



EMU HOSTS THE 'INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CLEAN ENERGY'



'16th International Conference on Clean Energy' organized by the collaboration of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Energy Research Center (ERC) and Clean Energy Research Institute (CERI) of Miami University commenced with an opening ceremony in Salmis Bay Conti Resort Hotel on Wednesday, the 9th of May, 2018 at 09:00.

During the opening ceremony of 3-day conference which will continued until the 11th of May, EMU Engineering Faculty academic staff member and head of EMU Energy Research Center Prof. Dr. Uğur Atıkol emphasized the increasing population in the world and correspondingly, the increasing need for energy. Stating the increasing number of problems

regarding the climate changes which threaten the sustainability of life, Prof. Dr. Atıkol explained the primary reason of the matter as the accumulation of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere due to the infertile use of fossil fuels. As Prof. Dr. Atıkol mentioned, the temperatures in the world is gradually increasing day by day and there are many technologies that can be used to reduce the global warming, but revolutionary structural changes are needed in order to use such technologies.

It's Vital to Have a Useable Solar Energy System

Expressing his pleasure to be in EMU, Prof. Dr. Ziya Arnavut Chair of Computer and Information Sciences Department in Fredonia New York State University mentioned the

high cost of electricity in Cyprus even though the island has a sun-drenched climate throughout 365 days. Prof. Dr. Arnavut touched on the importance of having a useable solar energy system and stated his belief on the conference to play a significant role on finding a new and clean energy source for Cyprus.

Clean Energy Research Institute Director Hongtan Liu from Miami University made a speech during the opening ceremony and thanked everyone who have contributed during the process. During his speech, Liu shared a message from Prof. Dr. Nejat Veziroğlu, the Founding Chairman of Miami University Clean Energy Research Institute and also the Honorary President of 'International Conference on Clean

Energy'. Providing information about the Institute, Prof. Dr. Liu also wished a fruitful conference as well.

Importance to Economise the Redundantly Used Energy

Turkish Cypriot Electricity Authority Chairman of the Executive Board Ahmet Hüdaoğlu stated that the energy need of 8 billion population in the world has reached a point where it can be met with nuclear energy. Saying that the request for renewable energy has also arose with the need for nuclear energy, Hüdaoğlu mentioned the importance of finding an appropriate energy to satisfy the 8 million population. Being on the fence between two matters, when one looks from a professional standpoint electricity should be provided to the society on any ground, on the other hand, the other half suggests not using energy which harms the environment. Emphasizing the economizing the redundantly used energy, Hüdaoğlu stated that the energy to be produced shall be in the form of renewable energy to the greatest extent possible and the amount left shall be produced in the form in which it would not pose a threat against the environment. Hüdaoğlu ended his speech by saying that the outcomes of the conference will play a significant role looking ahead and wished a successful conference. >>>p.2

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EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam thanked everyone for their participation and laid emphasis on his faith regarding the conference to lead better energy use in Cyprus. Stating his belief on using solar energy in Cyprus is applicable, Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam notified that he believes the conference will result in beneficial outcomes.

Cyprus is an Appropriate Spot for Solar Energy Use

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Minister of Economy and

Energy, Özdil Nami also made a speech during the opening ceremony and expressed his pleasure to be a part of an important international conference held in EMU. Nami indicated the importance and success of hosting such a conference in TRNC. Likewise all the other previous speakers, Nami also found Cyprus as an appropriate country to use solar energy. Explaining the lack of technologies to store the solar energy as a reason for the underuse of solar energy, Minister Nami touched on the government's

objective which is to connecting the network to a bigger one. A suggestion is to use solar energy in Cyprus during day time and using the energy coming from Turkey at night time. Nami added that with the new system there will be an opportunity to produce more energy, to renew country's own energy production system, to modernize the existing distribution systems in order to obtain more effective and safer systems and lastly, to have a more competitive economy within a cleaner environment.

