



## 2017-2018 EMU Academic Year Begins

### *First Lesson Delivered By Ombudsman Emine Dizdarlı*

The 2017-2018 Academic Year at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) commenced with a ceremony at which the first lesson was delivered by Ombudsman Emine Dizdarlı. In memory of the first lesson Dizdarlı was presented a silver plate by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam.

#### **DİZDARLI**

During her first lesson presentation, Emine Dizdarlı evaluated the Office of the Ombudsman's legal status and duties as well as the autonomy of universities. Dizdarlı indicated that the Office of the Ombudsman is independent and impartial constitutional institution. Dizdarlı also stated that the aim of the Office of the Ombudsman is to monitor and investigate whether or not state institutions are acting according to the by-laws and court rulings, creating reports that everyone is eligible to access after the 2006 Right to Information Act.

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Dizdarlı drew attention to the fact that the actions of public institutions must be justifiable, open and comprehensible, listing the factors of good management in public institutions as accountability, political ethic, competent human resource management and inspection. Highlighting the importance of autonomy at universities, Dizdarlı stated that all universities should be autonomous in order to successfully complete the tasks they undertake.

Dizdarlı concluded by noting that government executives must act with the principles of legality, justice, equality and honesty whilst making decisions that benefit the public.

#### OSAM

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that the university has earned important achievements over the last three years, becoming a world university in the last two. Stating that they don't

view education as a sector but rather as a universal service, Prof. Dr. Osam vowed that they will not make concessions regarding success. Mentioning EMU's investments, Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted that for the first time the university is making investments by using its own funds and standing on its own two feet without getting support from any institutions. Touching upon EMU's problems, Prof. Dr. Osam noted that its biggest problem is the State Bidding

Law which he described as hindering the universities' development. Prof. Dr. Osam also described the EMU By-Law as problematic, noting that the universities' views were not taken into consideration when it was being prepared. Prof. Dr. Osam criticised the large number of universities in the country, asking why business people are trying to found universities. (Türk Ajansı Kıbrıs - TAK)

## Ombudsman Emine Dizdarlı Visits EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam was visited by Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Ombudsman Emine Dizdarlı on Wednesday, the 4th of October 2017 at 09:30. Also present during the visit were EMU Board of Trustees Member Cevat Rıza, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı,

Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden, Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren, Rector's Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş and Public Relations and Press Director (a.) Murat Aktuğralı. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet

Osam thanked Ombudsman Emine Dizdarlı for the said visit. Ombudsman Emine Dizdarlı expressed her satisfaction regarding being at one of the island's most rooted institutions, stating her excitement about delivering the first lesson of the 2017-2018 Academic Year. During the visit, Prof. Dr. Osam provided information about the campus, national

and international accreditations as well as social projects. Ombudsman Emine Dizdarlı stated university autonomy is important in order to successfully complete the tasks they undertake. During the visit it was emphasized that institutions should act ethically and according to laws in order to benefit the public.

# EMU Faculty of Law 2017-2018 Academic Year Begins



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Law started the 2017-2018 Academic Year with its new students. The 2017-2018 Academic Year Opening Ceremony saw the first lesson being delivered by Ankara University Faculty of Law,

Department of Law and EMU Faculty of Law academic staff member Prof. Dr. Selin Esen Arnwine. The first lesson titled "Constitutional Changes in Turkey" was delivered at the EMU Faculty of Law Amphitheatre, LAW A1 on Friday, the 29th of



September 2017 at 12:30. The first lesson was attended by EMU Faculty of Law Dean Prof. Dr. Metin Gürkanlar, faculty academicians and approximately 350 students. The first lesson discussed the 1982 Constitution and the changes made in 2017. The

productive lesson also discussed the government system and presidential system in different countries. At the end of the lesson Prof. Dr. Selin Esen Arnwine was presented flowers by EMU Faculty of Law Dean Prof. Dr. Metin Gürkanlar.

