

## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS COMPLETE THEIR STUDIES IN EMU

12 international students are preparing to say goodbye to the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) where they completed their 2017-2018 Academic Year Fall Term studies via student exchange programs as a result of the EMU's collaboration protocols with over 200 universities. After completing their final exams, the students that came to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) from China and Kazakhstan are preparing to return back to their countries with fond memories. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam received the students preparing to bid farewell to the university in his office on Thursday the 18th of January 2018 at 11:30. Also present at the visit were Vice Rector for International Affairs and



Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Public Relations and Press Office Director (a.) Murat Aktuğralı and International Affairs and Promotion Coordinator

Ozan Inamlık. "EMU is a World University" Congratulating the students for choosing EMU and successfully completing

their studies at the university, Prof. Dr. Osam asked for their opinions about the university and how it differs from other universities. The students spoke one by one indicating that they had a wonderful time at EMU and that they were very satisfied to see that EMU is a world university no different from universities in Europe or the USA. The students also expressed that they are sad to be leaving the university. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam stated that he is happy that the students are leaving with pleasant memories and that they will always find an open door if they want to come back to the university for a master's or doctorate degree. During the visit, Prof. Dr. Osam also presented the students a commemorative gift.

### 8 More Students Are Coming

As EMU bids farewell to her 12 foreign exchange students it also prepares to welcome 8 more for the 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Term. In addition to receiving 8 students from China, Austria and Kazakhstan, within the scope of the Student Exchange Program, EMU students will be travelling to South Korea, Canada, Germany, Turkey and Kazakhstan. EMU organizes Student Exchange Programs with many of the world's respected universities from different countries in order to provide her students the opportunity to receive an education at different places in the globalizing world. Within the scope of the Student Exchange Program, students of EMU are provided the opportunity to receive education at one of the collaborating universities for a semester or full academic year.



## EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. NECDET OSAM HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING WITH SECURITY AFFAIRS UNIT



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam hosted the EMU Security Affairs Unit in his office on Monday, the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2018 at 16:00.

At the 2018 Annual Meeting, the EMU Security Affairs Unit presented to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam their work during the 2016-2017 Academic Year also relaying the projects they have planned for the 2017-2018 Academic Year. Prof. Dr. Osam expressed that EMU's priority is to provide students campus tranquility and security, stating that the EMU Security Affairs Unit did a very good job during the previous academic year. Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted his belief that the Security Affairs Unit will continue their development and be even more successful this year. After Prof. Dr. Osam thanked the Security Affairs Unit for their visit, the meeting ended with a group photo being taken.

## EMU THANKS AND HONORS ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER HÜLYA AKBİL



Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School Academic Staff member Hülya Akbil who worked at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) between September 1997 and January 2018, was honored by the EMU Rector's Office upon of her retirement.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam hosted academician Hülya Akbil in his office on Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2018 at 10:30. Also present during the commendation were EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova and Vice Rector for Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren. Prof. Dr. Osam thanked Hülya Akbil for her services to the university over the last 21 years and wished her a nice retirement before presenting her a silver plate.

# EMU LAW FACULTY WAS REPRESENTED AT THE 10<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSEMBLY

Eastern Mediterranean University Law Faculty Vice Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba represented EMU at the 10<sup>th</sup> International Law Assembly of the Ankara Bar Association.

Along with Turkey, speakers from 90 countries including the TRNC, USA, Brazil, Italy, Bulgaria, Poland, Latvia and Spain participated in the said event that took place between 11 and 14 January 2018.

The 10<sup>th</sup> International Law Assembly commenced with the opening address of the President of the Ankara Bar

Association. President of the Turkish Bar Association Prof. Dr. Metin Feyzioğlu and President of the Supreme Court Ismail Rüştü Cirit also delivered opening speeches.

On the second day of the Assembly, Assist. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba delivered a presentation titled "Citizenship as a Human Right and Its Place in the Rulings of the European Court of Human Rights. Assist. Prof. Dr. Alibaba touched upon the human right dimension of citizenship, and the related rulings of the European Court of Human Rights.