Following the opening speeches, Dr. Petra Belle from Munich Technical University made the presentation titled "Fuel Cells – From Fundamentals to System". A panel on "Energy Approaches for Sustainable Development" took place with the participation of Prof. Dr. Mohammad Shahidepour, Prof. Dr. Steffen Lehmann, Prof. Dr. Reinhard Haas, Prof. Dr. Ramazan Sarı, Dr. Petra Belle and Dr. Amela Ajanovic on Thursday, the 10th of May, 2018 at 13:30.

“IDEAL GOVERNANCE SYSTEM FOR TRNC; PRESIDENTIAL SYSTEM AND PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM” WORKSHOP FINAL DECLARATION PUBLISHED



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Dr. Fazıl Küçük Foundation held a workshop at Girne Oscar Hotel between 4 and 5 May, 2018. Titled “Ideal Governance System for TRNC; Presidential System and Parliamentary System”, the workshop featured a series of presentations on the first day and round-table meetings on the last day. At meetings held with the participation of leading political scientists, public administrators, new and former politicians, party representatives, representatives of non-governmental organizations, experts, media representatives and intellectuals, the following issues were covered: What are the problems of the current parliamentary system? Is it possible for the current parliamentary system to reach a productive structure? Would the presidential system for the TRNC be appropriate?

The Participants Reached a Consensus over the Problems of the Current Parliamentary System

and they gathered the issues under the following headings;

- Patronage system
- Lack of merit within public officials and political elite and realization of appointments according to political position
- Reduced confidence in the existing system structure, understanding of politics and politicians
- Difficulties for deputies to fulfill their essential duties due to their role as intermediary between the government and the citizen in the direction of the citizen’s personal demands
- In the context of the separation of powers, the legislature and execution are not at the level of transparency and accountability necessary due to their past structure, especially creating serious problems with the audit
- Some members of the assembly are ministers and, therefore, are inadequate in legislative activities
- The longevity of the governments is so short that they lose the foreseeability of economic, political

and social life due to constant changes in the cabinet

- Instabilities
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Not Small, but Very Important and Big Reforms are Necessary.

A large part of the participants stated that it would be appropriate to restructure the existing system with big and comprehensive reforms or to undergo a radical system change to the presidential system in order to overcome the problems. Participants also agreed that it is no longer sustainable to continue with the existing structure.

Those Who Support the Presidential System Pointed to Stability.

- Participants who advocate system change and present the Presidential System as an alternative model in the workshop that was held;
- Overcoming the bottlenecks in the political system in the TRNC
 - Reduction of poor management
 - Improvement of accountability and predictability
 - Nepotism and lack of merit reduction
 - Spending more time on primary affairs by the lawmakers of the legislature
 - Ensuring that the executive is able to make quicker decisions under the management of the elected president; and
 - Emphasizing that the Presidential

System could be an important tool for achieving political stability.

On the other hand, instead of changing the system directly in the workshop, those who declared their opinion at the point of improvement of the existing parliamentary system, the constitution, the legislature, the executive, the judiciary and the separation of the strict powers, the electoral system and the political party law pointed out that very serious reforms are required.

System Changes May Be Inadequate On Their Own And Therefore Changes In Mentality Are Required

Participants of the workshop indicated that the transition to the presidential system might be insufficient in solving the problems identified alone, that the reform of the government system would require serious reforms in the election system, central government and local government relations, public administration and control system and the roles and functions of the state.

In addition to System Change, a Change in Mentality is Also Essential

The workshop is beneficial in thinking together with a mentality change as well as the reforms to be carried out in the government system and in the structure and functioning of the administration because most of the political problems in TRNC are related to the management mentality as much as the system.

Participants Found the Workshop as a Useful and Appropriate Attempt

The workshop was qualified as an extremely beneficial initiative by the participants and they agreed on the necessity of addressing the important public problems of the TRNC in workshop as such.

New Workshops should also be Held to Address System Discussions in an Integrated and Full-scale Manner

It is a very comprehensive one and with the participation of all the stakeholders, a general view on how each dimension is examined in detail through separate workshops and the results are presented to the public and a general consensus came to the light upon the submission to decision-makers.



