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## On the World List

The UK based Times Higher Education Rankings have been announced for the 2016-2017 Academic Year. The Eastern Mediterranean University

(EMU) managed to appear on the World University Rankings that featured 980 different universities from 79 countries. EMU was the

only university located in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) to appear on the list. EMU appeared on the list for the first time. >>p.4

## EMU Settles Another Grand Academic Collaboration Agreement



Eastern Mediterranean University settled another important collaboration agreement with Rome La Sapienza University, one of the most important universities of Italy and the largest university of Europe. Signed by Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam on behalf of Eastern Mediterranean University and Prof. Dr. Eugenio Gaudio on behalf of Rome La Sapienza University, the agreement aims to establish collaborations in different areas including student and academic staff exchange between the two institutions.

### Scope of the Agreement

The agreement settled between the two said universities provides valuable research and development opportunities for academic >>p.2

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staff and students as well as possibilities of benefiting from infrastructural qualities of both campuses. Both universities have also agreed to work upon the launch of joint and/or double degree program opportunities in the near future. The said agreement also covers important topics such as the protection of cultural heritage in Famagusta and throughout the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, formation of a museum in Famagusta, archaeological research, and

academic studies to be carried out on joint topics concerning Italy and Cyprus.

### An Additional Protocol with EMU Faculty of Communication and Media Studies

Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ümit İnatçı, who signed an additional protocol on behalf of Eastern Mediterranean University, stated that the said protocol will cover activities to be carried out

in the fields of arts and communication. Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ümit İnatçı also added that through the protocol, they aim to collaborate in arts-related activities as well as student and faculty exchange and the organisation of joint conferences and seminars. Assoc. Prof. Dr. İnatçı also expressed his pleasure in signing an important agreement which will yield valuable cultural and scientific outcomes.

### Europe's Largest University: Rome La Sapienza University

Known as the largest European university by enrollments, Rome La Sapienza University was established in 1303. Currently hosting 112,000 students in 11 faculties, the university boasts a population of over 140,000 formed by students, academic and administrative staff.

Rome La Sapienza University accepts Italy's best students in the fields of medicine, architecture, engineering, political science, pharmacy and humanities. University's internationally renowned academic staff members are accepted as authorities in different disciplines within Italy.

## Eastern Mediterranean University Signs Collaboration Protocol with the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) signed a collaboration protocol with the French university, University of Nice Sophia Antipolis. The

protocol that allows collaboration on academic programs and projects was recently signed in Nice. The protocol was signed by Vice Rector Prof. Dr.

Özgür Eren on behalf of the EMU and Rector Prof. Dr. Frederique Vidal on behalf of University of Nice Sophia Antipolis. University of Nice Sophia Antipolis Vice Rector in Charge of International Affairs, Jean Christophe Martin and Dean of the EMU Computer Engineering Department, Prof. Dr. Işık Aybay were also present at the signature ceremony.

The protocol will allow the universities to develop joint programs in both undergraduate and postgraduate levels as well as allowing them to carry out joint research and academician exchange programs.

Guided by Prof. Serge Miranda, Dean of the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis, Department of Computer Sciences, Prof. Dr. Eren and Prof. Dr. Aybay attended informative meetings about the university's academic programs and Antipolis Technology Park. Ideas were also exchanged regarding detailed collaboration projects.

The University of Nice Sophia Antipolis is a state university that was founded in 1965. The university has over 25 thousand students studying in eight faculties.

## EMU Represented at European University Association Funding Forum

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) was represented at the "European University Association (EUA) 3. Funding Forum" which took place in Porto, Portugal. Hosted by the University of Porto, the forum took place between 5-7 October 2016. The form was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector in charge of International Relations and Promotion, Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova.

The forum included 185 represented universities from 35 different countries. It included the bouncing of ideas regarding the existing education system in higher education institutions located in Europe, financial difficulties and their possible solutions. University executives also found the opportunity to attend thematic seminars on institutional activity strategies, research financing, increasing the effect of institutional partnerships, increasing campus values and the value of information.



In his short statement, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam noted his happiness regarding representing EMU at one of the EUA's three big meetings and stated that the seminars were most productive and the meeting most valuable, for European higher education institutions.

Each year EUA organizes three big meetings; The General Assembly, The Quality Assurance Forum and the Funding Forum. The next big EUA organization which is the General Assembly is set to take place in April 2017, in Norway.