## EMU Shows Loyalty to Personnel



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) continues to honour retiring and seceding personnel. Ahmet Hocalar who served as Tourism Circulating Capital, Cuisine Chef from September 1997 to September 2017 was presented a plaque of appreciation by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam upon his retirement. Prof. Dr. Osam thanked Ahmet Hocalar for his valuable

contributions to the university over the last 20 years, wishing him a happy retirement.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Cicioğlu who worked as President of Atatürk Research Center (ATUM) between February 1995 and September 2017 was also amongst those retiring. He was handed his plaque of appreciation



by EMU Faculty of Law Academic Staff Member Prof. Dr. Murat Turgut Turhan on behalf of the EMU Rector's Office and by Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk on behalf of EMU ATUM. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Cicioğlu was thanked for his 22 year service to EMU.

Acting as Coordinator for the EMU International Affairs and Promotion



Vice Rectorship between February 2016 – September 2017, EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, Business Department Academic Staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Seldjan Timur has vacated her position. She was presented a plaque of appreciation for her services as Coordinator and continues her duties at the Business and Economics Faculty.

# Lifetime Honorary Award to EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. Şahin



During a reception organized at the J. W. Marriott Hotel in Ankara, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin was presented a Lifetime Honorary Award by the Turkish Pharmacists' Association.

At the reception that was attended by many academicians, pharmacists and professional associations, Prof. Dr. M. Fethi Şahin was presented his award

by Turkish Pharmacists' Association President Erdoğan Çolak and Faculty of Pharmacy Deans including some of his former students.

Prof. Şahin who graduated from the Hacettepe University Faculty of Pharmacy in 1972, completed his doctorate education at the same university. Becoming an academic staff member at Ege University, Ankara University and Gazi University, Prof. Dr.



Şahin also acted as Dean of Faculty of Pharmacy in the Gazi University between 1997-2006. Moreover, he has also been a visiting professor at Iowa University in the United States and Kings College London.

In addition to his work in academia, Prof. Dr. Şahin has also worked in a hospital pharmacy. Between 2006 - 2012, he set up 'Research and Development' departments at the companies Fargem

and Onko Pharmaceuticals where he also held high level management positions. Since the founding of the EMU Faculty of Pharmacy, Prof. Dr. Şahin has been a member of its academic staff. Since 2014, he has been the dean of the Faculty. We congratulate Prof. Dr. M. Fethi Şahin for this meaningful achievement and wish the continuation of his success.

## New BRTK Program to Begin with EMU



A new Bayrak Radio Television Corporation (BRTK) television program about universities is about to begin. The first stop of the program "Reflector" was the

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU). The program will be broadcasted every Wednesday on BRT. BRT officials arrived at EMU on Thursday, the 5th of October



2017 at 10:00 visiting EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office. After filming an interview with Rector Prof. Dr. Osam, the crew carried out an interview with Vice

Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova. Before leaving the university the crew took moving images from campus.

# Award Winning Documentaries Screened at EMU



## *Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty hosts Turkish World 2nd International Documentary Film Festival and Contest*

The films "Mağusa", "Blank Sheet", "The Way", "7 Maidens Theatre", "Kırmızı" and "Oymak" were screened at the EMU Communication Faculty on Friday, the 6th of October 2017. The opening speech of the festival was carried out by Turkic World Journalists Federation President Mehmet Demir who thanked EMU, Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova for their hospitality and contributions. Mehmet Demir also thanked the Promotion Fund of the

Turkish Prime Ministry and Republic of Turkey Prime Minister Binali Yıldırım stating that they carried out the Turkish World 2nd International Documentary Film Festival with films from 23 regions of Turkish geography.

EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova thanked Turkic World Journalists Federation President Mehmet Demir, as well as everyone who contributed to the organization of the festival. Indicating that EMU has been one of the best 10 Turkish universities since it was founded in 1979, Prof. Dr. Tanova noted that despite being separated from its Turkish relatives for a long time the TRNC continues to develop its relationship with

Turkish nations. "For this reason we are delighted to be hosting the Turkish World 2nd International Documentary Film Festival". Prof. Dr. Tanova also presented Turkic World Journalists Federation President Mehmet Demir, Festival Director Turan Şahin and TRNC Prime Minister's Office Press Representative Züleyha Karaman plaques of appreciation

The festival opening also included a North Cyprus themed photography exhibition comprised of student photographs from EMU Research Assistant Mert Yusuf Özlük's basic photography class.