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Closing Presentation by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu.

After the completion of the workshop and the preparation of the final report, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu shared the text that emerged from all the tables with the public.

Assoc. Dr. İşçioğlu asserted that an extensive report on the workshop will be completed in the near future, and immediately after the preparation of the report, the full conclusion report will be presented to the public through a press conference.

Dr. Sibel Siber Delivered the Closing Speech of the Workshop.

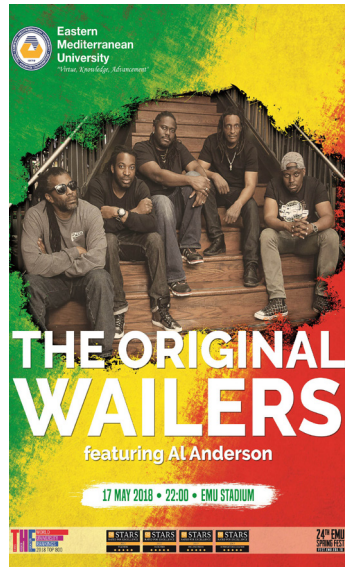
Dr. Sibel Siber, who is the Honorary President of Fazıl Küçük Foundation, delivered the closing speech of the event. While Sibel Siber conveyed her endless gratitude, she also stated that the results indicate that the current system is out of sustainability. Besides expressing her conviction that decision-makers should take these steps carefully and take the necessary steps to open the way for the Turkish Cypriot people, she also underlined that the country does not have any luxury for losing time.

24TH EMU SPRING FESTIVAL STARTING SOON



The 24th Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Spring Festival will be taking place between the 16th and 19th of May 2018 on the EMU Campus. In order to relay extensive information about the 4 day long festival that will be taking place with North Cyprus Turkcell's mobile communication sponsorship a press conference was held at the EMU Beach Club on Thursday, the 10th of May 2018 at 12:30.

Addressing students during the press conference also attended by EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler, EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova



stated that they are trying to organize events that will provide important contributions to students outside of the classroom as well as within. Underlining that the Spring Festival is an important event for EMU, Prof. Dr. Tanova noted that every year many social, cultural and sporting activities take place during the event.

“Friends from EMU”

The slogan for this year's Spring Festival is “DAÜ'lü Gommalar” which translates to “Friends from EMU”. “Gomma” is a colloquial term often used on the island to describe a friend. This year's theme reflects EMU's animal friendly campus and love for animals. The animals on the

poster design do not only represent our strong bond with animals but also our universities' slogan of virtue, knowledge and advancement.

Parade Walk

The 24th Spring Festival will begin with a parade walk starting from the Sakarya roundabout and ending outside of the Petek Patisserie in the Walled City. The walk on the 16th of May 2018 will begin at 17:30. The official opening of the ceremony will take place at 19:00 with the participation of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and the Vice Rectors at the Festival Area.

Workshops and Education Seminars

As part of the first day program of the 24th EMU Spring Festival a Visual Arts Club “Graffiti” workshop will be delivered by artist Erdoğan Ergün. The workshop will commence at 09:30 at the Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design.

On Thursday, the 17th of May 2018, the second day of the festival photographer Tommy Reynold will be delivering a workshop on Lighting Portraits at 10:00 and a workshop on Post-Production Workflow at 14:00. The workshops will be taking place at the Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design.

On the same day a Special Olympics Turkey Futsal Tournament will be taking place at the Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Center at 11:30. An EMU Game Platform talk titled “Galaxy Guide of Independent Game Developer” will be delivered by Emre Canbazoğlu and Burak Özdemir at 11:30.

A talk titled “You Can Do It!” will be delivered by Tuluhan Telekioglu at 12:30 and the talk “Astrology with Nuray Sayarı” will commence at 13:30 in the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate – Activity Hall. Following the talks, the quiz show “Passaparola with Metin Uca” will commence at 16:00.

