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## 5<sup>th</sup> Career Fair Takes Place in EMU Attracting Great Interest



Organised by Eastern Mediterranean University in collaboration with the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry and Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Commerce, the 5<sup>th</sup> Career Fair commenced at Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Center at 10:00 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, 2017.

Hosting over 130 firms, the Career Fair also welcomed the participation of the Minister of the TRNC National Education and Culture Özdemir Berova, Minister of the TRNC Tourism and Environmental Affairs Fikri Ataoğlu, TRNC Health Minister Dr. Faiz Sucuoglu, TRNC Labor and Social Security



Minister Hamza Ersan Saner, Mayors of Mehmetçik, Vadili and Tatlısu Villages, a crowded group of academic staff, students and public.

**"The Increase in the Number of Firms Corresponds with Our Educational Quality"**

In his opening address at the said ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stressed the importance of the 5<sup>th</sup> Career Fair and stated that universities cater for the industry's need for qualified workforce. Adding that EMU has always had the concept of 'quality'



in its vision, Prof. Dr. Osam put forth that the majority of Eastern Mediterranean University's programs have been accredited by world renowned international organisations. Prof. Dr. Osam also mentioned EMU's appearance on the Times Higher Education University Rankings within the top 980 universities, and on 2017 Times Higher Education Young Universities rankings among the top 200 universities. At the end of his speech, Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam put forth that the increase in the number of the participating firms in this year's career fair is directly proportional with the university's educational quality. **P.2**



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ty. Acting Chair of the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Commerce Mustafa Genç also delivered a speech in which he stated that he completed his undergraduate studies in EMU 14 years ago. Expressing the importance of holding such an important organisation in collaboration with EMU in terms of students, Genç provided recommendations for students on how to develop themselves and stand out of crowd.

Chair of the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry Ali Çıralı expressed his happiness in the increasing number of participating firms in the event, which was only 30 during the first career fair which took place 5 years ago and is now more than 130. Çıralı also recommended the students to become entrepreneurs and establish their own business after their graduation.

### "I Wish EMU Further Success"

Minister of National Education and Culture Özdemir Berova stated that EMU is a source of pride for the TRNC and expressed his pleasure in observing the participation of 130 firms in the fair. Highlighting the importance of EMU's interaction with the community, Berova concluded his speech by stating his pleasure in observing EMU graduates' successful achievements in their careers. Berova wished EMU, 'the pearl of the Mediterranean', further success.

### "I Wish All Participants a Productive Event"

In his address, TRNC Minister of Labor and Social Security Hamza Ersan Saner stated that experience is not something that can be bought but it can be shared. Offering his ministry's firm support in the upbringing of quality workforce demanded by the sector, Saner wished all participants a productive event.

### "EMU's Career Fair is Important for Students"

In his speech, TRNC Minister of Health Dr. Faiz Sucuoğlu stressed the significance of the 5<sup>th</sup> Career Fair as informing the students about prospective career choices within a platform hosting sectoral representatives is of utmost importance.

### "All Those Living in the TRNC Should Attend This Fair"

TRNC Minister of Tourism and Environment Fikri Ataoğlu invited all those living in the TRNC to attend this fair. Ataoğlu also expressed his hope to have more firms participating in the fair during the upcoming years.

At the end of the opening addresses, the official opening of the fair took place. Received by great interest, the fair provided a context bringing together students, local community and firms.





## THROUGH THE EYES OF A SPECIALIST

Osman Soykan - EMU Özay Oral Library Manager

### 53<sup>rd</sup> Library Week



The 53<sup>rd</sup> Library Week was observed through various organisations taking place both in Turkey and our country between 27 March and 2 April, 2017.

Celebrated every year during the week starting with the last Monday of March, the Library Week is a tradition that was made official by the Ministry of Education in Turkey in 1964 and in the TRNC in 1996. The aim of this week is to highlight the importance of books, reading and libraries in our society.

We are living in an age where knowledge is an indispensable value: "Societies which see science and knowledge as a guide are continually developing in the fields of science and technology. This development undeniably has a positive

effect both on the level of intellect and the economic welfare of societies.