## EMU Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School Signs Valuable Cooperation Protocol



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School finalizes a valuable cooperation protocol with the Norwich Institute for Language Education (NILE), one of Europe's best institutions regarding teacher education and vocational training. The collaboration takes place with contributions from MacMillan Publishers and Deniz Plaza. It will see

the Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School academic personnel receive a range of vocational seminars from NILE instructors.

In addition to the education, joint seminar arrangements have been made. According to the statement released by the Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School world famous

speakers will be invited to the "International Language Education Seminar" set to take place at EMU in October 2017. The Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School also stated that their aim is to play a part in increasing the quality of language education in the TRNC and continuing to organize such activities by carrying out similar collaborations.

## 2016 – 2017 Academic Year Opening Ceremony Takes Place at EMU

The Eastern Mediterranean University's 2016 – 2017 Academic Year Opening Ceremony took place at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall at 10:00 a.m. on the 27th October 2016. Commencing with a moment of silence and the national anthem, the ceremony continued with a musical performance from Education Faculty, Department of Fine Arts Education academicians.

In his opening speech, Prof. Dr. Osam wished everyone a good 2016-2017 Academic Year. Prof. Dr. Osam went on to state that the EMU's mission hasn't changed since the day it was founded and that it has always been a university that values quality. Noting that as a result of featuring on the 2016-2017 list EMU is the first and only Turkish Cypriot University to appear on the Times Higher Education List, Prof. Dr. Osam stated that this achievement was amongst the previously set goals of the university. Highlighting the EMU's approach which doesn't view education as a sector, Prof. Dr. Osam emphasized that today's "university current" would not be accepted by the EMU.

### EMU Is The Flagship of the TRNC

After Prof. Dr. Osam's speech, the 2016-2017 Academic Year's first lesson titled "University and Community: Expectations, Trends and Suggestions" was given by former Middle East Technical University Rector and Academician Prof. Dr. Ahmet Acar.

Prof. Dr. Acar stated that he is very happy to be at EMU, the flagship university of the TRNC and a university that he has constantly watched developed. Prof. Dr. Acar also stated that the EMU has the best foreign student profile amongst Turkish Cypriot universities.

In his first lesson presentation, Prof. Dr. Acar brought attention to a prominent question all around the world, the question of how a to create a universally competitive university, stating that becoming an economic locomotive is also expected

as well as providing quality education. Prof. Dr Acar spoke about massification in higher education, obvious quality problems and the relationship between internationalization, globalization and communication technologies. At the end of his presentation Prof Dr. Acar was presented with a plaque of appreciation from Prof. Dr. Osam. Board of Trustees President Mehmet Bayram and other Board of Trustees members were in attendance of the opening ceremony as well as the Vice Rector's, Deans, Academicians, administrative personnel and students.

### Visit to EMU Rector's Office

Following the Academic Year Opening Ceremony and the First Lesson Prof. Dr. Acar came together with Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Board of Trustees President Mehmet Bayram, Board of Trustees member Recai Ergün and Vice Rector Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden.



## EMU Makes It Into The Times Higher Education World Rankings

Some of the best world universities including Oxford, California Institute of Technology, Stanford, Cambridge, MIT, Harvard and Princeton also featured on the list that is put together by considering factors such as education, research, transfer of know-how, reference to academic articles, international academic staff, number of international students, social activities and community work. EMU is the first and only Turkish Cypriot university to appear on the list. This year only 18 out of the 200 universities in North Cyprus and Turkey managed to feature on the list.

In his statement EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam noted that featuring on the list and being amongst the top seven Turkish universities is a big accomplishment for the EMU. Prof. Dr. Osam also noted that EMU is amongst the top 600-800 world universities whilst highlighting that success is never a coincidence and that the EMU is growing and getting better every day.

### EMU Once Again Appears On The Times Higher Education List

Times Higher Education, one of the most reputable publishers of the worldwide university rankings, announced "BRICS and Emerging Economies University Rankings" on 30 November 2016. Eastern Mediterranean University has achieved remarkable success after having been ranked the 173rd university on the said list featuring 300 institutions in 50 developing countries.

In the said evaluations, whilst Peking University ranks first, Koç University ranks first among Turkish universities. It is also worth mentioning that EMU is the only university appearing under the heading "Northern Cyprus" and ranks within the best 10 regarding the universities of Turkey.

The Times Higher Education "BRICS and Emerging Economies University Rankings" only include universities in BRICS nations of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa as well as universities in countries classified as emerging by the Financial Times. This year both Croatia and Northern Cyprus appeared on the rankings for the first time with the inclusion of Zagreb University and Eastern Mediterranean University on the list. Two months ago, Eastern Mediterranean University also appeared among Turkish universities in World University Rankings 2016.