On Friday, the 18th of May 2018, three panels will be taking place at the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate – Activity Hall. The panel “Positive Effects of Sports as a Formative Tool in the Field of Special Education” will be held by Ege University Academic Staff Member Ebru Kalyoncu at 11:30. At 12:30 the panel “Devil's Triangle: Love, Marriage and Infidelity” will be held Prof. Dr. Mehmet Sungur. At 14:00 the panel “Positive Behavioral Support in Special Education” will be held by Asst. Prof. Dr. Ziya Tavail, Assist. Prof. Dr. Salih Çakmak and Dr. Tamer Karakoç. >>>p.5

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– About City – Meaning in Photograph” presentation and award ceremony will be taking place at the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate – Activity Hall at 12:30. At 13:30, Turkey’s renowned photographer Mehmet Turgut will be delivering a “Portrait and Set up” titled talk at the same venue.

Performances by Mustafa Sandal, Hodor and Gülşen

Turkey’s famous artist Mustafa Sandal will be performing on the main stage on the first day of the concert. The concert taking place at the EMU Stadium will commence at 22:00.

DJ Kristian Nairn who plays the character “Hodor” in the worldwide hit series “Game of Thrones” will be delivering a concert at the EMU Stadium on Friday, the 18th of May 2018. The concert will commence at 22:00.

Turkey’s famous artist Gülşen will be taking to the stage on Saturday, the 19th of May 2018. The performance is set to commence at 22:00 at the EMU Stadium.

Talks by Abdülkerim Durmaz, Sinan Engin and Uğur Yücel

Turkey’s famous sports commentators, former footballer and managers Abdülkerim Durmaz and Sinan Engin will be delivering a talk titled “About Turkish Football vol.2” at the Mustafa Aşşin Ersoy Hall. The talk will be taking place at 14:30 on the 17th of May 2018. Turkish actor Uğur Yücel will be coming together with his fans at 17:00 at the same venue.



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METİN HARA İLE SÖYLEŞİ

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At 12:00 on Saturday, the 19th of May 2018 the education seminar “Effective Communication, Body Language and Diction Training” will be delivered by ATV Newscaster Cem Öğretir in the Library Auditorium. On the same day Hasan Bağlar, İrem Siyahgöz and Mert Yusuf Özlük’s “Nature Photography



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RAVE OF THRONES
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KRISTIAN NAIRN
AKA HODOR FROM GAME OF THRONES

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Beşiktaş Fan Club Talk will be taking place on the 18th of May 2018 at 17:00. The “From Past to Present of Beşiktaş” talk taking place at the Activity Hall will be delivered Ahmet Dursun, Baki Mercimek and Alen Markaryan.

Demet Akbağ, Metin Hara and Fırat Tanış will be coming together with their fans Turkey’s prominent theatre performer Demet Akbağ will be delivering a talk on Friday, the 18th May 2018. The talk will be taking place at 13:30 at the Mustafa Aşşin Ersoy Hall. Popular writer Metin Hara will also be coming together with his fans. At 17:30 famous Turkish actor Fırat Tanış will also be delivering a talk.

Theatre Performances

On the Thursday, the 17th of May 2018 the play “Yetersiz Bakiye” will be performed at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall. The play that will start at 19:30

includes thespians Hakan Yılmaz, Eylül Öztürk, Cengiz Şahin and Ebru Kaymakçı On Friday, the 18th of May 2018 the play “Ömürsün Doktor” will be performed. The play includes famous thespians Cem Özer and Betül Şahin.

EMUATHLON on Friday, the 18th of March

The annual EMUATHLON competition organized by the EMU Sports Affairs Director is taking place on Friday, the 18th of March 2018 this year. The competition is set to commence at 15:00 and participation is expected to be significantly high.

COLOR FEST on Saturday, the 19th of March

“Color Fest” known as the world’s most colorful festival will be taking place between 14:30 and 20:30 on Saturday, the 19th of May 2018 at the EMU Golf Course. At the said event, students will be enjoying themselves in the dream like atmosphere that combines music and colours.

