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EMU PRODUCES OVER 1400 GRADUATES



The Eastern Mediterranean University's (EMU) 2017-2018 Academic Year Fall Semester Graduation Ceremony took place on Tuesday, the 30th of January 2018. The ceremony commenced at the EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex at 2:00 p.m. With over 19 thousand students EMU is a locomotive institution of higher education that combines academic, social and cultural life. EMU lived the excitement of graduating over 1400 students from their respective programs. 1053 associate and

undergraduate degree students and 364 master's and PhD students graduated at the ceremony which was attended by Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Speaker of Parliament Hüseyin Angolemlı, TRNC Foreign Affairs Minister Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu, Halkın Partisi Chairman and MP Prof. Dr. Kudret Özersay, former TRNC Speaker of Parliament Dr. Sibel Siber and other MPs. A symbolic tree planting ceremony took place after a moment of silence and the national anthem followed by speeches

on behalf of the graduates delivered by Zelena Ntombizodwa Cumbu and Berkhan Yaşar.

"Graduates are Being Bid Farewell from a World University"
Speaking at the 2017-2018 Academic Year Fall Semester Graduation Ceremony EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam emphasized that the graduates are being bid farewell from a world university. Noting that EMU has reached the top level in education, Prof. Dr. Osam indicated that they have

gained new international accreditations and that they will have no faculty without accreditations by 2021. Emphasizing the public service projects carried out by the university Prof. Dr. Osam stated that EMU is working hard for future generations. Asking the graduates to help counter incorrect attitudes towards the TRNC, Prof. Dr. Osam stated that this is the best way to for them pay their debts of gratitude to EMU and the TRNC. >>p.2

"A Special Day for Parents Too"

In a speech of his own, EMU Board of Trustees Member Recai Ergün underlined that today is a special day for parents too, thanking them for the support they provided for their children and their trust in EMU. Ergün indicated that the education the students received will allow them to overcome every obstacle they may face. Ergün concluded by noting that EMU will continue to develop and grow in accordance to international standards. After the protocol speeches, graduates who finished first in their Faculties, Schools and Departments were presented their diplomas and awards.

The ceremony then continued with doctorate, postgraduate, undergraduate and associate degree students receiving their diplomas and the throwing of graduation caps. The ceremony ended with a concert from famous Turkish music group Kolpa.





EMU ORGANIZES "GRADUATION RECEPTION" FOR FALL SEMESTER GRADUATES AND THEIR FAMILIES



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) organized a "Graduation Reception" for 2017 – 2018 Academic Year Fall Semester graduates and their families. The reception took place on Monday, the 29th of January 2018 at the EMU Beach Club and received a great deal of interest from the graduating students and their families. Students from 56 different countries graduated from EMU at the end of this year's Academic Year Fall Semester. To this day the university has graduated students from a total of 116 countries. The night that commenced with a cinevision screening of a film prepared by EMU TV containing images of campus life, was attended by EMU's Rector, Vice Rectors, Deans, Department Chairs as well as Academic and Administrative Personnel who shared the joy and excitement of the graduates. During a speech he delivered at the colorful night, EMU Rector Prof. Dr.

Necdet Osam said welcome the graduates and their families highlighting that today is a proud day for them all. Stating that graduations are occasions where students are rewarded for their efforts Prof. Dr. Osam indicated that EMU will always be in the hearts of the graduates. At the end of his address, Prof. Dr. Osam extended his best wishes to graduates in their future endeavors, wishing all guests an enjoyable night.

After Prof. Dr. Osam's address, famous Turkish Cypriot pianist Arman Ratip delivered a musical performance during which Prof. Dr. Osam went to all tables speaking and taking pictures with graduates and their families. The joyful night came to an end with EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam presenting famous pianist Arman Ratip a plaque and the cutting of a graduation cake.





EMU FACULTY OF PHARMACY GRADUATES PARTICIPATE IN OATH CEREMONY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Pharmacy organized an oath ceremony for students who are set to graduate at the 2017-2018 Academic Year Fall Semester Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday, the 30th of January 2018. The oath ceremony took place on Friday, the 26th January 2018 at 11:00. With the event that took place at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Congress and Culture Center, the graduates took their first steps towards starting their professions. At the oath ceremony 45 pharmacists swore to serve humanity as well as to support the ideals and commitments of their profession. They swore to respect their teachers that played a part in their development throughout their life and not to act in a manner that falls against the oaths of their profession. Following a moment of silence and the national anthem, Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin delivered his opening speech.