Modern libraries as places that use internet technology not only to collect and store information but also as portals that allow researchers to find new information sources. University libraries are more about the organization of information and allowing users to reach information, than being places where information is physically stored. For this reason cooperation between libraries has become very important. The new library model allows academicians and researchers to obtain information without making location a factor. The role of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century university library is to allow academicians, researchers and students

to reach information in all formats without creating any barriers.

The 53<sup>rd</sup> Library Week is a significant event for EMU Özay Oral Library as it is important for all libraries. Our library is a library with one of the biggest academic collections on the island. It is also a library that has gained recognition in international consortiums. It contains roughly 160.000 books, 10.000 electronic magazine subscriptions and 200,000 electronic books.

With its effective information services and rich collection, our library is an indispensable tool of the university's modern, innovative and student-centred education philosophy. Aside

from our academic staff and students, the library is also available for members of the general public and world researchers. Therefore, we would like to invite the community to read and benefit from our library services. To obtain more information about EMU Özay Oral Library the public can visit the website <http://library.emu.edu.tr>".

I wish all librarians and library users a happy Library Week, and the community days filled with books.

## Collaboration Protocol Signed by Nicosia Turkish Municipality & EMU

Collaboration protocols were signed by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Nicosia Turkish Municipality on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2017. The protocols featuring academic, scientific, social and cultural collaborations also containing the revision of the Nicosia Master Plan were signed at 14:00 at EMU Rector's Office by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Mayor of Nicosia Turkish Municipality Mehmet Harmancı.

The protocol between EMU and the Nicosia Turkish Municipality aims to develop scientific, cultural and academic collaboration in order to increase awareness towards communal issues and to promote the development of projects that will benefit the community. The protocol will also involve EMU Urban Research and Development Center participation and support in order to improve Nicosia's Master Plan. Speaking during the protocol, Prof. Dr. Osam noted that universities should play their part in carrying out action that helps the community and that EMU has been doing this by signing a number of collaboration protocols with different municipalities. Stating that EMU is a university that has

taken its place on the world standings and highly values community work, Prof. Dr. Osam stated his happiness regarding collaborating with the Nicosia Turkish Municipality.

Present at the signature ceremony was EMU Board of Trustees President İlker Edip who noted that throughout the country local authorities are often involved in the solving of problems and that they are often the first places citizens go to when they are experiencing a problem. Edip went on to state that therefore collaborations with municipalities are very important and that EMU is pleased to be involved in projects beyond campus borders in order to help develop the country. Pointing out that EMU aims to expand its own borders Edip concluded by stating "The time for EMU to have new campuses has arrived".

In a speech of his own, Nicosia Turkish Municipality Mayor Mehmet Harmancı stated that he is very pleased to be collaborating with EMU, expressing his belief that such collaborations can help develop and improve the country. Harmancı pointed out that Nicosia's master plan is of top importance because



of its population and the fact that it is a city with a large industry. Harmancı concluded by thanking EMU, expressing his belief that positive outcome will be obtained from the collaboration.

Present at the signature ceremony were EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden, Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova and Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Rector's

Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş, EMU Urban Research and Development Center Chair Prof. Dr. Şebnem Hoşkara, Faculty of Architecture academic staff members and municipality personnel. Following the ceremony, Harmancı appeared as a guest on EMU TV in a program titled "Collaboration Protocol with EMU".



## 5<sup>th</sup> International Career Week Begins



Organised by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Alumni Communications and Career Research Directorate (MIKA), in collaboration with academicians and experts in EMU, and in association with the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry and the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of

Commerce, the "5<sup>th</sup> International Career Week" started on Monday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2017. The opening ceremony and conference took place at 10:00 at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. The opening which drew heavy student interest was attended by Board of Trustees President İlker Edip, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Mayor of Nicosia Turkish Municipality Mehmet Harmancı, Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Commerce President Fikri Toros, Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry President Ali Çıralı, EMU Board of Trustees member Recai Ergün, Vice Rectors and academicians.

### "EMU is truly a World University"

During his opening speech EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam highlighted the importance of the 5<sup>th</sup> International Career Week, providing recommendations for EMU students regarding their career paths. Noting that EMU cannot be categorized as a standard university, Prof. Dr. Osam said "EMU is amongst the top 980 of 25 thousand world universities. EMU is truly a world university". Prof. Dr. Osam concluded by pointing out that the professionals who are going to share their experiences with the students via seminars will benefit the students immensely.

