

## EMU Awards Successful Students



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) rewarded the outstanding achievements of students from the 2016 – 2017 Academic Year Spring Semester. Over 100 students who managed to be in the top 10 of their Faculties and Schools were awarded cheques at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall on Tuesday the 28th of November 2017 at 10:00

Speaking at the opening of the ceremony EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, stated that he is happy to be attending the second ceremony of its kind and indicated that obtaining success requires a lot of hard work. Congratulating the successful students, Prof. Dr. Osam wished the continuation of their success. Following the opening speeches,

Prof. Dr. Osam presented Engineering Faculty student Amro Faki, Arts and Sciences Faculty student Seda Sarı and Pharmacy Faculty student Ensiyeh Mohebbikian their symbolic cheques. The ceremony continued with students being handed their cheques by Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden and Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Faculty Deans, School Directors, Department Chairs and members of academic staff. Those who finished first were awarded 3 times the gross minimum wage. Those who finished second were given double the gross minimum wage. Those who finished third were awarded the gross minimum wage. Many members of academic staff were present at the ceremony to share the joy of successful students.

# 2nd Social Psychology Congress Takes Place at EMU



2nd Social Psychology Congress hosted by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Psychology commenced on Monday, the 27th of November 2017 at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall, where the opening speeches took place at 09:00 a.m..

Speaking at the opening of the congress, EMU Psychology Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Şenel Hüsnü Raman stated that they feel honoured about EMU hosting the congress. Thanking everyone in attendance, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Raman shared her experiences in the field and why she gravitated towards it. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Raman concluded by wishing everyone a fruitful conference.

In a speech of his own, EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan provided

detailed information about the department, thanking everyone involved in the preparation of the congress.

#### EMU Features in the World Rankings

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam welcomed everyone to the congress and indicated that the EMU Psychology Department is one of the prestigious departments of the university that provides fine, selective and ethical education.

Underlining that accreditations are important indicators of quality, Prof. Dr. Osam provided information about EMU's accreditations. Prof. Dr. Osam indicated that EMU is an institution that has been accepted by world universities, the only university from TRNC to place on the world rankings and fourth amongst Turkish universities. Providing information about the UK

based QS Stars evaluation, Prof. Dr. Osam noted that EMU received 5 stars out of 5 in the categories of teaching, internationalization, facilities and inclusiveness.

Following the opening speeches, a video in memory of Prof. Dr. Çiğdem Kağıtçıbaşı, a pioneer in Turkish Social Psychology was screened. Prof. Dr. Kağıtçıbaşı passed away in March 2017. After the video screening, Prof. Dr. Diane Sunar was presented a "Lifetime Achievement Award" by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Raman for her work and valuable contributions to the field of social psychology.

Next, a presentation titled "Attachment and Happiness, Cultural Differences and Findings from Turkey" was delivered by guest speaker Prof. Dr. Nebi Sümer. After this presentation the first panel titled "Contact Hypothesis in the

Integratiobn of Different Ethnic / Cultural Groups" was delivered. This presentation was followed by a presentation from guest speaker Prof. Dr. Doğan Kökdemir titled "The Past, Present and Future of the Science of Psychology Through The Window of Social Psychology: Harry Potter, Batman and Westworld."

The congress continued with the second panel titled "Contemporary Work on Moral Psychology in Turkey". The first day of the congress ended after a third panel titled "The Review of Autobiographical Memory Based Individual Differences Literature".

A total of 11 panels, 6 keynote speeches and poster sessions were presented over a period of three days from the 27th to the 29th of November 2017.



## EMU Visits Barbaros Hayreddin Paşa

Barbaros Hayreddin Paşa Frigate belonging to Turkish Naval Forces that is anchored in Famagusta Harbour is inundated with visitors. Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam paid a visit to Barbaros Hayreddin Paşa Frigate and its crew with Famagusta District Governor Dürdane Avcı, Famagusta Mayor İsmail Arter and EMU Public Relations

and Press Office Director (a.) Murat Aktuğralı on 29th of November, 2017. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam got detailed information about Barbaros Hayreddin Paşa Frigate and its work during a lunch with the crew. Barbaros Hayreddin Paşa Frigate will be open for visitors between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. until Sunday, the 3rd of December, 2017.

## Another Success Story from EMU Tourism Faculty



Eastern Mediterranean University's Tourism Faculty, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Program team successfully made it to the third place at the culinary competitions organised by the European Association of Hotel and Tourism Schools (AEHT)

Students of EMU Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Program, who came third in last year's culinary competitions of the AEHT, were awarded a bronze medal in this year's event which took place in Oostend, Belgium between. Participated by Mustafa

Kocabaşoğlu in the culinary category and Güzden Ballı in the pastry category, the competition hosted over 50 contestants from 25 countries. Formed by students from different countries, the team of Güzden Ballı was awarded a bronze medal as they came third

in the pastry category of the said competition.

