

EMU Among The World's Best Young Universities



UK-based Times Higher Education (THE), one of the most reputable publishers of the worldwide university rankings, announced "The World's Best Young Universities Rankings 2017" (also known as 'Under 50 Rankings'), featuring the list of the world's best universities under the age of 50. In the said rankings, Eastern Mediterranean University has achieved remarkable success after having been ranked within the 151-200 band. It is worth mentioning that Eastern Mediterranean University is the only university from the TRNC appearing on the said list.

The Times Higher Education 'Under 50 Rankings' applies the same performance indicators as the THE World University Rankings to provide the most comprehensive and balanced comparisons, which are trusted by students, academics, university leaders, industry and governments. The performance indicators are grouped into five areas, namely, teaching quality, scientific research, citations, international outlook and income from the industry. Featuring 200 institutions, the World's Best Young Universities Rankings have been announced on the official webpage of the Times Higher Education on 5 April 2017. Eastern Mediterranean was formerly ranked within the top 600-800 universities in the Times Higher Education's World University Rankings featuring over 25000 universities. In "BRICS and Emerging

Economies University Rankings", Eastern Mediterranean University once again confirmed its quality after having been ranked the 173rd. With this remarkable achievement, Eastern Mediterranean University appeared within the top 7 universities within 200 universities in Turkey.

Three Universities from Turkey Appearing on Last Year's List

Only three universities in Turkey managed to appear on THE's The World's Best Young Universities Rankings 2016. In the former list of the World's Best Young Universities, Sabancı University ranked 13th, Bilkent University 28th and Koç University 51st.

With EMU's Appearance on the BRICS Rankings, North Cyprus Listed within Countries

With EMU's appearance on THE's "BRICS and Emerging Economies University Rankings" as the 173rd university, Northern Cyprus' name was listed amongst countries appearing on the list for the first time. Having been appearing on the list of Turkish universities in former rankings, EMU appeared on the list as an institution in Northern Cyprus for the first time, confirming the fact that education overcomes embargoes. On the other hand, EMU's success in "BRICS and Emerging Economies University



Rankings" and the appearance of Northern Cyprus on the list as a country were protested in South Cyprus.

Prof. Dr. Osam: "I am deeply honored and proud"

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam expressed his deep honor and pride in EMU's outstanding achievement, as also confirmed by an official letter from the editor of THE. Highlighting the fact that EMU is an institution of higher education providing education at world standards,

Prof. Dr. Osam put forth that EMU's educational quality has been confirmed by accreditations gained. Prof. Dr. Osam also stated that on the 38th anniversary of its foundation, Eastern Mediterranean University is a source of pride both for the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the neighboring region. Prof. Dr. Osam added that the university will proceed towards further achievements with non-stop efforts. Prof. Dr. Osam also extended his appreciation to all staff members for their selfless contributions in achieving this remarkable success.

Charity Event at EMU for 'Help Those with Cancer Association'



District Governor Dürdane Acı, Help Those with Cancer Association members and President Raziye Kocaismail, Eastern Mediterranean Doğa Primary School teachers, students and Famagusta's local community.

President of the Help Those with Cancer Association Raziye Kocaismail stated that EMU provided very important support for cancer patients with the charity event that sent the motivational message "we are with you". Stating "EMU is aware and our patients and public are also aware of those who are aware", Kocaismail thanked everyone at EMU for the organization led by Rector Prof. Dr. Osam.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam also provided a statement at the event highlighting the importance of social responsibility projects. Prof. Dr. Osam stated that EMU's mission is to become an institution of higher education demonstrating awareness towards community issues as well as an institution that provides quality higher education. Indicating that cancer awareness is of the utmost importance Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted the importance of the charity event stating that similar events will be organized in the future. Prof. Dr. Osam concluded by thanking everyone at EMU who supported the event.

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) held a charity organisation to support the TRNC Help Those with Cancer Association as part of 1 – 7 April Cancer Week. Organized by EMU Personnel Affairs Directorate, the event took place on Monday the 3rd of April 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in

front of the CL Building on campus.

At the event with the slogan "EMU Is Aware", EMU personnel sold homemade food and beverages. Money was raised for cancer patients from the sales for which faculties, directorates and units set up stands. Funds raised

from the sales of the 37 stands will be donated to the TRNC Help Those with Cancer Association.

Present at the charity bazaar were EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rectors, members of the EMU Board of Trustees, EMU students, Famagusta





“Feminine Language in Literature” Panel Takes Place at EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Education, Department of Turkish Language Teaching hosted a panel titled “Feminine Language in Literature”. Organized on the occasion of the 8th of March International Women’s Day and the 21st of March World Poetry Day, the panel took place at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall.