The organization continued with the screening of the documentary Mağusa directed by EMU Communication Faculty Research Assistant Mert Yusuf Özlük for which EMU Communication Faculty Academic Staff member Dr. Engin Aluç acted as assistant director. Some of the highlights from the talk with Özlük and Aluç are as follows:

### **"We Have Played Our Part"**

Stating that he has filmed ten short films and directed one film in the TRNC, EMU Communication Faculty Research Assistant Mert Yusuf Özlük expressed his pride in the documentary Mağusa. Indicating that the second part of the film will include verbal history work and stories from individuals, Özlük answered an audience question about restoration work in the Walled City as follows: "

We have played our part. The more our film is viewed the more awareness will be raised. I hope we can contribute to raising awareness."

### **"There Is Sadness in the Walled City"**

Mağusa assistant director and music director EMU Communication Faculty Academic Staff member Dr. Engin Aluç stated: "I have been here for a long-time. This is a very multicultural city. There is sadness in the walled city. The sad timbre we used with shots of magnificent historical structures is for this reason."

Özlük and Aluç also thanked "Mağusa" documentary mastermind Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ümit İnatçı, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rector Asst. Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Department of Cinema and Television Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bahire Özad and student assistants who contributed in the making of the film.

The festival continued with a panel moderated by EMU Communication Faculty, Department of Cinema and Television academic staff member Pembe Töyük. Speakers at the panel on documentaries and cinema were Asst. Prof. Dr. Pembe Behçetoğulları, Asst. Prof. Dr. Yetin Arslan and Research Assistant Mert Yusuf Özlük.

Film screenings took place after the panel. A group photo was taken at the end of the organisation.

# EMU Street Name Project



Like a town or city, the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) covering an area of approximately 920 square metres is comprised of many roads and streets. Within the scope of the new Street Name Project the 2017-2018 Academic Year started with the naming of these streets. In the past, directional signs have been inadequate for those coming to EMU. For this reason the new project conforming to EMU's educational philosophy, mission and vision was brought to life in order to provide convenience for both new and existing students.

The project that was masterminded by EMU Faculty of Communication Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Agah Gümüş was brought to life with the important contributions of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and

Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren.

When naming the streets, people important to humanity were selected. Names for streets in which faculties are located were selected by remembering important scientists or artists relating to the essence of the faculty. For example the street where the Health Sciences Faculty is located was named Avicenna and the street where the Architecture Faculty is located was named Mimar Sinan (Sinan the Architect). Other street names include people such as Albert Einstein, Vincent van Gogh and Pablo Picasso.

Both existing and new students expressed their satisfaction about the project as well as campus visitors.

## Joint Contribution to Animal Friendly Campus by EMU and İskele Sahil Leo Club



Within the scope of the Neuter, Vaccinate and Let Live (NVLL) project, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Animal Rescue Club volunteers and İskele Sahil Leo Club members walked around the university's animal friendly campus, providing food for animals at specially designed drop-off points.

The event that took place between 17:30 – 19:00 on Wednesday, the 4th of October 2017, which is also World Animal Day, was attended by EMU Faculty of Communication, New Media

and Journalism Department academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hanife Aliefendioğlu and İskele Sahil Lions Club President Melis Erma. During the event, information about EMU's animal friendly campus was provided to İskele Sahil Leo Club members and volunteers by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aliefendioğlu. In turn, İskele Sahil Leo Club President Melis Erma informed Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aliefendioğlu about their club's work, also stating that they will continue to support activities on EMU's animal friendly campus.



# Film Supported by EMU Wins Prestigious Award



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Social and Cultural Activities Directorate, Fine Arts Club instructor Ayhatun Ateşin's film "Alashia Yeniden Doğuyor" has won an award at the 18th International Golden Saffron Documentary Film Festival. Alashia Yeniden Doğuyor was awarded the TÜRKSOY Special Award at the "Cultural Heritage and Protectionism" themed competition. The film emphasizes that the cultural heritage of countries should remain on their land and shows 12 thousand year old Cypriot artefacts being transported abroad

and exhibited in museums. The film also shows the artefacts being replicated in a story that begins in the Mediterranean. On the 18th anniversary of the festival that takes place in Safranbolu, located in the Karabük province of Turkey, the award ceremony took place at the conference hall of the Karabük University, Safranbolu Fine Arts Faculty. The ceremony was attended by Karabük Deputy Governor Osman Yenidoğan, Safranbolu Caimacam and Mayor Fatih Ürkmezer, Republic of Turkey Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Director General of Cinema Enver Arslan, Yeşilçam



artists and award winning directors.