The culinary competitions organised by the AEHT took place within the scope of the 30th Conference. During the first day, students, jury members and trainers attended informative meetings regarding the concept of the competitions. The winners' names were announced at a gala event.

In a statement, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed their happiness in the remarkable achievements of the participating students. Congratulating the students, Prof. Dr. Kılıç also extended his appreciation towards specialist chefs and academic staff members contributing to the success of the students and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam for his invaluable support.

# EMU Represents TRNC, Turkey and Eastern Mediterranean Region in the USA



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) was invited to the ABET Accredited Software Engineering Program Chairs Meeting in Savannah, Georgia, USA.

EMU Engineering Faculty, Department of Computer Engineering Chair Prof. Dr. H. Işık Aybay represented the TRNC, Turkey and the Eastern Mediterranean region at the said meeting, as the EMU Department of Computer Engineering contains the only ABET accredited

software engineering program in the region. The conditions necessary for accreditation and software engineering program syllabi were discussed at the meeting attended by 17 program chairs. Speaking at the meeting Prof. Dr. Aybay provided participants from the world's leading universities information about EMU Computer Engineering Software Engineering Program and work carried out to obtain ABET Accreditation. The next meeting will be taking place in October 2018 at San Jose, USA.



# EMU-CEC Attends TÜSEM Meeting



The 2017 Fall Meeting of the Council of Turkish Universities Continuing Education Centres (TÜSEM) was recently completed at the Selçuk University located in Konya, Turkey. The Eastern Mediterranean University, Continuing Education Centre (EMU-CEC) was represented at the meeting by the CEC coordinator Yeşim Kapsıl Çırak.

79 Turkish state universities are registered to the TÜSEM Council. The 2017 Fall Meeting was attended by 31 Continuing Education Centre representatives from 29 universities. At the meeting information about the work and activities of Continuing Education Centres from Turkey was conveyed. Presentations discussed the problems and



new initiatives of Continuing Education Centres. The opening speech defined Continuing Education Centres as centres of creating awareness that need to provide information to those who seek it without restrictions of place and time. It was decided that the TUSEM 2018 Spring Meeting will take place at the İzmir Yaşar University. Providing credit and

certificates for vocational training came to the forefront at the meeting and it is important that EMU-CEC has started such work. At the meeting where EMU-CEC was the only representative in the status of a state university from Northern Cyprus, feedback about work being carried out was of the utmost value.

# Important Contribution from EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Towards the Diagnosis and Treatment of Cancer



Known as the most important pathology congress of Turkey, the 27th National

Pathology Congress took place in Antalya with the participation of the

leading pathologists worldwide. Eastern Mediterranean University was represented at the said event by Assist. Prof. Dr. M. Hasan Toper.

The congress hosted presentations on the findings of recent research on the genetic qualities of various types of cancers. It was stated that positive changes are taking place in the treatment of lung, breast and colon cancers, thanks to the new medicine targeting genetic mutations in the said cancer types.

EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. M. Hasan Toper delivered a presentation titled "Specification of Double Expressor Group and Its Prognostic Significance in Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma Cases"

and poster presentations titled "A Few Atypical Cells that may be Missed in Liver Needle Biopsy: Diagnosis?" and "Suspicious Infiltration around the Lymph Node in Lung Adenocarcinoma Cases: Could it be Malignant Mesothelioma?" Assist. Prof. Dr. Toper carried out research on 'Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma Cases' in adults and tried to define genetic mutations preventing the patients from responding to the treatment positively. The newly defined sub-group lymphoma defined in Assist. Prof. Dr. Toper's research findings will contribute to the treatment planning of the said cancer type. It is hoped that in the light of research findings of Assist. Prof. Dr. M. Hasan Toper, new treatment options for cancer will be introduced.

## EMU Department of New Media and Journalism Certificate Ceremony



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, New Media and Journalism Department organized a High Honor and Honor certificate ceremony for students who demonstrated outstanding success during the 2016 – 2017 Academic Year, Spring Semester.