The rankings use the same 13 performance indicators (i.e., teaching, research, citations,

international outlook, and industry income) employed in World University Rankings but are recalibrated to reflect the development priorities of universities in emerging economies including relations with industry and internalisation.



## EMU Leading The Way With Secure Electronic Signatures

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has taken the first step towards using electronic signatures. E-Signature Cyprus executives Cüneyt Çerkez and Lisani Deniz visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office on the 4th of October 2016. The meeting was also attended by EMU Computer Centre Director Aytaç Çerkez and the Rector's Coordinator, Assist. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş.

During the meeting Cüneyt Çerkez ve Lisani Deniz provided information about electronic signatures stating that there is great deal of time to be saved with their usage. Prof. Dr. Osam called electronic signatures a revolution and stated that EMU is once again making history by being the first to do something and setting an example for other institutions. Prof. Dr. Osam went on to state that he believes EMU's transition to electronic signatures will mark the beginning of an era in the county, as corporations will begin to communicate by using electronic signatures.

EMU Computer Centre Director Aytaç Çerkez noted that EMU has a document management system suitable for using electronic signatures, whilst many university processes such as internal communication, selection of courses, personnel/student application and administration are already carried out electronically.

### What is an electronic signature?

An electronic signature is used to sign online documents and has the same legal validity as a physically signed signature. Electronic signatures guarantee that electronic data hasn't changed track and belong to the person who sent it. The electronic signature is approved by the Information and Communication Technologies Authority



and is provided by the Electronic Certificate Service Providers. According to the 93/2007 Electronic Signature statute, the use of an electronic signature requires a local business acting as an Electronic Certificate Service Provider. A new era is beginning with "e-signature CYPRUS", the first and only Electronic Certificate Service Provider in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC).

### What does an electronic signature provide?

E-signatures bring to the forefront terms like e-individuals, e-citizens, e-commerce, e-work, e-mail, e-governments, e-institutions, e-wallets, e-exams, e-education, e-science, e-universities, e-life and e-health. If in time, e-signatures are used for almost every transaction, transactions will take place a lot more quicker and smoothly. Printing and paper costs will decrease as well as

archiving costs. At the same, time this method is environmentally friendly. Productivity increases, bureaucratic procedures decrease and by increasing the continuity of trade relations, opportunities can rapidly turn into investments. These are the initial visible effects of e-signatures, however the real benefits are perhaps more important than all of these effects.

With e-signature usage data sent by an individual is automatically verified as indeed being sent by said individual. The sender cannot assert that he/she has sent something he/she has not. The receiver cannot assert that he/she hasn't received something that he/she has. As a result of the password system, data is prevented from ending up at anyone apart from the person sending it and the intended receiver.

## EMU Vice Rector Prof.Dr. Salih Katircioğlu Completes an Education Workshop in Indonesia



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Vice Rector for Financial Affairs Prof. Dr. Salih Katircioğlu, completed an educational workshop titled "Economic Modelling and Latest Innovations in Scientific Researches". The workshop was held in Jakarta, the capital city of Indonesia. Prof. Dr. Katircioğlu travelled to Jakarta upon a special invitation from the Indonesia Universities Association.

50 academic staff members from 20 different private and state universities attended the event which took place on 26-27th of October 2016. The opening speech was delivered by Duta Wacana Christian University Rector Prof. Henry Feriadi. Dean of the University of Tarumanagara, Faculty of Economics, Prof. Wisnu Prajogo also delivered a speech at the opening ceremony. After the opening speeches, Prof. Dr. Salih Katircioğlu gave his conference. During the conference Prof. Dr. Katircioğlu informed the attendees about the EMU and its existing programs. At the end of the educational workshop; Prof. Dr. Katircioğlu was presented a plaque of appreciation by Duta Wacana Christian University Rector Prof. Henry Feriadi and a family photograph was taken.

## EMU International Summer School Comes to an End



The International Summer School which is organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Vice Rector's Office for Promotion has come to a close. The Summer School that hosts hundreds of students from different countries each year, ended with a closing night that took place at EMU Beach Club on the 6th September 2016 at 20:00. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam attended the organization alongside the Vice Rectors, a large number of deans, academic and administrative personnel.

In his opening speech, coordinator of the EMU International Summer School Özgür T. Güler thanked everybody who played a part in the organization of the magnificent event which brings together hundreds of students from all over the world.