"We are the Best Faculty of Pharmacy on the Island"

In his speech, EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin stated that this is the fourth Oath Ceremony of the faculty indicating that the first ceremony was attended by 19 students whilst there are 45 students attending today. "We are a faculty that is showing constant growth. A faculty grows and blossoms with its graduates. We are trying to do the best in everything. We are the department that trains the best graduates on the island. I wish all of our graduates the best of luck in their careers." Following the speech, a short video screening containing student memories took place. Emotions run high during the video screening. Graduates took to the stage and read their oaths as a group before throwing their caps. At the end of the ceremony, a cocktail took place in honour of the graduates.



EMU ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER BARÇIN BOĞAÇ CONTRIBUTES TO THE PRODUCTION OF A DOCUMENTARY ON CYPRUS

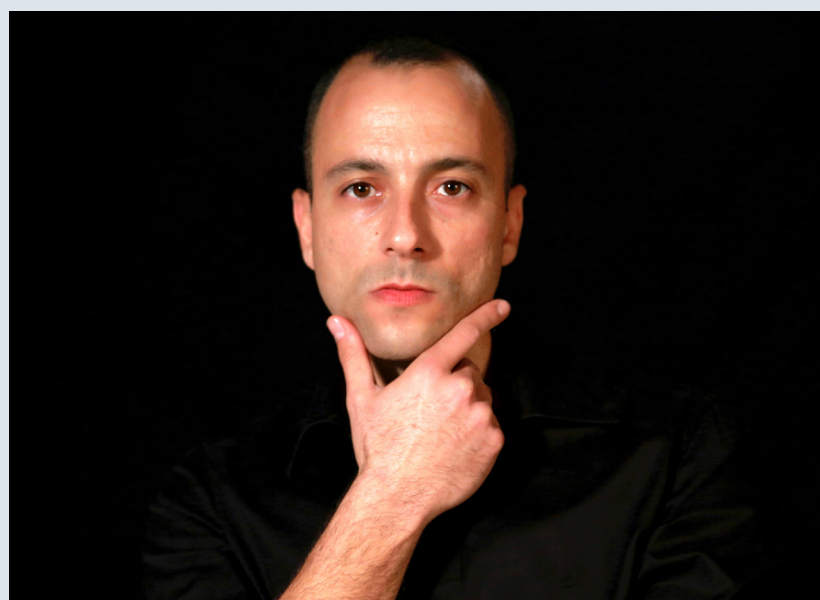
Eastern Mediterranean University Communication Faculty, Cinema and Television Department academic staff member Barçin Boğaç participated in the documentary series project of Razor Films, one of the most prestigious leading production companies of New Zealand.

Boğaç took part in the production stage of one of the tourism-oriented international documentary series on Cyprus produced by Polly Fryer and directed by Justin Hawkes.

Having undertaken duties during the planning, organisation, location discovery and coordination phases of the documentary which was shot at different parts of Cyprus, Boğaç worked with the team and provided consultancy services during the production stage and with producer Fryer, production coordinator Antonia Bowie and director Hawkes during the

post production stage. In an interview, Boğaç highlighted the importance of the Cyprus episode of the documentary series which was produced by Razor Films as the part on Cyprus will be broadcast in the United States of America. According to Boğaç, the series will pose important contributions to the tourism sector on the island.

Stating that his work experience with an experienced and well-known production company at the international arena will contribute greatly to his experience as well as vision, Boğaç added that similar to most of the visual arts, production and creativity in film production give delight to as well as create challenges for the person both during the production and post production stages. According to Boğaç, as much as the importance of listening to one's inner voice during these processes, your interaction and communication



with your team members are equally important in the produced work. In this respect, having the chance to work with different teams is always a great experience. Boğaç also added that he is planning to work with Polly Fryer

and Justin Hawkes in different projects in the future, and added that he is currently working on giving the students the chance to gain experience through similar international connections in the near future.

EMU MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO REPRESENT EMU IN ELECTROMOBILE 2018 COMPETITION

Eastern Mediterranean University Engineering Faculty, Mechanical Engineering Department will be representing Eastern Mediterranean University with "Mediterranean Shark" vehicle at TÜBİTAK's Electro mobile 2018 competition. The "Efficiency Challenge Electric Vehicle" competition will take place at Kocaeli Gulf Race Track between 6 and 12 August 2018 Turkey.

As the only participating institution from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Eastern Mediterranean University will take part in the electro mobile and autonomous categories of the said competition with team "ADA" and "Mediterranean Shark" vehicle.