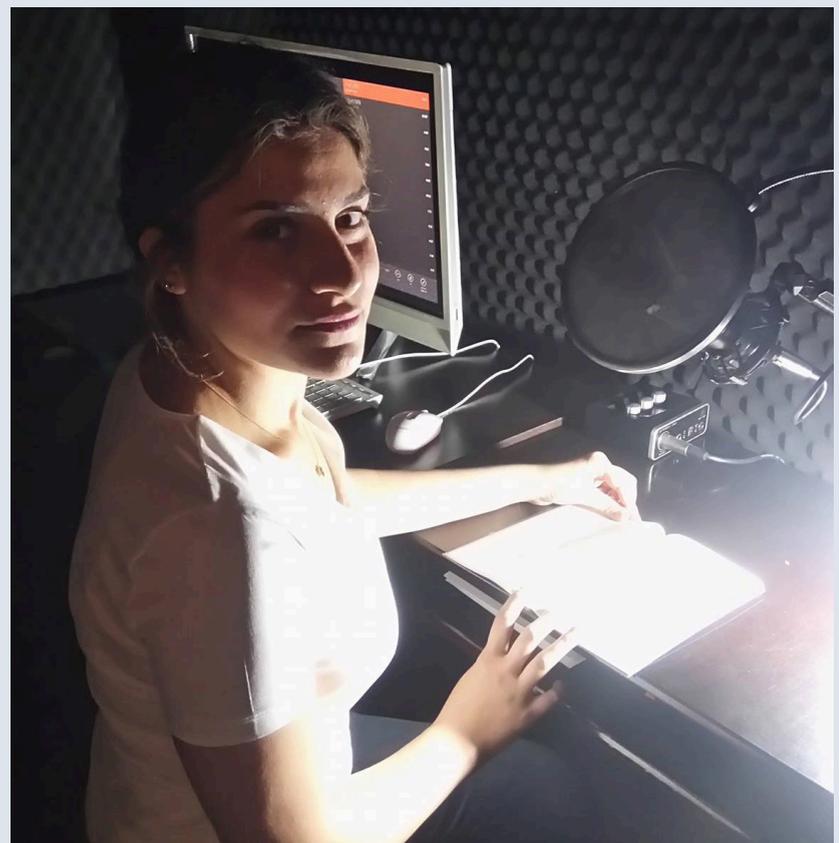


# EMU PARTICIPATES IN BARRIER FREE STUDIO PROJECT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Education, Department of Special Education, Teaching the Mentally Handicapped Undergraduate Program students Vildan Görgün, İrem İbiş, Rabia Doğan, Evin Sunar and Büşra Demirtaş participated in the 'book reading for the visually impaired' project under the coordination of their instructor Asst. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso.

The aim of the project was identified as allowing the visually impaired to access books, get them to adopt the habit of reading books and show them that they

are not alone. As part of the project, students entered the TRNC Solidarity with the Disabled Association barrier free studio and read books approved by Association President Ömer Suay. The students who made voice recordings for the first time noted that they were at first very excited but later enjoyed the experience. Stating that the level of book reading in a country is indicative of its level of development, the students noted that disabled people shouldn't be ignored. The students concluded by expressing that their book reading work will be continuing in the future.



## EMU WAS REPRESENTED IN 3. CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

3. Cyprus International Conference on Educational Research organized by Cyprus Educational Research Association, a member of World Education Research Association – WERA, was held in Salamis Bay Conti Resort Hotel. Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Education Faculty was represented with 5 presentations. EMU Department of Mathematics and Science Education academic staff member Dr. Aygıl Takır made a presentation entitled "Analysis on Self-Efficacy Beliefs of Pre-School Education Teacher Candidates on Mathematics Education with Respect to Various Variables". The research conducted on teacher candidates studying in a state university in Famagusta, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) completed the Mathematics Education course showed that the self-efficacy perceptions of the teacher candidates towards Mathematics education is in intermediate level. Another outcome of the research indicated that age variable plays role and affects the perceptions of the teacher candidates.

EMU Education Faculty, Educational Sciences academic staff members Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sıtkıye Kuter and Specialist Zehra Özdemir Pamuk also presented their study entitled "Analysis of Democratic Values of 6th Grade Students in Secondary Schools". The in-depth research aiming to find out whether the 6th grade students possess democratic values or not, was carried out in 2015-2016 Academic Year with the participation of 345 students (all 6th graders) and 21 teachers from 3 different secondary schools in TRNC.