Meanwhile, Vice Rector in charge of International Relations and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova indicated that the EMU Summer School like the EMU as a whole allows for cultural interaction and cultural exchange. Prof. Dr. Tanova also noted that the event is very good for the promotion the university. After thanking everyone who contributed to the organization of the event, Prof. Dr. Tanova added that the annual Summer Schools will continue next year.

In his own speech EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam highlighted the importance of the event for the promotion of the university and went on to note that the EMU will continue to not only exist but also develop and grow.

The closing night included a series of musical and dance performances, an exhibition of stained glass and artwork produced during the Summer School and a presentation of certificates of appreciation. Works of art containing the EMU logo were also presented to Prof. Dr. Osam and the Vice Rectors by stained glass instructor Kholood Alhuneti.



# Halloween Party Organized by EMU International Office



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) International Office under the Vice Rector's Office for International Affairs and Promotion organized a "Halloween Party" to celebrate Halloween night. The party took place on the EMU campus and provided colourful moments for the participants. Students gathered at the EMU Ataturk Square

with their unique costumes and creative make-up. The event was organized with the aim of intercultural interaction and hosted a best costume and dance contest. A large number of individuals attended the party and students celebrated Halloween until the late hours of the night.





# EMU Welcomes Nigeria's Youngest Minister



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted Nigerian Attorney General and Minister of Justice Abubakar Malami. Malami who is also known as the youngest minister of Nigeria attended an educational seminar organized by EMU Nigerian Student Association as part of Nigerian Week.

During the seminar, Malami delivered a speech in which he encouraged students to be positive, innovative and active. He also asked them to not make any compromises regarding their ethical values. Malami, stated that there is hope for the corruption in Nigeria to end, going on to express his pleasure resulting from visiting EMU.

### Nigerian Week at EMU

As part of Nigerian Week, the Nigerian Student Association organized an array of activities and

events to celebrate Nigerian Independence. As part of the event sports activities, fashion shows, photography screenings, musical performances, talent shows, a football tournament and a badminton tournament was organized.

Within the framework of the events, a Nigerian Night took place at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. EMU Vice Rector for Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova delivered an opening speech giving brief information about EMU and wishing everybody a fun night.

Ankara Ambassador of Nigeria İbrahim Isah was also present at the event. Addressing the Nigerian students, Isah noted that they must be aware of their responsibilities. Isah also advised the students to look at their country with faith and hope.



## EMU Student's Elating Achievements



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Architecture Faculty, Department of Architecture postgraduate student Fjolla Mulliqi has once again made the university proud. Mulliqi, participated in the Hunter Douglas Awards of Archiprix International. Her project was amongst the top 60 projects in the category "2015 European Architectural Metals, Best Diploma Projects".

Mulliqi, also participated in the "Architecture

and Education Congress-VIII-Diploma Projects Exhibition" in Turkey, successfully representing EMU. In addition, her Peace, Connection, Union themed Nicosia Parliament building received first place in the best rising idea category of the "Archiprix International Representative Finishing Project".

Mulliqi, also created the design of a famous Balkan television studio (Ekonomia me Erezen

Show) and product designs for the "ViaArt Institute" in Kosovo. After catching the eye of different media organizations in the Balkans with her unusual style and approach, Mulliqi became one of the most wanted female architects in the Balkans.

Mulliqi, stated that the education she received at EMU played a large part in her success and highlighted the fact that EMU provides its students with a high quality international education. Mulliqi, noted that in comparison with other professions, female architects require a lot of ambition in order to prevent sexist approaches and reach success. Mulliqi, noted that despite receiving numerous offers from architectural studios in a number of different countries such as Albania, Turkey and Dubai, she is unclear about what she wants to do after finishing her postgraduate education. Mulliqi also expressed her satisfaction regarding being a part of the EMU, not only as a postgraduate student but also as a research assistant.

Mulliqi concluded by addressing architecture students at EMU. "You must be patient. Architecture is a profession that requires a lot of time, hard work and creativity. We have all been handed the tools necessary to be successful and successful we will be if we can find within the right amount of inspiration and passion. Be the best version of yourselves."

## Bronze Medal For EMU Graduate



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication and Media Studies Faculty, Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design graduate Shahed Mohseni Zonoozi won the World Music Bronze Medal at the Global Music Awards in USA with the track titled "Unrecognized Country".