The event, that took place in the Faculty of Communication, was attended by students as well as the academic staff members. During the opening speech by New Media and Journalism Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nurten Kara, Kara congratulated all the students who received a certificate and stated that Department of New Media and Journalism will offer education in English language in the near future. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nurten Kara also touched on the following:

### Journalism is integrated with New Media

Contrary to the beliefs on journalism facing extinction because of the spread of internet use in today's digital era, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kara emphasized that the relation between two notions is rather of a harmony. During the speech, Kara stated that "Journalism is not becoming extinct; on the contrary it is getting integrated with the New Media. Creating new content in today's digital world, where the internet has spread into many aspects of people's lives, is very important. Creating content/text is one of the most important components of journalism. Therefore, we reformed our educational content with courses that will contribute to the field of "New Media and Journalism"."

**Faculty-Sector Meetings Continue**  
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kara mentioned that



they will continue to bring together the students with experts in the field. Moreover, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kara also added; "Faculty-sector meetings are going to continue in the upcoming days. In this context, we as a department will bring you together with T24 Chief Editor Doğan Akın known with his successful work in the field of independent internet journalism on the 8th of December, Cumhuriyet Newspaper Website Chief Editor Oğuz Güven, who will share his knowledge and experiences on the 11th of December and finally, young journalists from both North and South of Cyprus whom will share their experiences on Peace Journalism on the 21st of December".

EMU Communication Faculty, Department of New Media and Journalism student Hasan Doğan, who has got the first place with his

project "Dedebiyat" in Social Media category in TRT Young Communicators Competition, delivered a presentation. Hasan Doğan thanked the project advisor and research assistant Sertaç Özdemir and also EMU Communication Faculty, New Media and Journalism Department Academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hanife Aliefenioğlu for accompanying him during the award ceremony in Ankara. During his own speech, Doğan stated that a critical approach on "click bait" was applied in "Dedebiyat" project. He also said; "We started out on books. We put some quotations from books for the readers under various topics by using "click bait" method".

Event ended with a movie show called "Citizenfour" after all the successful students received their Honor/High Honor certificates and gifts.

# EMU Participates in the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking Countries



Eastern Mediterranean University Education Faculty, Turkish and Social Sciences Department Academic Staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Ertuğrul Aydın attended the Council of Turkic Speaking Countries organised in Ankara, Turkey through the joint collaborations of the Turkish Language Association and New Turkey Strategic Research Center.

Participated by 360 researchers from 50 countries in four continents, the council hosted presentations on 'Turkish as a Common Language, the Use of Turkish as a Language of Informatics and

Communication, Turkish as a Language of Instruction, Language Policies and the Use of Turkish, Globalisation, Turkic World and Turkish, Turkish as a Language of Translation, the Relationship of Turkish with Other Languages'. In the said event, EMU Education Faculty academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Ertuğrul Aydın delivered a presentation titled "Globalisation, Interculturalism and Turkish".

Touching upon the issues of 'Globalisation, Interculturalism, Global Education and Turkish' in his presentation,

Assist. Prof. Dr. Ertuğrul Aydın stated that "Intercultural harmonisation or integration which is brought by globalisation has yielded positive outcomes in terms of education, labor and work ethics. At this point, the importance of Turkish as the mother tongue (primary language), and as a secondary language in other countries surfaces. The collaborations/relations/tendencies of the Turkish population in foreign countries including Belgium, Germany and Netherlands have gained importance in this respect. Starting with the candidacy of Turkey for the European Union membership in 2005,

Turkish has appeared amongst the official languages of the EU. Around 5,5-6 million Turks living within the boundaries of the European Union speak Turkish. In today's world, Paris, London, Brussels, Berlin and Amsterdam have taken their places among the most cosmopolitan and multicultural cities of Europe. In these cities and also in the other important points of Europe, intercultural education should be highlighted as a point of interest both regarding labor and education sectors. Finally, instructional programs should enhance intercultural cooperation and the acceptance of all other cultures."

## EMU Students: "We are Advocates of Children's Rights"

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Education Faculty, Pre-School Education Program students paid a visit to SOS Children's Village Nursery School.

EMU Education Faculty, Department of Elementary Education, Pre-School Education Program 4th year students visited SOS Children's Village Nursery School within the scope of "Children's Rights" course, OOEG 450, run by academic staff member Rahme Kavaz. Students were welcomed by SOS Children's Village National Director Refika İnce and works of SOS Children's Village were introduced to the students during their visit. After the speech of National Director Refika İnce, EMU students received detailed information on the philosophy and functioning of the nursery school, education programs, equipment and



practices of the Principal of the Nursery School Ebru Efendi. Students of the said nursery school demonstrated great interest towards the teacher candidates of EMU Pre-School Education

Program. Teacher candidates were very excited and happy during the event that was organized with respect to the 20th of November, World Children's Rights Day. Students stated that

their awareness on "children's rights advocacy" has been strengthened and being in an interactive school environment with children, motivated them.

# EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Releases 1 December World AIDS Day Statement



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty released a statement regarding 1 December World AIDS Day. The statement released by Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora indicated that 1

December has been observed as the "World AIDS Day" since 1988, and drew attention to the importance of early diagnosis and treatment. Prof. Dr. Gökçora's statement reads as follows:

"AIDS and HIV virus infection is deemed to be one of the world's most fatal epidemics. Collapse of the immune system within the 2-15 year period after HIV virus contamination leading to opportunistic infections and types of cancer is defined as AIDS. The virus that to this day has led to the demise of 34 million people is estimated to be carried by 36,7 million people today. 21 million of these people are currently receiving AIDS treatment. Last year more than a million pregnant HIV carriers received treatment in order to protect their babies.

As with many types of cancer and infections, early diagnosis can be a life saver. The life expectancy of HIV carriers in developed countries has been pulled up to the life expectancy of healthy individuals when there is early diagnosis. It must be stressed

that protective measures for the disease that is especially sexually transmitted should be highlighted. The symptoms must be well-known in order to be able to carry out early diagnosis. In the first few weeks after infection, symptoms such as temperature, headaches, eruption, sore throat or other flue like symptoms could exist. As the immune system weakens enlarged in later periods adenoids, weight loss, diarrhea and non-improving coughs appear. Educational institutions and the press must play a part in enlightening citizens by raising awareness on current research findings and publications.

Our Faculty plays its part in the fight against AIDS with the education it provides as well as its social awareness campaigns that stress the importance of early diagnosis."

## "Cultural Heritage Conservation: Sustainability and Environmental Impact" Seminar Takes Place at EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Eastern Mediterranean Cultural Heritage Research Center (DAKMAR) hosted the "Cultural Heritage Conservation: Sustainability and Environmental Impact" seminar. Speaking at the seminar which took place at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, the 27th of November 2017 at the Arts and Sciences Faculty room ASA 01, DAKMAR Chair Asst. Prof. Dr. Bülent Kızılduman thanked everyone for their participation wishing them a fruitful seminar.

The seminar was delivered by Rand Eppich, who is a Technalia Research Institute expert on architecture. The Technalia Research Institute has designed many projects including the Othello Castle for UNDP and the bi-communal Cultural Heritage Technical Committee. The seminar discussed the protection of cultural heritage in terms of socio-economic developments and tourism.

Eppich, who is an expert on the protection of historical

buildings, described himself as an environmentally-conscious person, indicating that the protection and reutilization of historical buildings is an important service to sustainability.

At the seminar which took place with the initiative of EMU-DAKMAR Board Member and EMU Architecture Faculty, Department of Interior Architecture academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özlem Olgaç Türker, organization of DAKMAR members and research assistants and support of EMU Rector's Office, Eppich spoke about sustainable development as well as old and contemporary definitions of development. Touching upon the emergence of the concept of sustainability, Eppich stated that culture is considered the fourth component of sustainability in addition to the most commonly known components of economic, environmental and social dimension.

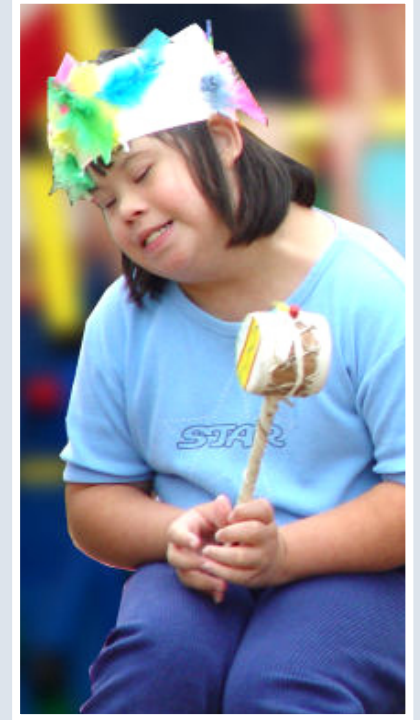
Touching upon how protecting and adapting historical buildings



contribute to the concept of sustainability Eppich highlighted that using existing buildings instead of constructing new ones prevents the consumption of resources and decreases waste from the demolition of buildings therefore making a positive environmental impact as well as contributing to cultural sustainability. Relaying institutions that support the protection of cultural

heritage Eppich also touched upon the negative and positive aspects of tourism. Showing global examples of modern protection and renovation Eppich, also touched upon the use of recycled material. After a question and answer session at the end of the presentation, Eppich was handed a plaque of appreciation by DAKMAR representatives.

# EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Marks International Day of Persons With Disabilities



Eastern Mediterranean University released a statement on the occasion of 3 December International Day of Persons with Disabilities. On behalf of the Faculty, academic staff member, Pediatric Health and Diseases Expert Dr. Umut Altunç provided information on the problems encountered by persons with disabilities and relevant work on overcoming problems

as such. Dr. Altunç's statement reads as follows:

The term disabled is used for persons who encounter physical, mental and structural limitations in performing their daily activities! Covering a wide spectrum, the term includes individuals at all ages including spastic children, children with

mental disabilities, learning disabilities, hearing or visual impairment, persons with autism or innate genetic disabilities, and so forth.

#### **A Billion Disabled Persons on Earth!**

According to the 2017 report of the World Health Organisation, currently there are around 1 billion disabled persons worldwide. Most of these people live in poor or less developed countries where proper health services are not available. With the increasing incidences of traffic accidents, chronic and epidemic diseases, insufficient pre and post natal health services, population increase, terrorism and violence, the number of disabled persons will undoubtedly increase day by day!

#### **Being a Disabled Person in the TRNC!**

According to the World Health Organisation, one in every 7 persons have some sort of disability. However, data on the number of disabled persons, their proper diagnosis and possible causes for their disability is not available in Northern Cyprus. Disabled persons encounter many problems in different dimensions of life. Unfortunately, social possibilities and facilities essential for disabled persons are far below the European standards in our country.

#### **Developed Countries Overcome Barriers!**

In developed regions like Europe and the USA, serious efforts have been put towards the treatment and rehabilitation of the disabled. For the proper integration of disabled individuals into the society, opportunities for free and special education are provided. For example, if you are a parent of an autistic child residing in the United Kingdom, Social Aid Organisations

visit you at home and guide you towards a special education institution according to your child's disability and needs. In places where the state facilities are not available, private social aid organisations provide special services.

In countries as such, in line with the relevant laws and standards, all means are regulated in such a way that they serve towards the welfare of the disabled.

#### **Academic and Social Projects of Dr Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty**

Having conducted extensive research on "Autism" as one of the most frequently encountered developmental disorders at the childhood stage, our faculty has reached the findings demonstrating the environmental reasons for autism in the TRNC. This year, we are conducting research on "Newborn Infections" causing disabilities at birth. We will soon share our research findings with public and submit a report to the Ministry of Health regarding the recommended measures in avoiding such unwanted situations.

Our university and faculty provide services in a disability friendly environment. As the only medicine faculty operating under a state university in the TRNC, we will work hard towards increasing the social achievements of the disabled individuals, and contributing to the state health policies regarding the early diagnosis, advanced examination and special education possibilities of and for the disabled.

We should all be aware that contributing to the welfare of the disabled individuals in our environment is our collective responsibility.



# 2017 EMU Cup of Nation Basketball Tournament Commences



The 2017 edition of the Eastern Mediterranean University's (EMU) traditional Cup of Nation Basketball Tournament commenced with an opening ceremony that took place on Monday, the 27th of November 2017 at the Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex at 17.00. The seventh annual Cup of Nation Basketball tournament will include 15 men's and 6 women's teams competing for the championship. 8 teams will be competing in the Men's Category Group A (Zimbabwe, Palestine, Syria, TRNC, Cameroon, Iran, Malawi and Sudan) and

7 teams in the Men's Category Group B (Algeria, Jordan, Turkey, Pakistan, Nigeria, Egypt and Lebanon). Three teams will be competing in the Women's Category Group A (Russia, Iran, Swaziland) and three in the Women's Category Group B (Palestine, Turkey, Pakistan). The champions will be crowned after the final matches to be played on the 12th of December 2017. The top two teams in each group will move to the next stage of the tournament where their opponent will be determined by the cross matching method. On the last night of the organization, the final will be played as well as a match to determine who

finishes the third and fourth. The Cup of Nation Basketball Tournament organized by the EMU Sports Affairs Directorate commenced with a grandiose opening ceremony. After a moment of silence and the national anthem the national teams were introduced to the spectators. The opening speeches of the tournament were delivered by Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden and Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova.

Student Affairs Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden provided information about the tournament and teams, wishing everyone the best of luck. Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova thanked everyone involved in the organization of the tournament as well as the teams and spectators for the interest shown towards the tournament. Indicating that all participants are a part of EMU Prof. Dr. Tanova stated "What's important is to compete with the spirit of comradery. I wish you all the best of luck".

**"We are all a part of EMU"**  
In his speech, Vice Rector for

## This Week's Academic Publications

Source: *Web of Science*

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