The quantitative outcomes of the research showed that 6<sup>th</sup> graders rarely own values such as being respectful, kind, tolerant and cooperating with others. Moreover, qualitative outcomes of the research indicated that the students do not own the values as much as desired, even though the teachers shared both positive and negative opinions on whether the students own the values or not. During the presentation, the future contributions of research findings to both raising "sensitive and effective citizens" principle of "Primary Education Programs Development Project" (TEPGP) and to in-service training processes towards professional development of the teachers.

Other two presentations representing EMU during the international conference was made by EMU Elementary Education Department academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Eda Kargı and Eastern Mediterranean Doğa Primary

School teacher Specialist Şükrüye Atasoy Çiçek, "Teacher Opinions on Issues Faced by Non-Turkish Speaking Students Between Ages of 3-6 in Pre-School Education Institutions" and by Alasya Foundation Nursery School teacher Specialist Çisem Hürtürk, "An analysis on Contents of Games and Playing Behaviors of Pre-School Students". During Assist. Prof. Dr. Kargı and Specialist Çiçek's presentation, brief information on the research was presented. The speakers touched on issues such as problems experienced by non-Turkish speaking 3-6 year old pre-school students, methods applied to overcome these problems and suggestions to solve them.

The research that was conducted with 10 teachers who work in Famagusta and which gathered information on 140 students coming from 10 different countries, found out that Pre-school education institutions offering services

in TRNC should develop themselves in no-time on notions of equipment-environment, educational programs, teacher competencies and family participation with regards to multi-cultural education. It has been observed that communicational problems faced in multi-cultural environments tend to be correlative with the lack of finding a common language to be able to communicate with non-Turkish speaking students. Teachers, whose opinions are collected within the scope of the research, stated that they have been trying to overcome the language barrier and find solutions to the problem, but they also expressed their concerns on being alone throughout this process.

The last presentation was made by Alasya Foundation Nursery School teacher Specialist Çisem Hürtürk where Hürtürk analyzed the contents of games. The research conducted with 14 5-year old students in an official pre-school located in Famagusta, TRNC in 2016-2017 academic year, showed that fictitious play was the most popular playing method applied by the children in their free-time. Moreover, children tend to give place to symbolic transformations, form their games on issues that are experienced in their daily lives, be affected by the media when it comes to playmaking and transforming the play materials of a class into what they want it to be. Nearly no conflict was observed during the games played by the 5-year olds. According to the mentioned research, plays and games are a way of understanding the external world and also a reflection tool for children.

## HONOR DAY OF EMU FACULTY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION STUDENTS

Successful students of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Education, Department of Elementary Education were honored at a ceremony that took place at the department and attended by Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam, Vice Dean Asst. Prof. Dr. Hatice Hasipoğlu, Department of Elementary Education Chair Prof. Dr. Elif Yeşim Üstün, academic staff and students. Speaking at the opening of the ceremony EMU Department of Elementary Education Chair Prof. Dr. Elif Yeşim Üstün stated that the achievements of the students who earned the right to receive their honor and high-honor certificates have made her proud advising the students to make a difference and leave a mark in their future careers.

Drawing attention to the importance of being able to touch every student whilst teaching, Prof. Dr. Üstün indicated that



they will be by the side of their students once they set out on their career journeys just as they are now. In a speech of her own Faculty of Education Dean Prof.

Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam stated that she is proud of the students, underlining the university's vision of quality education and stating that it is a privilege to be a

part of EMU. After the students were presented their honor and high honor certificates, a cake was cut in celebration of their success.

## EMU STUDENTS ORGANIZE MEANINGFUL COURSEBOOK SHARING ACTIVITY

Another civic involvement project has taken place within the framework of the operations of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Community Involvement Center. As part of the Campaign Design course delivered by EMU Communication and Media Studies Faculty, Public Relations and Advertising Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anil Kemal Kaya and final year students Huraira Yahaya Umar, Emmanuella Onyeisi, Olowookere Abayomi, Arbat Michael and Ekin Alemdar carried out a meaningful social responsibility project.