## "A story of Existence and The Road"

During her speech upon receiving the award EMU Fine Arts Club instructor Ayhatun Ateşin noted that Cyprus is an island that has been called home by many civilisations and that the word "Alashia" in the title is the old name of Cyprus. Highlighting that historical artefacts are being transported off the island Ateşin stated "If you take something belonging to a country, that country starts to slowly disappear along

with its history. Alashia Yeniden Doğuyor is a story of existence and the road. A road from the past to the future. What we are experiencing and what we want to get across is making a claim to historical inheritance taken from one country to others via producing replicas." Stating that receiving the award in Safranbolu, a town which is on the UNESCO World Heritage List is important to her, Ayhatun Ateşin concluded by expressing that she is proud of everyone who participated in the making of the award winning film.

# Graduate Salihu Dasiku Makes EMU Proud



With many successful graduates from 106 different countries, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has once again been made proud by one of its former students. Salihu Dasiku, who graduated from the EMU Information Technology Undergraduate Program of the School of Computing and Technology in 2008, has made Nigeria and the university proud by becoming the youngest senior lecturer at Sheffield Hallam University in the United Kingdom.

29 year-old Dasiku completed his Postgraduate and Doctorate degrees at

Brunel University, also in the United Kingdom, becoming an assistant professor when just 24. Dasiku who was at the time the youngest PhD holder in the Northern Nigeria, attracted the attention of the Spokesperson of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Mallam Garba Shehu who expressed how impressed he was over Twitter with posts describing Dasiku as a big source of pride for his country. 2008 EMU graduate and the youngest senior lecturer at Sheffield Hallam University Salihu Dasiku is continuing to make a name for himself with his successful work in academia.

# EMU Says "Welcome" To New Students



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) organized a "Welcoming Night" on Friday, the 29th of September 2017 within the framework of the 20th Orientation and Welcoming Days. Celebrating the arrival of newly registered students to the university, the "Welcoming Night" took place at the EMU Atatürk Square and commenced at 20:00. The night provided students the opportunity to get to know academic and administrative units as well as students club.

The night featured promotional desks of Faculties and Schools, as well as various sports competitions and stage performances. Food and drinks were distributed by Koop Süt and Kaner Group of Companies who were also the sponsors of the night. Traditional Cypriot bread was also offered by EMU.

The night that began with a dance performance of the EMU Folk Dance Community continued with a concert by the Consonants. The concert was followed up by performances from the Dance Club, Music Club and American Football Club.

During the night, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden and Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova took to the stage, welcoming the new students to EMU and wishing them the best of luck in their academic lives. Rector Prof. Dr. Osam and the Vice Rectors also walked around speaking to personnel and new students at the stands.

The night continued with a performance by well-known Cypriot artist Nafiz Dölek. The performance was received with enthusiasm and excitement by those in the audience.



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) contributing to the TRNC blood donations with its approximately 20 thousand students organized another blood donation event for the Famagusta State Hospital Blood Bank. The event received great attendance and took place at Atatürk Square on Tuesday, the 3rd October 2017 between 10:00 a.m. – 14:00 p.m. With the contribution of EMU and

cooperation of Mağusa Mesarya Lions Club and North Cyprus Turkish Kızılay, the blood donation event received 50 units of blood in total. Famagusta State Hospital Head Doctor Dr. Eyüp Göksu, Administrator Ceyhun Ümiter, nurses, the ambulance driver, North Cyprus Turkish Kızılay Founder Nihat Nalbantoğlu and representative Hülya Özüahmet were also present at the blood donation event.

## Blood Donation on EMU Campus



### This Week's Academic Publications

Source: *Web of Science*

#### Faculty of Arts & Sciences

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#### Faculty of Architecture

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*INTERNATIONAL*, 42(2):49-57, JUN 2017.

3 - Cemaliye Eken. Learning From Architecture of Metabolism: Future City And Urbanism. *OPEN HOUSE INTERNATIONAL*, 42(2): 82-88, 2017.

#### Faculty of Engineering

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#### Faculty of Pharmacy

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