The panel searched for an answer to the question “Can a woman as a subject speak with her own language rather than using the language of daily life and literature comprised of masculine codes?” EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Turkish Language Teaching academic staff member Asst. Prof. Dr. Emel Kaya Gözlü was the moderator of the panel that also touched upon the sub-heading “Woman that does and says”. Poets Asuman Susam and Duygu Kankaytsin were panellists at the event

respectively presenting the topics “Calling Out from the Borderline of Language: Poetry as a Minority Language” and “When Poetry Manifests Itself”.

The panel touched upon the relationship between language and power. Describing poems as the effort to form the truth from the language of truth, the panel discussed this possibility. It touched upon noticing the female zone which is integrating, connecting and inviting to the primary. This zone stands against the masculine mind which is divisive, dispersive and categorizing. The panel highlighted the importance of speaking in the female zone. Feminine language construction was discussed as a language that invalidates gender and sexuality definitions, limited ground and the two sided contrast that it breeds. Its correspondence with literature and communal life were also touched upon

EMU Tourism Faculty Welcomed Guests From Hilton Hotel Chain



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism welcomed Hilton Worldwide Middle East, Africa and Turkey Senior Human Resources Director Koray Gençkul and Europe, Middle East and Africa Recruitment Director Björn Olthof. Coming together with EMU students at a conference Gençkul and Olthof provided information about the Hilton Hotel chains’ vision and mission. Speaking about Hilton’s values

and why these values are important Gençkul and Olthof explained what each letter in its name represents: H (Hospitality), I (Integrity), L (Leadership), T (Teamwork), O (Ownership), N (Now). They also touched upon the fact that these values are the first thing that come to mind globally regarding Hilton and that these values are adopted by Hilton all employees. Olthof noted that there are many job opportunities for

new graduates at Hilton relaying his experiences in getting hired. Olthof also provided information about graduate student programs. Koray Gençkul spoke about the Hilton Hotels in the Middle East, Africa and Turkey indicating that team work is vital for the institution whose reputation as a global sector leader comes from its employees. During their speeches Olthof and Gençkul provided detailed information about the Hilton Hotels’

job application process. At the end of the event which provided valuable information for the participants, Koray Gençkul and Björn Olthof were presented a plaque of appreciation by EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. Koray Gençkul and Björn Olthof answered each and every student question, taking a group photo with the students at the end of the conference.

EMU Department of Interior Architecture Students Display Projects at Exhibition



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Architecture Faculty, Department of Interior Architecture students displayed their projects at the Architecture Faculty Exhibition Hall during an exhibition titled "Itas/Inar Student Project Exhibition". The projects developed from the students' first years to their fourth, and the lessons learned during this time were presented in English as well as Turkish.

The chronological exhibition displayed the best projects from the Fall Term of the 2016-2017 Academic Year. The exhibition comprised of examples from primarily design courses as well as courses on furniture, illumination, portfolio and free-hand drawing. Speaking at the opening of the exhibition that aimed to bring students to a common platform, EMU Architecture Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek and Interior Architecture Department Chair Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağlı thanked everybody for their participation stating that their aim is to honor students with their own work whilst helping them discover what awaits them in their next step. Prof. Dr. Dinçyürek and Prof. Dr. Dağlı also drew attention to the students trying to expand their horizons outside their own studio.



EMU Attends Cancer Week Press Conference



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora attended a press conference organized as part 1-7 April Cancer Week at Merit Hotel Nicosia by the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of Health.

The press conference that was also attended by TRNC Minister of Health Dr. Faiz Sucuoğlu took place with the slogan "Give Life a Chance not Cancer" and aimed to raise awareness and provide the public information about treatment methods. The press conference

comprised of specialist presentations on cancer treatment methods in the TRNC and cancer research. EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora gave a presentation regarding the joint "Cancer Registry Project" carried out with Republic of Turkey, Development and Economic Collaborations Office's support. In addition, Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty academic staff member Asst. Prof. Dr. Mevhibe Hocaoğlu delivered a presentation titled "2012 Cancer Data". Also present at the said press conference were EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı and Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova.





Libyan Night at EMU

Organized annually by the Libyan Student Society, Libyan Night took place at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. The night included cultural shows, a documentary screening and a promotional video showing Libya's history.