The Inter-Continental Concerts (ICC) project was

founded in 2011 by Shahed Mohseni Zonoozi and Sam Mosallaeipour. The two met while attending the Eastern Mediterranean University. During their studies, they made many friends from many nations. Inter-Continental Concerts project was inspired by this cultural kaleidoscope. Mosallaeipour who received his education at the EMU Faculty of Engineering, Department of Industrial Engineering helped in the production of the project.

From 2011 to 2015, ICC produced a series of videos, music albums and live concert events featuring artists from around the world. Designed to express a global perspective, this international collaboration demonstrated how Peace, Love and Life can be communicated through the language of music.

The track "Unrecognized Country" is a part of ICC project and was performed in ICC's concerts at EMU in 2013 and 2014. The concept of the song points to Cyprus. It talks about the inter-communal violence in Cyprus that finally led to the separation of the island into two parts, the north part and the south part. It talks about how the South is controlled by The Republic of Cyprus, which is officially recognized by the international society and how the North part, the Turkish Republic of North Cyprus (TRNC) is only politically recognized by Turkey. As far as the rest of the world is concerned, the North is only an unrecognized

region. With his track "Unrecognized Country", Zonoozi sends a message to the world that people living in unrecognized regions have a life and that people in the rest of the world can hear their voice via beautiful music.

The Journey is the first official music album from ICC. The Journey also contains another award winning track, Far Away which was chosen as a semi-finalist for the Song of the Year Contest in USA. Offering a variety of styles from different regions of the world, this album takes the listener on a geographical tour, from the Far East to the Mediterranean Rim to Africa.

By producing Original music combined with international elements, Inter-Continental Concerts was able to show different styles, flavors and philosophy in its musical catalogue that contains songs from numerous artists. Many artists generously contributed to the ICC's music tracks, but the musicians who contributed specifically to the recording of "Unrecognized Country" are: Salar Hamzei – Guitar, Salar Hamzei – Guitar, Yasaman Behshad – Vocal, Babak Mahbaei – Electric Guitar, Behzad Heidarshenas – Flut and Ehsan Shafiee – Percussion.

All of ICC's music albums and videos are free and available to download or view on website: <http://intercontinentalconcerts.org/>

# Turtle Hatchlings Released to Sea



The Eastern Mediterranean University Underwater Research and Imaging Center (SAGAM), released baby *Caretta Carettas* to sea. Within the framework of the project "Research and Protection of Sea Turtles on İskele and Famagusta Shores", an organisation aiming to highlight the importance of *Caretta Carettas* (*Chelonia mydas* ve *Caretta caretta*) took place at EMU Beach Club with the participation of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector in charge of Student Affairs Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden. Many citizens also attended the event that took place on the 8th September 2016.

Chair of EMU-SAGAM and EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty, Biological Sciences Department academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Burak Ali Çiçek stated that this project has been taking place since 2008 and that the TRNC Ministry of Tourism & Environment has been collaborating with certain universities and non-governmental organizations to carry out conservation work on a number of shores. Assist. Prof. Dr. Çiçek noted that this years' "Research and Protection of Sea

Turtles on İskele and Famagusta Shores" project has been run by EMU Rector's Office and the Continuing Education Centre (EMU-CEC).

Assist. Prof. Dr. Çiçek went on to provide information about the female turtles' egg laying period: "During the night, eggs the size of a table tennis ball are placed in pits by the females. Most females return to the shore they previously nested on. In fact, they make their new nests very close to their previous nest. In each nest there are approximately 80 to 120 eggs. After 45 to 60 days the hatchlings leave the nest in the early hours of the morning. On some occasions not all hatchlings leave the nest at the same time. If this is the case, the hatchlings that haven't left the nest leave during the following nights. Hatchlings that leave the nest use the light of the horizon to make their way towards the sea. At this point any light that is present in the opposite direction of the sea can cause the hatchlings to be confused and die as they lose their sense of direction."

Next, Assist. Prof. Dr. Çiçek spoke about the things

that must be done to provide better protection for these charming animals. Assist. Prof. Dr. Çiçek stressed the importance of fishers releasing any turtles they may accidentally catch, quickly and without causing damage to their structure. He went on to state that fast sea vehicles must not be permitted and garbage on and in the beach must be removed. During reproductive seasons, designated shores must not be entered between 20:00 and 8:00. Fires must not be lit and light pollution must be prevented.

