

EMU RECTOR'S OFFICE VISITS NEW GOVERNMENT



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector's Office visited the new government of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) wishing them the best of luck during their tenure. During the visit EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam was accompanied by Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical

Affairs Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren, Vice Rector for Financial Affairs Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural and Public Relations and Press Office Director (a.) Murat Aktuđralı.

The visits that commenced with a visit to TRNC Minister of Education and Culture Cemal Özyiđit continued with visits to the Speaker of TRNC Assembly Teberrüken Uluçay, Prime Minister Tufan Erhürman, Minister of Finance Serdar Denктаş and Deputy

Prime Minister/Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay.

"EMU Is The Apple of TRNC's Eye"

During the visit, Professor Dr. Osam provided information about EMU and 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. Indicating that EMU features within the top 601-800, Prof. Dr. Osam stated that they are proud of this achievement which should not be seen as a coincidence. Emphasizing that EMU is the best university on the island, Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted that the institution is constantly growing and developing. "EMU is the apple of TRNC's eye. It is also featured top amongst Turkish universities after the universities Koç, Sabancı, Bilkent and Boğaziçi.

"EMU is the Largest University in the Country"

The speaker of the TRNC Assembly Teberrüken Uluçay stated that EMU is not only Famagusta's largest university, but it is also the largest university of the country. Prime Minister Tufan Erhürman noted that

the university's contribution to the island's economy and science will continue. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay highlighted the importance of EMU being a truly international university with students from 106 different countries.

Minister of Finance Serdar Denктаş congratulated EMU for its positive budget. Minister of Education and Culture Cemal Özyiğit defined EMU as the pioneer education institution in the TRNC and wished them the continuation of their success. TRNC Government representatives

stated their belief that EMU's success will continue and increase. At the courtesy visits, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam presented representatives a graduate crow statue on top of the Salamis Pillar. The crow is a symbol of Famagusta and EMU.



PROF. DR. VEDAT YORUCU PRESENTS EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. NECDET OSAM HIS BOOK



Eastern Mediterranean University Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam hosted EMU Faculty of Business and Economics academic staff member Prof. Dr. Vedat Yorucu in his office and received information about his book entitled "Southern Energy Corridor: Turkey's Role in European Energy Security". Published by Springer Publishing in 2018, the book was co-authored by Prof. Dr. Özey Mehmet from Carleton University. In particular, the authors, who foresee the recent tension in the waters surrounding Cyprus, offered advice

to those who are interested in energy politics as well as the steps to be followed. This book highlights the importance of Turkey in diversifying supplies in future European energy security, focusing in particular on the rapidly emerging southern energy corridor. Turkey, by its location, occupies a key role in this corridor, fed by hydrocarbon supplies from Russian, Caspian, east Mediterranean and Arab sources. Consisting of 165 pages and 10 chapters, the book also examines Turkey's role as a transit country, in addition to its own

growing domestic energy market, and it utilizes the latest evidence on the geopolitics of various pipelines which convergence on Turkey. The evidence, including maps, strongly favor Turkey as an energy hub within a regional energy model driven by rational behavior and market forces. The book recommends an increasing strategic energy cooperation between the EU and Turkey to maximize mutual interest.

During the presentation of the book, Prof. Dr. Vedat Yorucu extended his appreciation to Prof. Dr. Necdet

Osam on behalf of Prof. Dr. Özey Mehmet for the university's valuable support and contributions. Prof. Dr. Osam stated that the book, which was published by Springer Publisher, an international prestigious publishing house, is a source of pride for Eastern Mediterranean University. Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam also added that the university will continue to support publications as such. Prof. Dr. Yorucu also visited and presented his book to Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova.

NEW EMU & ITU-TRNC COLLABORATIVE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM



The institutional collaboration between the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the İstanbul Technical University TRNC Education – Research Campus (ITU-TRNC) is strengthening with a new joint certificate program. A protocol signed by the two universities is the first step towards putting the joint certificate program into practice. Within the scope of the protocol signed by EMU Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren and ITU-TRNC Vice Rector Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serdar Kum; an agreement was reached regarding a "Project and Production Management Certificate Program" that will be jointly run by the EMU and ITU-TRNC Continuing Education Centers. The program language will be Turkish or English. The envisaged 6 modules will be run by academic staff assigned by ITU-TRNC and EMU. Each university

will assign academic staff for 3 modules.