EMU TOURISM FACULTY HOSTS YOUNGEST MICHELIN STAR AWARDED BRITISH CHEF TOM AIKENS

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts hosted world famous chef Tom Aikens who is also the owner of the double Michelin starred restaurant collection Tom's Kitchen. Tom's Kitchen group chef Richard O'Connell was also hosted by the university. The duo came together with students at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center where a workshop and talk took place. EMU Faculty of Tourism Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that the Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts is carrying out another first by bringing together young chefs and one of their idols; Tom's Kitchen owner and chef Tom Aikens. Prof. Dr. Kılıç indicated that 2 students have started working at

Tom's Kitchen as a result of their hard work and desire to learn during their internship period at the restaurant. Another student has also received a job offer. Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that he is proud to see the students working at such an important restaurant chain right after their graduation, stating that they are beginning to reap the rewards of their good education. Prof. Dr. Kılıç relayed that during the two days Tom Aikens and Richard O'Connell stayed on the island, they visited historical monuments and touristic destinations, also trying Cypriot cuisine. Speaking during the workshop, Aikens stated that he helped his mum in the kitchen when he was six years old, expressing his belief that this played an important part in his development as a chef: "After



cakes and deserts, I started cooking main courses. I enrolled in catering college at the age of 12. I received an education there for two years. After graduating I worked in some of England's best restaurants." Chef Aikens indicated that he worked in David Cavalier's Michelin starred restaurant in Battersea, London and Pierre Koffman's restaurant in Chelsea, London. He also worked in La Tante Claire which earned its third Michelin star during the period he was working there. Chef Aikens also stated that he worked under Philip Britten and Richard Neat at Capital Hotel as well as at Pied à Terre on Charlotte Street. Aikens is the youngest Michelin Star Awarded British Chef with two stars at the age of 26. In 2003, he opened a restaurant carrying his name in Chelsea. During the workshop Richard O'Connell along with Aikens presented the "Salt Cod Brandade" found on Tom's Kitchen's menu. During the second part of the presentation, Aikens showed how to cut a whole lamb carcass. Answering

student questions Tom Aikens stated "If you want to be successful you must have good ideas. You must be very familiar with your market. Never compromise quality. Service and prices must also be considered. You need to concentrate on what you are doing and make educated guesses based on your instincts about people's expectations. The restaurant industry isn't at all easy. Your team and employees are vital, you must train them well. The combination of many elements will carry you to success."

Visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam

Tom Aikens and Richard O'Connell visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office and indicated that they are very happy to be at EMU. Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted that they will continue to support the Faculty of Tourism, inviting chef Tom Aikens and Richard O'Connell to provide education at the university. At the end of the visit, Prof. Dr. Osam presented the duo a board with traditional Cypriot Lefkara lace.

FIRE OF ANATOLIA PERFORM 'TROY' MUSICAL AT EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted the Fire of Anatolia-Troy Dance performance. The event organized by the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate operating under the Vice Rector's Office for Student Affairs took place on Thursday, the 10th of May 2018. The magnificent performance commenced at 20:30 at the EMU Stadium. The performance of the 56 person dance group headed by Mustafa Erdoğan lasted for approximately two hours. The performance comprised of two acts, the first featuring five scenes and the second of eight.

Present at the event which attracted a large audience were Supreme Court President Narin Ferdi Şefik, Cyprus Turkish Security Forces Brigadier General Tevfik Algan, TRNC Minister of Tourism and Environment Fikri Ataoglu, TRNC Minister of Labour and Social Security Zeki Çeler, Famagusta District Governor Dürdane Acı and many Turkish Embassy of Nicosia and military representatives.

EMU Fire of Anatolia Dance Academy to be set-up

Speaking before the performance, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet

Osam expressed his pleasure regarding hosting Mustafa Erdoğan and his team at EMU. Prof. Dr. Osam also relayed his belief that the performance which will revive pieces of history will be magnificent.