During the opening speech, Libyan Student Society President Wagdi Kalifa thanked EMU International Office staff for their contributions, giving the promise that they will continue working to ensure that Libyan

students uphold University principles and values. In his speech, EMU International Affairs and Promotion Office Coordinator Ozan İnamlık recommended that EMU students continue their work to represent our University in the best way possible.

After the promotional film on Libyan history, a documentary on the life of Libyan national hero Omar Mukhtar was screened and the night ended with cultural music and dance performances from Libyan students. The night was attended by many Libyan students and EMU student societies.



Nowruz Celebration at EMU

A Nowruz celebration was organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) International Office, under the Vice Rector's Office for International Affairs and Promotion. Attracting the participation of a large group of students, the celebration took place at EMU Activity Hall under the umbrella of the Iranian Student Society. The event included a number of speeches, a short film screening, a range of dance performances and local Iranian music.

In his speech, the Iranian Student Society President Mohammad Karimzade thanked everyone who participated in the organization of the event. Iranian Ambassador to Cyprus Dr. Reza Zabib also attended the 2017

Nowruz celebrations. In his speech Dr. Zabib welcomed everyone to the event and wished all those who participated in the student society elections that took place at EMU the best of luck.

EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova expressed his satisfaction regarding the positive activities of the Iranian Society stating that they have done tremendously well in upholding the values of the University. Prof. Dr. Tanova indicated that EMU has a good world ranking and that it is in a position to compete with every university worldwide. After the opening speeches the night continued with by dance performances and live Iranian music.



EMU Pakistan Student Society Organizes Cultural Night

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Pakistan Student Society operating under the International Office organized a cultural night at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. The night featured a range of dance performances and local Pakistani music.

During the opening speech, Pakistan Student Society President Usman Aziz welcomed everyone to the night and thanked them for attending. Aziz noted that the celebrations this year are

better than last year and thanked EMU administration for creating a platform for international students to display their cultural heritage.

EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova welcomed everyone attending the night indicating his desire for them to be good ambassadors in society. Prof. Dr. Tanova advised the students to maintain their cultural values and wished everyone an enjoyable night.

Countdown for Bob Geldof at "Rock'n EMU"

Organised annually by the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate operating under the Vice Rector's Office for Student Affairs, the 7th Rock'n EMU will be taking place at EMU Stadium on Friday, the 21st of April 2017. Preparations for the event that will be taking place between 7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. are continuing at full speed.

According to information obtained from EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate, EMU Music Club and local music group Mağusa Müzik Band will be performing at the event that is expected to attract a huge audience. The headliners of the event will be rock music legend Bob Geldof and his group The Boomtown Rats. The general public is invited to the event to which entrance will be free of charge.

Who is Bob Geldof?

Robert Frederick Xenon "Bob" Geldof (Bob Geldof) was born to a Catholic family in 1951. In 1975, he formed the group The Boomtown Rats in Ireland. The Irish lead singer was a songwriter in Pink Floyd's 1982 film *The Wall* in which he also acted. In September 1981, he performed the solo version of the song "I Don't Like Mondays" at The Secret Policeman's Other Ball upon invitation from Amnesty International. Artists like Sting, Eric Clapton and Phil Collins also attended the event. On the 13th of July 1985, Bob Geldof organized a "Live Aid" organization with Midge Ure in aid of African children. After achieving the impossible and pulling the whole world's attention to Africa with his persistence and music Geldof was granted knighthood by the Queen of England.



7th EMU Promotion Days on 17-18 April

Organised by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), 7th annual EMU Promotion Days will be taking place on the 17th and 18th of April 2017. Targeted towards high school students who will be graduating this year, the organisation will take place at EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex. The students will come to the university on buses sent to the schools by EMU, getting the chance to familiarise with all academic and social units. Within the framework of the 7th EMU Promotion Days which will take

place between 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on the said days, participating students will be taking part in various interesting organisations along with academic activities. During the promotion days, students will have the opportunity to discover the student profile and campus life of Eastern Mediterranean University, an institution which offers study opportunities to 20,000 students from 106 different countries. Students will also be presented information on academic units, career choices and plans.



Hakan Yılmaz To Deliver a Conference at EMU

One of the leading thespians in Turkey, Hakan Yılmaz, is going to give a speech at a conference organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Social and Cultural Activities Directorate Cinema Club. The event will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, the 7th of April 2017, at the Activity Hall.

Who is Hakan Yılmaz?

