

EMU RECTOR'S OFFICE CONTINUES WITH GOVERNMENT VISITS



As part of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) government visits of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), the Rector's Office visited the Minister of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Food Erkut Şahali and Minister of Labour and Social Security Zeki Çeler, who is a former graduate of EMU. During the visits, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam was accompanied by Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı and Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren. Providing information about EMU to the Ministers, Prof. Dr. Osam emphasized that with almost 20 thousand students from 106 different countries, EMU is the only university in the TRNC to have been

ranked by the Times Higher Education (THE) in 2017 - 2018 Academic Year World University Rankings.

Rector Wished Ministers Luck

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, congratulated Ministers Şahali and Çeler for their place in the new government and wished them the best of luck in their endeavors. The ministers expressed their satisfaction about the visits wishing luck to EMU in reaching its goals. After the visit of courtesy EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam presented Minister of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Food Erkut Şahali and Minister of Labour and Social Security Zeki Çeler a crow statue, which is a symbol of Famagusta.

EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK MEDICINE FACULTY HOSTS 5TH PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY COURSE



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty hosted the 5th Pediatric Oncology Course in collaboration with the Turkish Pediatric Oncology Group Society. The "Pediatric Bone and Soft Tissue Sarcoma" themed course took place on Saturday, the 24th of February 2018 at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. The said course commenced with opening speeches at 08:50 and was attended by 25 Turkish Pediatric Oncology Group Society member academicians from Turkey's top universities and 73 pediatric experts in addition to EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty academic staff and students. The course commenced with an EMU and EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty promotional film screening which was followed by a moment of silence and the national anthem.

"I Would Like to Thank the Rector of EMU"

In her opening speech, Turkish Pediatric Oncology Group Society President Prof. Dr. Emel Ünal thanked EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora and Turkish Pediatric Oncology Group Society Management for the contributions to the organization of the course. Stating that the course on sarcoma was organized for Hematology and Oncology students Prof. Dr. Ünal also touched upon the history of the Turkish Pediatric Oncology Group Society.

"I am Proud to be Hosting Our Treasured Experts"

EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora indicated that they are proud to be hosting valuable

academicians who have made important contributions to pediatrics. "I would like to welcome all of our oncologist friends. On behalf of the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty I highlight that we are very happy to be hosting you in Famagusta. I also extend my gratitude to Turkish Pediatric Oncology Group Society President Prof. Dr. Emel Ünal and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam who provided us with this opportunity."

Emphasizing that she is very happy and excited Prof. Dr. Gökçora noted "The EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty organizes many conferences and congresses in order to encourage research whilst contributing to science and its dissemination. Today we tackle bone and soft tissue sarcoma diagnosis and treatment with a multidisciplinary approach.

"EMU is Amongst the Best Universities of the World"

EMU Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren stated that he is very happy to come together at this important and meaningful event. After providing information about the history of EMU, Prof. Dr. Eren stated that medicine is one of the most difficult fields in terms of education as well as application, highlighting university support for such organizations. With over 20 thousand students from 106 different countries EMU is a university that received 5 out of 5 stars in the fields

of education and innovation by the international rating institution Qstar. It is also one of three universities from Cyprus to feature on the Times Higher Education (THE) rankings and the only university to feature from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). After relaying this information, Prof. Dr. Eren concluded by wishing participants a fruitful course.

After the opening speeches of the day long course, the presentation "Soft Tissue Sarcoma Pathology" was delivered by Asst. Prof. Dr. M. Hasan Toper, "Diagnostic Radiology Methods for Pediatric Sarcoma" by Prof. Dr. Berna Oğuz, "Nuclear Medicine Methods for Pediatric Sarcoma" by EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora, "Surgical Principles of Skeletal System Sarcoma" by Prof. Dr. Harzem Özger and "Approaches to Pediatric Surgery for Sarcoma" by Prof. Dr. Saniye Ekici. Other presentations that took place after the lunch break include "Rhabdomyosarcoma Chemotherapy" delivered by Prof. Dr. Nilgün Kurucu, "Non-Rhabdoid Soft Tissue Sarcomas" by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Neriman Sarı, "Osteosarcoma Chemotherapy" by Prof. Dr. İnci Ayan, "Ewing Sarcoma Chemotherapy" by Prof. Dr. Handan Uğur Dinçaslan, "Radiotherapy for Bone and Soft Tissue Sarcoma" by Prof. Dr. Emin Darendeliler and "Long Term Side Effects of Sarcoma Therapy" by Prof. Dr. Nurdan Taçyıldız.