Prof. Dr. Osam went on to inform the public that they have signed a collaboration protocol in order to set up an EMU Fire of Anatolia Dance Academy, highlighting that transferring our culture to future generations is the part of the vision of the university. Mustafa Erdoğan stated that they held another performance at EMU

last year which also attracted a large audience. Describing the Turkish Cypriot community as having a developed entertainment culture Erdoğan expressed his belief that Cypriots will be very good dancers. Relaying their plans to set up a Fire of Anatolia crew comprised solely of Cypriots, Erdoğan announced that everyone between the ages of 4-30 can participate. Prof. Dr. Osam then presented Erdoğan a board with a traditional Cypriot door motif.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EVALUATION PROGRAM "PISA" DISCUSSED IN EMU



Organised by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Education, Turkish and Social Sciences Teacher Education Department, a panel titled "A Critical Outlook in PISA Results from the Window of Reading Comprehension" was held in Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. The opening speech was delivered by EMU Education Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam and the panel was moderated by EMU Turkish and Social Sciences Teacher Education Department Chair Prof. Dr. Ahmet Pehlivan. The speakers at the said panel were Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nihat Bayat from Akdeniz University, Faculty of Education, Department of Elementary Education, Assoc.

Prof. Dr. İbrahim Seçkin Aydın from Dokuz Eylül University, Faculty of Education, Department of Turkish Language Education and Assistant Prof. Dr. Gizem Uyumaz from Giresun University, Faculty of Education, Department of Educational Sciences, Measurement and Evaluation Program.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nihat Bayat first provided information on what PISA is and its assessment areas and then touched upon the place of Turkey in PISA. According to the results obtained, Turkey has a lower average when compared to the averages of OECD and all other countries. According to the findings of research participated by 72

countries in 2015, Turkey ranked 50th in the reading section of PISA evaluation. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nihat Bayat indicated that the proficiency levels of Turkish students belonging to the 15-year-old group were lower than the reading levels of others. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bayat ended his presentation by addressing the key areas of reading in "PISA" and elements considered in PISA when evaluating reading materials.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. İbrahim Seçkin Aydın discussed PISA in terms of Turkish Education Programs. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aydın specified that the educational approaches in teaching and learning Turkish consist of two main methods,

generally named as Behaviorist and Constructivist. The Ministry of National Education has developed a program which advocates the concept of "Constructivist Approach" by putting an end to behaviorist practices in 2005, and emphasizing those lower and upper skills besides language skills are also primary issues according to this understanding. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aydın also added that when the achievements related to reading field levels in PISA are compared with the ones in Turkish language program, the gains in Turkish language programs stay below the PISA expectations and therefore they do not meet the PISA criteria.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gizem Uyumaz evaluated PISA test's format and design in terms of assessment and evaluation of applications and compared them with the similar exam applications in Turkey. After the questions addressed by the students at the end of the interview were answered by Prof. Assoc. Dr. Gizem Uyumaz, she touched briefly upon the subjects including the item formats used in PISA applications, her qualification levels, and her assessment of reading skills. The panel which was received with great interest ended with the distribution of certificates of appreciation to the participants.

EMU HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY DEPARTMENT OF NURSING REPRESENTED AT '17TH NATIONAL CONGRESS FOR STUDENTS OF NURSING PROGRAMS'



'17th National Congress for Students of Nursing Program' organized by Çanakkale 18 Mart University Nursing Department in collaboration

with Student Nurses Association and Turkish Nurses Association Student Council, took place in Çanakkale, Turkey in past few days.

Changes on matters such as 'nursing care, education, area of expertise, regulations and images' were discussed within the scope of the

main theme of the congress; 'Nursing in Changing World: Universal Differences and Similarities'. Nearly 900 nursing care students from various universities attended the congress with 108 presentations and 180 poster presentations.

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Health Sciences Faculty, Nursing Department students participated in the '17th National Congress for Students of Nursing Program' with company of academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Handan Sezgin. A presentation titled 'Creative Thinking Skills of Nursing Care Students' was made by program students; Ayşe Korkmaz, Hüner Akdağ, Gizem Kartal and Esra Bilici. A poster titled 'The Image of Nursing Profession for University Students Living in State-Owned Dormitories' was presented by Ayşe Korkmaz, Hüner Akdağ, Merve Aykut, Cihat Çiçek and Halit Nazıroğlu.

EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK FACULTY OF MEDICINE RELEASES WORLD ASTHMA DAY STATEMENT



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine academic staff member and pediatric pulmonologist Prof. Dr. Elif Dağlı released a world asthma day statement that reads as follows:

“It Is Never Too Late”

“According to World Health Organization predictions there are approximately 235 million people who suffer from asthma today. Asthma affects every country irrespective to income and level of development. However 80% of asthma related deaths are witnessed in middle or low income countries. It is possible to keep the asthma under control and prevent asthma attacks. However, undiagnosed patients who haven’t received treatment refer to the emergency services with complaints such as respiratory distress, chest tightness and fremitus. Asthma patients who are unaware that they can receive treatment have their lives restricted as they cannot carry out daily tasks and activities.

Asthma is the most common chronic disease in children. It is more common for children to refer to the emergency room of hospitals as a result of asthma attacks than it is for

adults. Children who don’t receive treatment cannot go to school or participate in social activities. They can also suffer psychologically. Asthma decreases the life quality of both children and adults. The symptoms of asthma can appear at any age for children. Treatment should be prompt. **IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO START TREATMENT**

Asthma is a controllable condition! Staying away from cigarette smoke, mold and pollution is required in order to be protected from respiratory tract infections that trigger asthma attacks. Using cortisone and other ingestant medicine every day for a long period of time will help to keep asthma under control. Treatment can be applied to people who have been suffering from asthma for a long period of time- **IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO START TREATMENT**

The role of policymakers in all countries is to decrease interior and exterior air pollution that causes asthma and triggers asthma attacks. Smoking indoors should not be allowed and the setting up of power plants that burn fossil fuels must not be permitted.”

EMU TO HONOR GRADUATES ON THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR GRADUATION



Eastern Mediterranean University Alumni Communications and Career Research Directorate (MİKA) is finalising the preparations for the Honorary Ceremony for those graduates who have reached the 25th anniversary of their graduation. Organised annually, this year’s event will take place at the Rector’s Office Building, Poolside at 7:00 p.m. on 18 May 2018.

Providing information on the event, Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that EMU is a big family with 20,000 students and over 52,000 members of

alumni from 106 countries. Prof. Dr. Osam also highlighted the important contributions of the EMU family, especially its alumni, to the remarkable achievements of the university.

Expressing his hope to see members of alumni who graduated in 1993 at the aforesaid organisation on 18 May 2018, Prof. Dr. Osam stated that they would be more than happy to receive information about the successful achievements of the graduates at the event. Prof. Dr. Osam added that graduates of EMU are a source of pride for the university.

Director of EMU-MİKA Derviş Ekşici expressed his excitement and pleasure in the meaningful organisation to be participated by 1993 graduates. Ekşici added that graduates will cherish memories and strengthen their bonds both with the university and their fellow graduates at the event. Ekşici concluded his speech by stating that as the most prominent institution of higher education in the TRNC, Eastern Mediterranean University will continue to take firm steps towards further successes through the support they receive from the members of the alumni.

GREAT INTEREST SHOWN TOWARDS “BE A PARTY TO HOPE WITH EMU” CHARITY EVENT



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) organized its annual charity event in aid of children. The first activity of the “Be a party to hope with EMU” project took place outside of the CL

Building on Tuesday, the 8th of May 2018 between 10:00-13:00 with the volunteer participation of EMU

personnel. Homemade food and beverages were sold at stands set up with the contribution of all EMU faculties, directorates and units. There was great interest towards the colorful charity event at which proceeds will be donated to children. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam also attended and contributed to the charity event where he visited all stands talking with EMU personnel and students. The proceeds of the charity event aim to meet the needs of primary school level students for the 2018-2019 Academic Year.

The “Be a party to hope with EMU” project organized by the EMU Personnel Office Directorate will provide income for disadvantaged groups and children with a different activity each month. The project aims to lead to an increase in social cohesion and awareness as a result of university and community collaboration. The said project is also an example of the importance EMU shows to its values.