Assist. Prof. Dr. Çiçek stated that deep pits need to be dug on shores where reproduction takes place whilst noting that beach umbrellas must not be inserted into these pits. Assist. Prof. Dr. Çiçek also stated that vehicles shouldn't enter the shores during egg laying season as their tires squash the baby turtles in the nest preventing them from reaching the sea. In addition, pets like dogs must not be allowed on the beach and belongings that might cover nests must not be left on the beach. Finally, no intervention should take place whether turtles are on the shore or in the sea.

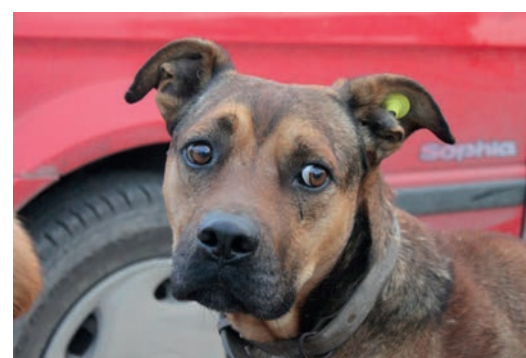
## EMU Continues to be an Animal Friendly Campus

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) continues the "Castrate-Vaccinate-Let Live" project, with the support of the EMU Animal Welfare Club and volunteer vets. The main aim of the project is to increase the life quality of stray or abandoned cats and dogs. The project doesn't send the animals to shelters but allows them to remain on campus after being castrated and identified via yellow tags placed on their ears. The project that includes many academicians, personnel and students aims to protect the animal community.

In February 2013, a protocol was signed between the EMU Rector's Office and the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The protocol involved volunteers from EMU and the Famagusta Veterinary Department. The protocol was signed as a reaction to the long term problem the EMU campus faced. The campus was used as a spot to abandon animals and therefore the population of stray animals on campus was rising. To prevent possible problems the castration, vaccination, treatment and tagging of animals was carried out

by the Famagusta Veterinary Department. To this day, 130 male and female dogs have been sterilized and left on campus. The post castration care is given to the animals by EMU volunteers and the Animal Welfare Club. Interior and exterior parasites are treated periodically. Left-over food from EMU dining halls is taken to specially created food and water drop off-points. Castrated animals become part of EMU after they are recorded and given a name.

Fayka Giresun, executive of the Castrate-Vaccinate-Let Live project and consultant to the Animal Welfare Club provided extensive information about the project. Giresun noted that as a result of the support received from the academic staff, personnel and students, the project provides a better alternative to isolating animals by sending them to shelters. Giresun called this project a very important social responsibility project before going on to state that some of the castrated animals also get adopted. Giresun concluded by underlining the fact that EMU is an animal friendly university that values every animal's right to live.



# Champions Choose EMU



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has added a world famous long-jumper to their team. Starting from the 2016-2017 Academic Year, Nigerian athlete Ese Brume will be continuing her professional sporting career in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Brume came fifth in the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio with a jump of 6.81 m. She is also the 2015 African Long Jump Champion and the 2014 Commonwealth Games Champion.

Ese Brume arrived on the island on Monday the 24th of October 2016 and visited EMU Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu and coach Hasan Maydon. She then visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam alongside Konnolu, Maydon and other EMU athletes. EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden, Rector's Coordinators Assist. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Derviş Subaşı also attended the meeting as well as Deputy General Secretary Kazım Hakverdi.

EMU Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu informed EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam about the transfer process, noting that he is very pleased to complete the transfer after two years of effort. Konnolu also thanked Prof. Dr. Osam for his support during the process. Regarding Brume's

education, Konnolu noted that Brume will be studying at the EMU Faculty of Tourism. She will also be representing the EMU alongside other EMU athletes in Turkey and other countries in which competitions will take place. Konnolu concluded by stating his belief that Brume will raise the bar even higher whilst wearing the EMU jersey.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam noted that EMU is a university focused on success, not only academic but also sporting and cultural. Prof. Dr. Osam also stated that the Rector's Office is always ready to provide support in order to aid individuals on the road to success. Answering Prof. Dr. Osam's question of "Why EMU?" Brume stated that she has heard very positive things about the university especially from Nigerian graduates. She also expressed her satisfaction regarding continuing her academic and sporting career at EMU.

Nigerian athlete Ese Brume is widely accepted as the most successful athlete to come to North Cyprus. As Brume prepares for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, her training partner will be Turkish Triple Jump champion Tuğba Aydın. Brume and Aydın carried out their first training



session on the morning of Tuesday the 25th of October with supervision from coach Hasan Maydon.



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