Entirely Developed in EMU

Taking place under the supervision of Assist. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyalı, EMU Engineering Faculty, Mechanical Engineering

Department Vice Chair and Mechatronics Program Coordinator, the "Mediterranean Shark" project has been carried out by a team of local and international postgraduate students. "Mediterranean Shark" project has been developed in EMU's laboratories and only through the university's own means. During 2017 competitions, Mechanical Engineering Department took part in the event with Z-ZERO electric car and came 20th amongst 74 participating teams in the performance rankings. The said project also received Mechatronics Design award for its mechanical and electronic design, engineering work and localisation. In its 14th year, TÜBİTAK is expanding the Challenge to include "Autonomous Category" to ongoing electric vehicles competition. This will raise awareness in driverless vehicle technologies among the university students from multiple including but not limited to mechanical, electrical, electronics and computer engineering. At the same time, it will help train engineers with technical knowledge and practical competence in the technology.

EMU - The Only Representative of TRNC

In his own speech, project coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyalı touched on the increase in the number of participant universities compared to the previous years by stating that this year's participant number has reached 86. With Morocco,

Kenya, Iran, Hungary and Pakistan joining to the competition for the first time, the only representative from TRNC will be EMU. Solyalı also mentioned that with this new cooperative project between Electronic Vehicles Development Center and Department of Mechanical Engineering, their main goal is to develop a totally local and new vehicle. In this sense, all the necessary technologies are provided by EMU. Assist. Prof. Dr. Solyalı thanked the Rector's Office and related Units within the university for such opportunities by emphasizing that the Rector's Office works in harmony and always provides support to them. The "Efficiency Challenge Electric Vehicle" is an annual competition for students organized by TÜBİTAK since 2005. With a variety of different challenges, the main objective of the competition is to increase the local production of gadgets that use alternative energy, develop products with high added value, increase the awareness of the participants and ensure that they follow the all the innovations regarding the field, support participants to gain experience and in this way, increase the country's awareness on the use of the alternative energy sources. More than 10,000 university students were reached within the scope of the competition. A group of young engineers with the knowledge and experience needed to strengthen the potential and encourage the industrial applications were brought together.



Mediterranean Shark
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EMU HOSTED A PROFESSIONAL TRAINING SEMINAR IN COLLABORATION WITH ANKOS



A professional training seminar titled "Setting Up, Managing and Developing Libraries in Modern University Librarianship" was held as a result of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Anatolian University Libraries Consortium (ANKOS) collaboration. The opening ceremony of the event took place at EMU Özyay Oral Library on Friday, the 26 th of January 2018 at 09:00 a.m.. The event aimed to support the professional development of library workers in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) as well as the Turkish Cypriot libraries.

Having commenced with a musical performance by the students of Eastern Mediterranean University, Education Faculty, Fine Arts Department, Music Teaching Program, the opening ceremony continued with the opening address of the Director of EMU Özyay Oral Library

Osman Soykan. In this speech, Soykan stated that they organised the seminar in collaboration with ANKOS to find answers to the important question "What steps can be taken in the field of librarianship in line with the increasing number of universities in the TRNC?" Expressing his pleasure in witnessing 14 universities participating in the said organisation, Soykan conveyed his feelings as follows: "ANKOS is our joint pride. Support of the library refers to information support". At the end of his speech, Soykan thanked all those who contributed to the organisation of the seminar. Following Soykan, President of ANKOS and Director of Koç University Library Tuba Akbaytürk Çanak also delivered a speech in which she stated that the higher education in the TRNC is at a very important point and that one of the most important components of a university is the library. Putting forth that the quality level of a university corresponds with

its library facilities, Çanak also touched upon the importance of the collaborations between libraries and librarians. At the end of her speech, Çanak expressed her happiness in participating in this event in the TRNC and thanked EMU administration for their hospitality. Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren also delivered a speech and stated his happiness in being a part of a meaningful event like this. Highlighting the three important parts of EMU's mission which are education, research and community services, Prof. Dr. Eren added that successful achievements of the university are important indicators of its quality level. At the end of his speech, Prof. Dr. Eren wished all participants a productive event. Following the opening speeches, Prof. Dr. Eren presented President of ANKOS Tuba Akbaytürk Çanak a silver plate in appreciation for her contributions to the organisation and Çanak

presented a porcelain plate to Prof. Dr. Eren in appreciation of the event.

Important Presentations were Delivered

The presentations delivered in the event were as follows:
Koç University Library Director and ANKOS Chair Tuba Akbaytürk Çanak "What is Ankos, and Its Operation Areas?", Bilgi University Library Director Sami Çukadar "Information Literacy in University Libraries", MEF University Library Director Ertuğrul Çimen "Collection Development and Management", İbn Haldun University Library Department Head Sönmez Çelik "Library Webpage Management" 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 "The Selection and Management of Electronic Resources"



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