This Week's Academic Publications

Source: *Web of Science*

Faculty of Business & Economics

1 - Setareh Katircioğlu, Salih Katircioğlu, and Mehmet Altınay. “Interactions between tourism and financial sector development: evidence from Turkey.” *The Service Industries Journal* (2018): 519-542.

Faculty of Tourism

1- Taegoo Terry Kim, Osman M. Karatepe, and Gyehee Lee. “Psychological contract breach and service innovation behavior:

psychological capital as a mediator.” *Service Business*:12 (2018): 305-329.

2- A. Mohammed Abubakar, Huda Abdullah Megeirhi, and Belal Shneikat. “Tolerance for workplace incivility, employee cynicism and job search behavior.” *The Service Industries Journal* (2018): 629-643.

Faculty of Medicine

1 - Ozlem Bulbul, Andrew J. Pakstis, Usha Soundararajan,

Cemal Gurkan, Jane E. Brissenden, Janet M. Roscoe, Baigalmaa Evsanaa et al. “Ancestry inference of 96 population samples using microhaplotypes.” *International journal of legal medicine* (2018): 703-711.

2- Nazli Bozman, Cemal Gurkan, Huseyin Sevay, Damla Kanliada Demirdov, and Filiz Ozbas-Gerceker. “Genetic characterisation of 19 autosomal STR loci in a population sample from the

Southeastern Anatolia Region of Turkey.” *Annals of human biology* 45, no. 2 (2018): 148-159.

Faculty of Health Sciences

1- Aylin Ayaz, Reyhan Nergiz-Unal, Damla Dedebyraktar, Asli Akyol, A. Gulden Pekcan, Halit Tanju Besler, and Zehra Buyuktuncer. “How does food addiction influence dietary intake profile?.” *PloS one* 13, no. 4 (2018): e0195541.

THIS WEEK IN TURKEY and TRNC'S PROMOTION



Our university was represented at the FSMAL Fair on the 8th of May 2018 by Samsun Liaison Officer Tan İskeleli.



On the 9th of May 2018, Faculty of Engineering, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering students Hüseyin Çeçe and Volkan Tozan, System Administrator Armen Sarıca, Computer Engineering research assistant Mahmut Sevince, Registrar's Office personnel Şerife Karga, Promotion Office personnel Suzan Barışer and Promotion Office research assistants Gizem Canalp and Yeşim Tadık set up an EMU stand to promote our university at the Dr. Fazıl Küçük Industrial Vocational High School Career Days.



Our university was represented at the Cihat Kora Anatolian High School Promotion Days on the 9th of May 2018 by İzmir Liaison Officer Cansu Okyay



Our university was represented at the Van Unilook University Promotion and Selection Fair on the 9th and 10th of May 2018 by Şanlıurfa Liaison Officer Faruk Önel.

Education expert Süleyman Beledioğlu delivered seminars titled "How to be more successful with the new exam system" in Yozgat, Kırşehir and Kastamonu on the 7th-9th of May 2018. Before the seminars Ankara Liaison Officer Ahmet Ümit Ünal delivered promotional university presentations.

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Interior architecture seminars and workshops aimed towards high school students took place at Konya on the 10th of May 2018. Asst. Prof. Dr. Kamil Güley, Asst. Prof. Dr. Ahenk Yılgin Damgacı and Seyit Yılmazgil delivered presentations titled "How to awaken your inner designer". Before the seminars Ankara Liaison Officer Ahmet Ümit Ünal delivered promotional university presentations.



Education expert Süleyman Beledioğlu delivered a seminar titled "How to be more successful with the new exam system at an event in Adıyaman on the 10th of May 2018. Before the seminars Şanlıurfa Liaison Officer Mehmet Bozanoğlu delivered promotional university presentations.



Education expert Süleyman Beledioğlu delivered a seminar titled "How to be more successful with the new exam system at an event in Samsun's Bafra province on the 11th of May 2018. Before the seminars Samsun Liaison Officer Tan Iskeleli delivered promotional university presentations.



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