The Courses will be delivered at EMU

Students who successfully complete each module and pass an exam upon completion of all modules will earn a joint EMU and ITU-TRNC Project and Production Management Certificate. Upon the completion of each module students will also receive a certificate of achievement. The courses will be delivered at EMU classrooms however, if required ITU-TRNC classrooms will also be available for use. The joint certificate program protocol will be valid until the 31st of December 2018.

Further information about the EMU and ITU-TRNC Joint Certificate Program can be obtained from the EMU Continuing Education Center via the phone number 630 2471.

LIVE ONLINE LECTURES VIA INTERNET FROM EMU-SCT



members stated that in line with students' increasing success rate, the interest towards the courses has increased. Through the delivery of the said courses in an online environment, young people can also use the mobile devices for educational purposes which would be to their benefit.



Merve Hande Yağmur

Computing and Technology (SCT), has started to provide blended learning for its students in the Spring Semester of the 2017-2018 Academic Year.

With the contributions of the Director of EMU Institute of Distance Education and EMU Computer Center, Office365 (Microsoft Office and Skype Institutional Application Software) and a Moodle-based learning management system are implemented in the lessons, thanks to the collaboration of EMU and Microsoft. Students have live lessons over Skype institutional and after the course videos have been recorded, they are provided for students' use over Moodle learning management system. Students can log on to the learning management system through "Single Sign On" or "SSO" method, by using student portal user details. Through this method, students do not need to enter a new username or a new password every time log on to the system.

The program offers many advantages of Office365 and Moodle systems at the same time.

Director of EMU School of Computing and Technology provided information on the application and stated that the course content used in the system has been developed by Zafer Yuca, Esen Ertunga, Cihan Ünal and Pinar Kumyalılı. Prof. Dr. Mustafa İlkan also put forth that similar to face-to-face learning, course content is presented to students through a distance learning model. Prof. Dr. Mustafa İlkan went on to state that students may follow courses in smart classes where the lessons are presented or through live broadcasts with the help of mobile devices with Android, IOS, and WINDOWS operating

systems. During the live broadcast, students can interact with the lecturer either at CT001 coded amphi which is supported by professional cameras or in an online format. Students may also reach course presentations via internet and revise the course elements, accordingly.

With this system, students can ask questions to the instructors and receive real-time answers. Both the students watching from the internet and the students physically present in the classroom will be able to hear the answers of these questions. Students can also contribute in real-time. At the end of the lectures, the video recordings are presented online via the Moodle system. Those recordings are available to the students throughout the term without distinctions of place and time.

In the 2017 - 2018 Academic Year Fall Semester, it was observed that there was a positive increase in the exam results of students receiving education in the blended learning environment compared to the student who took lessons in the previous semesters.

What did the Academic Instructors who Deliver the Lectures Say?

As a result of the labor division amongst academic staff delivering the course, academic staff member Esen Ertunga undertook the duty of the coordinator, academic staff member Cihan Ünal

was assigned the responsibility of the application of independent learning models for the offered courses, and academic staff members Pinar Kumyalılı and Esen Ertunga undertook the monitoring of the applications offered via internet. The aforementioned academic staff

What did the students say?

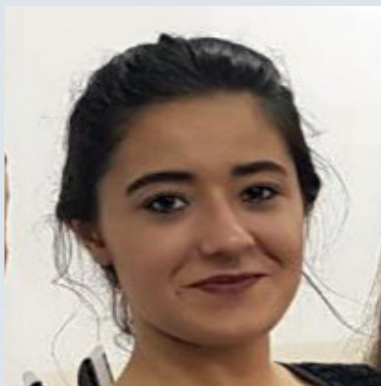
Department of Psychology student Merve Hande Yağmur highlighted the significance of distance learning in terms of saving time and using technology efficiently. She stated that classes not attended can be viewed from a dormitory environment or in a cafeteria alone or with friends.

Department of Nursing student Şehmus Arslan stated that they are very happy that they can watch the lessons they have missed online. He added that the courses available for viewing on mobile devices via the internet should not be limited to computing lectures.

Department of Nursing student Buse Altun, stated that they have adjusted well to the distance learning model of the computer courses adding that the sharing of lecture notes and lectures (both live and upon completion) is very useful.