EMU STUDENTS COMMEMORATE KHOJALY MASSACRE



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Azerbaijan Student Society commemorated the Khojaly Massacre with a memorial on Monday, the 26th of February 2018 at 14:00. Many students participated in the memorial

of the tragedy that saw Azerbaijani civilians massacred on the 26th of February 1992. Students gathered around a giant Azerbaijan flag in the dormitories area of the EMU Campus and then walked to the EMU Atatürk



Square chanting slogans and holding signs such as "Don't forget the Khojaly Massacre!" and "Justice for Khojaly"

"This Is a Tragedy"

At the memorial also attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam a moment of silence took place out of respect to the martyrs, followed by the recital of the Turkish and Azerbaijani national anthems. In his English speech at the memorial Azerbaijan Student Society President Rasul Baghirov

stated: "This is a mass murder. The Armenians killed everyone they found including children and women. They burned the village of Khojaly. This is a large tragedy in the history of Azerbaijan." After Baghirov's speech Azerbaijan Student Society member Aghsin Agabalaev delivered a speech in Turkish strongly condemning the massacre and stating that they will never allow it to be forgotten. The memorial ended with a group photo being taken.

RECORD NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR 3RD INTERNATIONAL NURTEK AKSUGÜR BEST CONCEPT COMMUNICATION COMPETITION

There have been a record number of applications for the 3rd International Nurten Aksugür Best Concept Communication Student Competition organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture, Interior Architecture Department. Until the last application date of the 23rd of February 2018 a total of 120 applications were received. These applications were received from participants from 32 different universities in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), Turkey and the USA.

The competition aims for Interior Architecture students to focus their attention on critical, creative and original thinking, to understand the cognitive dimensions of design, to communicate with

the help of a range of individual presentation methods and to provide the motivation and support for them to share their ideas.

According to a statement from the EMU Interior Architecture Department the winners of the competition will be determined by a jury on the 2nd of March 2018 and announced on the competition website on the 9th of March 2018. Entries that the jury deems worthy for exhibition will be exhibited at the EMU Faculty of Architecture and online from the 5th to the 9th of March 2018. At an award ceremony the participant who finishes first will be awarded 3000 TL. The participant who finishes second will be awarded 2000 TL and the participant who finishes third will be awarded 1000 TL.

THIS WEEK IN TRNC AND TURKEY BASED PROMOTION



Education Specialist Süleyman Beledioğlu came together with high school students from different institutions in Eskişehir on Monday, the 26th of February 2018 as part of EMU's promotional activities.



Education Specialist Süleyman Beledioğlu also came together with high school students from Çankırı on Tuesday, the 27th of February 2018 at EMU's promotional event.



İklim Durna and Gizem Canalp from the EMU Promotional Office and Deniz Kalkaner from the Student Affairs Unit informed high school students about EMU at the Değirmenlik High School on Tuesday, the 27th of February 2018 as part of the Promotion Days.



EMU Tourism Faculty Vice Dean Mehmet Güven Ardahan, Business and Economics Faculty Academic Staff Member Asst. Prof. Dr. Nigar Taşpınar, EMU Promotion Office personnel Hüseyin Ögünçer, Student Affairs Unit personnel Zalihe Oza and Promotion Office Assistant Gizem Canalp promoted EMU at the Anafartalar High School on Wednesday, the 28th of February 2018 within the scope of the Promotion Days.



Student Affairs Unit personnel Zalihe Oza, Promotion Office personnel Hüseyin Ögünçer and Promotion Office Assistant Gizem Canalp met with students at the EMU stand as part of the Promotion Days on Friday, the 2nd of March 2018 at the Famagusta Turk Maarif College.



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THIS WEEK IN OVERSEAS PROMOTION



EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Board of Trustees President Recai Ergün and International Student Affairs Coordinator Ahmed Kasım Abdillahi attended the Consortium of North Cyprus Universities in Qatar's capital Doha from the 27th of February to the 1st of March 2018.



Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova and Recai Ergün visited Doha's Turkish Ambassador Fikret Özer in Doha.



As part of the promotion in Doha Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Recai Ergün, Ahmed Kasım Abdillahi and Consortium of North Cyprus Universities representatives came together with TRNC Doha Representative Tayseer Al-Shanableh.



Within the frame of the promotional activities in Doha, EMU and Consortium of North Cyprus Universities representatives held meetings with Qatar's Ministry of Education and Higher Education representatives.



EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova met with EMU graduate Mohammed Saleem's son during a school visit.



EMU Faculty of Engineering Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gökhan İzbirak and International Office Promotion Official Ülfet Çoban represented EMU at an education fair in Nairobi, Kenya from the 1st to the 4th of March 2018.

EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK MEDICINE FACULTY RELEASES A STATEMENT ON "28 FEBRUARY WORLD RARE DISEASE DAY"



Eastern Mediterranean University Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora released a statement on 28 February "World Rare Disease Day", which reads as follows: "Since 2008, on the last day of February, patient organisations from countries and regions all over the world have been holding awareness-raising activities regarding rare diseases, marking the importance of the said rare diseases with a prevalence ranging between 1 in 2 thousand and 100 thousand. Around 400 million people worldwide and 7 million patients in Turkey fight with rare diseases, some of which you may have never heard. Currently, between 6000 and 8000

diseases have been categorised in the group of rare diseases. Most of them have a genetic origin with symptoms appearing either at birth or at a later age. Diseases affecting the nervous system, muscle-skeletal system or blood cells fall into this category. Diseases including Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase enzyme deficiency, congenital hypothyroidism, parkinson disease, alzheimer's disease, galactosemia, phenylketonuria, and cystic fibrosis are amongst rare diseases more frequently encountered and have a higher early diagnosis rate. Most of these diseases which bring physical and mental disabilities do not have any cures that are known to us. In most of them, palliative treatment

methods are applied to elevate the life quality of the patients. Sometimes, a newborn jaundice affecting a newly born baby, or a spot on the skin or eye, or sometimes loss of feelings on different organs are defined as the early symptoms of rare diseases. Undiagnosed metabolic disorders appearing at neonatal period may bring along physical and mental disabilities which may appear to be irreversible. Diseases in this group may be diagnosed with heel prick tests at the first week of life and some of them may even be cured with proper nutritional measures. The heel prick test is a free of charge screening conducted in many countries including Turkey. Unfortunately, the said

test in our country is charged as it is carried out by private laboratories. For the heel prick test which has great significance for human life, government policies and awareness raising activities should be developed. In the path towards preventing the irreversible effects of rare diseases at early stages of life, the community and more specifically health professionals should be informed about the early symptoms of the disease. As EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, we are ready to support all awareness raising activities and projects organised and carried out for the prevention of rare diseases. One should not forget that everything starts with awareness."

EMU WELCOMES 2017 – 2018 ACADEMIC YEAR SPRING SEMESTER STUDENTS



Operating under Eastern Mediterranean University Vice Rector's Office for International Affairs and Promotion, the International Office welcomed the new students of the 2017-2018 Academic Year with a Welcoming Party which took place at Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Center. During the said party, Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof.

Dr. Cem Tanova congratulated the new students for choosing EMU and expressed the university's pleasure in hosting them at the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Stating that EMU is a high quality institution of higher education with worldwide recognition, Prof. Dr. Tanova advised the new students to protect the good reputation of the university, work hard and establish good relationships with other students during their stay in EMU.

The event hosted DJ Milad's and TRNC's local music band "Öldüren Şampanya's" unique performances. Student of EMU Christiana Mazvita Chilowa also entertained the participants with a song of hers. During the organisation, Kangoo Jumps Club Cyprus also demonstrated colorful dance performances.

YEMEN NIGHT AT EMU

Yemeni students came together at the "Yemen Night" event organized at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) by the International Office operating under the Vice Rector's Office for International Affairs and Promotion. Speaking at the event that was attended by over 200 students, Yemeni Student Society President Marwah Sailan expressed gratitude to the EMU Rector's Office for providing an environment where they can receive quality education whilst also having fun. Indicating that the Yemeni Student Society has been in a state of constant growth and development since the day it was formed



four years ago, Sailan noted that Yemen possesses a very rich culture which they are trying to reflect at this event along with its history. During the joyous night, a magnificent musical performance was delivered by Omar Al Bana, Suha

Almasri and Amr Saif. The unforgettable night also featured short plays about the culture and history of Yemen.

This Week's Academic Publications

Source: *Web of Science*

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

1 - Akeem Adeyemi Oladipo, and Ayodeji Olugbenga Ifebajo. "Highly efficient magnetic chicken bone biochar for removal of tetracycline and fluorescent dye from wastewater: Two-stage adsorber analysis." *Journal of environmental management*. 209 (2018): 9-16.

2 - Ozay Gurtug, S. Habib Mazharimousavi, and

M. Halilsoy. "(2+ 1)-dimensional dynamical black holes in Einstein-nonlinear Maxwell theory." *Modern Physics Letters 4* (2018): 1850027.

3 - Mustafa Kara. "Approximation by Q-Durrmeyer - Stancu Polynomials in Compact Disks in the Case of $Q > 1$." *Miskolc Mathematical Notes 2*(2017): 859-872.

Faculty of Engineering

1 - Mohammad Sadegh Mazloomi, Mostafa Ranjbar, Luca Boldrin, Fabrizio Scarpa, Sophoclis Patsias, and Neriman Ozada. "Vibroacoustics of 2D Gradient Auxetic Hexagonal Honeycomb Sandwich Panels." *Composite Structures 187*(2018): 593-603.

2 - Devrim Aydın, Sean P. Casey, Xiangjie Chen, and Saffa Riffat. "Numerical and experimental analysis

of a novel heat pump driven sorption storage heater." *Applied Energy 211* (2018): 954-974.

Faculty of Education

1 - Sefika Mertkan, and Hatice Bayrakli. "Re-inventing researcher identity: when the individual interacts with the contextual power dynamics." *Higher Education Research & Development* (2018): 316-327.