As part of the project with the slogan "Sharing is Caring" the students of EMU donated unused coursebooks to students in need. The books collected were given out in a stand set-up outside of the EMU Özay Oral Library.

The students who organized the project expressed their happiness regarding the social responsibility project taking place prior to the final exam week, increasing sharing amongst university students and helping out those in need of books.



## FILMS OF EMU STUDENTS MEET WITH THE AUDIENCE



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, Department of Cinema – TV students' short films that were prepared within the scope of graduation projects met with the audience.

Academic staff members and students show great interest in the gala organized as a part of graduation projects mentored by Vice-Chair of Cinema-TV

Department, Ahmet Goran. The opening speech of the event was made by the Head of Cinema-TV Department, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bahire Özad. During the speech, Özad stated her excitement and joy on watching the short films prepared by the students. Vice-Chair of EMU Cinema-TV Department, Ahmet Goran also thanked all who has contributed to the projects.

### A Variety of Short Films Were Screened

15 short films that were screened in the gala were as follows: "A – B Dedik" (Fırat Uslu), "Geç Kaldım" (Yağmur Çelik), "Kırmızı Başlıklı Kız" (Ali Merdan Doğan), "Koltuk" (M. Hürrem Küta), "Fatura Mı Bedel Mi?" (Beste Özdağ), "Bekleyiş" (Mehmet Öztanburi), "Bumerang" (Berkey Özcan), "Sinyal Yok" (Gökberk Özalan), "Sosyal Deney'im" (Şebnem Ali), "Gel – Git" (Mehmet Teoman Sadıkoğlu), "Ters Yön" (Serdar Öden), "Check – In" (Tahsin Cellaloğulları), "Buluşma" (Mustafa Seymen), "Döngü" (İbrahim Can Köse), "Çark" (Merve Pöze).

A cocktail was held after the film screenings. The event ended with a group photo shoot.



# VOCATIONAL TRAINING SEMINAR TO TAKE PLACE AS EMU-ANKOS COLLABORATION

A Vocational Training Seminar will be taking place as an Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Anatolian University Libraries Consortium (ANKOS) collaboration. The opening ceremony of the event will be taking place at EMU Özay Oral Library on Friday, the 26th of January 2018 at 09:00. The event aims to support the vocational development of library workers in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) as well as the Turkish Cypriot libraries.

The day long "Setting Up, Managing and Developing Libraries in Modern University Librarianship" themed seminar will feature presentations from Koç University Library Director and

ANKOS Chair Tuba Akbaytürk Çanak, Bilgi University Library Director Sami Çukadar, MEF University Library Director Ertuğrul Çimen, Ibn Haldun University Library Department Head Sönmez Çelik and the duo of İzmir Institute of Technology Library, Expert Librarian Gönül Kafalı Can and Middle East Technical University Library, Expert Librarian Üstün Berk Sezgin, who will be delivering seminars on the topics "What is Ankos, and what are its workspaces?", "Knowledge Literacy in University Libraries", "Collection Development and Management", "Library Webpage Management" and "The Selection and Management of Electronic Resources" respectively.



## EMU MUSICAL COMMUNITY PERFORMS SHAKESPEARE PLAY

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Musical Community operating under the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate performed English poet and playwright William Shakespeare's famous play "A Midsummer Night's Dream". The EMU Musical Community that comprises of 36 people along with the technical crew staged the play after a preparation period of three months. The play was performed in front of a full house for five days at the EMU Social and Cultural Activities Center Hall and was watched by approximately 1600 EMU students and members of the Famagusta public. The play was directed by Halil Artur.

**About A Midsummer Night's Dream**  
A Midsummer Night's Dream is William Shakespeare's early period romantic comedy play. It is thought that it was first written in 1595 or 1596 and first staged in 1605. The main theme of A Midsummer Night's Dream is love and marriage and it highlights the humor of these two notions as a result of complicated relationships. The plot is centered around a wedding in Ancient Greece. Because of a story arc full of misunderstandings and concerned with class distinction, A Midsummer Night's Dream has managed to become one of Shakespeare's most well-known plays. There is also a translated version of the play titled "Bahar Noktası" by Can Yücel.



## This Week's Academic Publications

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