMU Sports Affairs Directorate, has begun with the opening ceremony that took place at Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex on Wednesday, the 22nd of March 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Players from all national teams came to the field with jerseys representing their countries and the International Futsal Tournament began after a minute of silence and the National Anthem.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam delivered an opening speech at the ceremony during which he mentioned that sports and team spirit strengthens communication between people. Prof. Dr. Osam stated that EMU is an international university with students from 106 different countries underlining that sports competitions as such play an important role in multicultural interaction and the formation of new friendships. Prof. Dr. Osam concluded by wishing good luck to all of the teams of the tournament.

There is increasing attention to the tournament each year as also indicated by 30 men's and 10 women's teams competing in the organization this year. The group matches will be played between the 22nd of

March and 4th of April 2017. The quarterfinals and semifinals will be played between the 5th and 6th of April 2017 whilst the final matches will take place on the 19th of April 2017.

EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex will host the matches in six men's and two women's groups. The semifinalists will be decided after a cross match-up between quarterfinalists which will consist of the first two leading teams in each men's group. The losing teams in the semifinals will compete for the third place. In the women's competition, the first two teams in each group will progress directly to the semifinals after cross match ups. The winners of the semifinals will play in the finals and the losing teams will compete for third place.

EMU Vice Rector for International Relations and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Student Affairs Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Derviş Subaşı, Education Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam, Public Relations and Press Office Director (a.) Murat Aktuğralı, a crowded group of academicians, administrative personnel and students were present at the opening ceremony.



## This Week's Academic Publications

Source: Web of Science

### Faculty of Arts & Sciences

1. Agamirza E. Bashirov, "Linear Filtering for Wide Band Noise Driven Observation Systems." *Circuits, Systems and Signal Processing* 36, no. 3 (2016): 1247-1263.

2. Sara L. Pulit, Tugce Karaderi and Cecilia M. Lindgren. "Sexual Dimorphisms in Genetic Loci Linked to Body Fat Distribution." *Bioscience Reports* 37, no. 1 (2017): BSR20160184.

### Faculty of Engineering

1. Omar Ramadan, "On the Derivation of the Numerical Permittivity and Stability of the CDS-FDTD Implementation of High-Order Constitutive Relations." *IEEE Transactions on Antennas and Propagation* 65, no. 3 (2017): 1486-1489.

2. Omar Ramadan, "On the Stability of the FDTD Implementation of High Order Rational Constitutive Relations." *IEEE Microwave and Wireless Components Letters* 27, no. 1 (2017): 4-6.