Yılmaz had his first stage experience in primary school (second grade) at the play "Cimri and Manav". He performed folk dances under the supervision of Üstün Gürtuna during his school years. He received modern dance classes from Çetin Cengiz during his school years and gave dance classes for three years at the same hall. He performed in child plays with amateur theatre groups at

schools and then went to complete his military duty. At the military, he was assigned to the photography and animation team for 15 months and completed a number of shows. After his military duty, he moved to Antalya and participated in black light theatre for two years taking part in a TV show titled "Çizgi Show". He then returned to İstanbul and attended Teyfik Gelenbe's theatre courses. He prepared a sketch program with his friend for Star TV, however on the night of the first broadcast, the Gulf War begun and the program is yet to be broadcasted. He took a break from acting and worked as a graphic designer. In 1994, he acted in his own sketches that he prepared for the quiz show titled "İner misin? Çıkar mısın?" In 1995, he acted in the television program titled "Televizyon Çocuğu"

and also took part in commercials. In 1997, he acted in the series titled "Yangın Ayşe". In 1998, he presented a kids game show titled "Büyük Küçük Demeden" for 120 episodes. He filmed commercials. In 1999, he began acting in the TV serial titled "Ayrılsak da Beraberiz" and acted for 500 episodes. In 2004, he acted in the TV serial titled "Uy Başuma Gelenler". In 2004-2005, he acted in 75 plays with the theatre show titled "Sevgili Karım" in İstanbul and Anatolia. He is a father of one and divorced from his wife at the end of 2009. He portrayed the character Osman Koçarslanlı in the TV serial titled "Avrupa Yakası". Later, he portrayed the character Kemal Kükreyen in the TV serial titled "Yahşi Cazibe".



EMU to Host an Exhibition Titled "The Triangle Of Art 2"



Operating under Eastern Mediterranean University Social and Cultural Activities Directorate, the Fine Arts Club will be organising an exhibition opening titled "The Triangle of Art 2". Featuring works of art on humans and space, the exhibition will be launched at the

Activity Center with the participation of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam at 5:00 p.m., on 7 April 2017. Taking place under the curatorship of Eastern Mediterranean University Fine Arts Club trainer Ayhatun Ateşin, "The Triangle of Art 2" commenced on 1

April 2017. Featuring open workshops artistic activities as well as ceramic, painting and sculpture workshops, the event also focused on how to integrate the knowledge of art with artistic thought through application. Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Osam visited the Activity Center, where the artists carried out their activities and received detailed information from Ayhatun Ateşin about the organisation.

Works of art produced in the organisation participated by artists Ali Dirier, Tolga Yurt Özveri, İlker Avcı, Burak Çizer, Eda Taşlı, Kadriye İnal, Aykut Hızlıok, Umut Germeç, Aslıhan Kaplan Bayrak, Burçak Değerli, Şenay Buluğ, Emrah Güney, Kemal Behçet Caymaz and Bahire Bayraktar Deniz under the curatorship of Ayhatun Ateşin will be displayed in the said exhibition. Curator of the event Ateşin stated that in "The Triangle of Art 1" organisation, they aimed to take public attention

towards humanity struggling between tradition and modernism, division of the built environment, and diminishing cultural heritage. Ateşin stated that in the globalised world, they would like to maintain the collaboration among cultures. Ateşin put forth that as EMU Fine Arts Club, they believe that the path towards increasing each individual's awareness towards arts underlies in his or her participation in artistic and interactive events. Ateşin went on to state that their goal is to convert Eastern Mediterranean University to an open-air museum.

Expressing her appreciation and gratitude towards Eastern Mediterranean University Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam's full support towards cultural and artistic activities, Ateşin stated that this support is the most fundamental point encouraging and ensuring the sustainability of artistic and cultural activities.



Song from EMU Graduate Makes It to Finals in American Competition

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design graduate Shahed Mohseni Zonoozi's song titled "The Cyprus Station" made it to the finals of the prestigious music competition titled 'International Songwriting'. The song that was written during Zonoozi's period of study at EMU competed with 16 thousand other songs to make it to the finals of the United States of America's prestigious competition.

In the song, Zonoozi describes Cyprus as a station that allows students from all over the world to meet and broadcast to

other regions collectively made beautiful songs. Noting that he wrote the song because of his love for Cyprus and his wonderful memories at EMU, Zonoozi stated that the winner of the said competition will be determined via votes from the public. Zonoozi also asked for support from EMU students and the TRNC. Votes can be placed for Shahed Mohseni Zonoozi via the address <http://www.radioairplay.com/voting2017/World%20Music>.

Zonoozi had previously been awarded the World Music Bronze Medal at the Global Music Awards in the USA with the track titled "Unrecognized Country".

This Week's Academic Publications

Source: Web of Science

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

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Faculty of Business & Economics

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