In general, students noted that they are very satisfied with the opportunity to benefit from an interactive learning model. The students who shared their opinions on the new technological system in class stated that they will not miss any lessons underlining that the system is very helpful.

The students who viewed the system specially designed for them by EMU-SCT as a system more suitable for the modern education system thanked EMU-SCT academicians who provided the opportunity for them to follow the course wherever they might be.



Buse Altun



Şehmus Arslan

According to EMU's mission and vision The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) School of

CHILDHOOD SARCOMA COURSE TAKING PLACE AT EMU



A course aimed towards minor assistants and young experts is being organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty in collaboration with the Turkish Pediatric Oncology Group Society. The 5th Pediatric Oncology Course will be taking place on Saturday, the 24th of February 2018 at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. The "Pediatric Bone and Soft Tissue Sarcoma" themed course will be commencing at 09:00.

After the opening speeches, the presentation "Soft Tissue Sarcoma Pathology" will be 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. The presentations will be coordinated by Turkish Pediatric Oncology Group Society President Prof. Dr. Emel Ünal and Prof. Dr. Nurdan Taçyıldız.

Other presentations taking place on the day long course 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.



3RD INTERNATIONAL NURTEN AKSUGÜR BEST CONCEPT COMMUNICATION (BCC) COMPETITION TO TAKE PLACE AT EMU

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture, Interior Architecture Department is preparing for the 3rd International Nurten Aksugür Best Concept Communication Student Competition which is a competition constructed for global Interior Architecture students. 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, all students studying at the Interior Architecture Department can participate in the competition. The winners 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.

Additional Information can be obtained from the EMU Faculty of Architecture, Department of Interior Architecture via the phone number 630 1139, from the e-mail address n.aksuguryarisma@emu.edu.tr or the website <http://bcc.inar.emu.edu.tr>.

THIS WEEK'S PROMOTION



EMU Education Faculty, Fine Arts Education Department academic staff member Alexandr Zabolotkov delivered a seminar titled "Stage and Performance Anxiety" for the students studying at Fine Arts High Schools in Ankara between 11 and 17 February 2018. During the said period, Zabolotkov also participated in a talk titled "World Educational Systems and Career", an event organised at Anatolia High Schools in Ankara.



EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç and Nursing Department academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Gülten Sucu Dağ delivered a seminar titled "Promotion of Health Profession" in Hatay between 18 and 22 February 2018.



EMU Education Faculty Educational Sciences Department academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Sertan Kağan came together with students in Ankara between 19 and 23 February 2018. During his stay in Ankara, Assist. Prof. Dr. Kağan provided information about "Exam Anxiety and Motivation".



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Ankara Promotion, Liaison and Registration Bureau opened a stand for EMU at Mamak Ram Career Fair and provided information about EMU.



In EMU's activities taking place in Niğde, education specialist Süleyman Beledioğlu participated in an interactive talk targeted towards high school students.

EMU WINS CUP AFTER CUP



Operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University Sports Affairs Directorate last year's champion of the TRNC's Handball League Men's category, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Handball Team continues to win cup after cup.

Champion EMU won three competitions in row, namely Derviş Mişon Cup followed by the Turkish

Cypriot Sports Writers Cup and finally the Super Cup. The EMU Handball Team made a good start to the league by defeating Gençlik Güçü in their first match after winning all cups in the Handball League. EMU Men's Handball Team has set its eye on the Federation Cup and the League Championship. If the team wins these two cups they will complete the season with a total of 5 cups.

This Week's Academic Publications

Source: *Web of Science*

Faculty of Engineering

- 1 - Shahin Ataee Mehdipour, and Zeki Bayram. "An Improved Abstract State Machine Based Choreography Specification and Execution Algorithm for Semantic Web Services." *Scientific Programming* (2018).
- 2 - Mohammad Ali Mosaberpanah, and Ozgur Eren. "CO₂-full factorial optimization of an ultra-high performance concrete mix design."

European Journal of Environmental and Civil Engineering (2018): 450-463.

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

- 1 - Mustafa Gazi, Akeem Adeyemi Oladipo, and Kola A. Azalok. "Highly efficient and magnetically separable palm seed-based biochar for the removal of nickel." *Separation Science and Technology* (2018): 1124-1131.