### We Are in Need of New Entrepreneurs

Speaking after EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Commerce President Fikri Toros highlighted the importance of entrepreneurship whilst advising students to think about in what fields they can make a difference in and in



what ways they can benefit society. Defining entrepreneurship as 'the ability to think rationally and analytically', Toros indicated that there is a need for young entrepreneurs in Cyprus. Noting that young entrepreneurs could at first face a range of problems Toros stated "Do not be afraid to make mistakes. The mistakes you make during your career will contribute to your improvement."

### "EMU Graduates Can Work All Over the World"

Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry President Ali Çıralı provided a reminder that the EMU International Career Week from five years ago featured approximately 40 companies whilst this year's Career Week will feature more than 130. Çıralı continued by noting: "EMU hosts students from all over the world. For this reason EMU graduates are very lucky. Every student who graduates from EMU, a university that has proved its quality internationally, can work all over the world."

### "EMU Taught Us Intercultural Peace"

During the opening, a speech was also delivered by EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Political Science and International Relations graduate and current Mayor of Nicosia Turkish Municipality Mehmet Harmancı. Pointing out that EMU is of the utmost importance regarding democracy Harmancı who studied at EMU for a period of 6 years stated "EMU taught us to put up a fight whilst also teaching us about intercultural peace." In addition, Harmancı provided students with career advice stating that

social life is important as well obtaining good grades.

### Into the Top 300 via EMU Exam

At the conference 2004 Ankara University Medicine Faculty Graduate (as part of the EMU - Ankara University Medicine Faculty collaboration) and Mağusa Medical Centre Hospital Cardiovascular Surgery Specialist Op. Dr. Çağın Zaim gave a presentation titled "Things to Do in Our Career Path". Noting that he gained the right to join the İstanbul University Cerrahpaşa Medicine Faculty after finishing high school, Zaim stated that his heart was set on studying in Ankara. Therefore, Zaim made use of the opportunity offered by EMU: "I took the EMU exam and gained the opportunity to study at the Ankara University Medicine Faculty as a result of the protocol signed by EMU and the Ankara University Medicine Faculty. We registered to the university along with the highest placed 300 students from the Higher Education Examination-Undergraduate Placement Examination."

Zaim stated that at first other medicine faculty students had prejudices about students from the EMU quota and that with time these prejudices were completely broken. Zaim also mentioned that EMU helped them through difficult periods of their education. After the presentation in which Zaim spoke about his career path, a question and answer session took place and Zaim was handed a plaque of appreciation by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. Zaim was also surprised with a birthday cake as it was his birthday.





# EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam Organizes a Press Meeting



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam organized a press meeting targeted towards journalists working in the Famagusta region. The meeting took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2017 at EMU Beach Club. Present at the meeting were EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren, Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural and Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova as well as Rector's Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş and Public Relations and Press Office Director (a.) Murat Aktuğralı.

Speaking at the meeting Prof. Dr. Osam noted that EMU is well-regarded as a world university and that the goal they set in 2014 to become a world-university materialised in 2016.

Highlighting EMU's development and goals, Prof. Dr. Osam indicated that EMU is the first and only university in the TRNC to feature on the Times Higher Education World University Rankings List. Prof. Dr. Osam also



stated that EMU is considered one of the best 200 universities by the Australian Evaluation Institute, an organization which observes the youngest universities in the world. Stating that they rank amongst the top 7 universities in Turkey, Prof. Dr. Osam provided a reminder that Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine is featured in the American World Directory of Medical Schools.

## "No Problems in Student Flow"

Noting that EMU's student flow is

speculated from time to time, Prof. Dr. Osam stated that there is no problem and that in fact applications to some faculties were turned back because of a full quota. Indicating that EMU's problems are TRNC's problems Prof. Dr. Osam listed them as the Higher Education Planning, Accreditation and Coordination Council Act and EMU Statute. Stating that EMU is being run by an act produced in 1986, Prof. Dr. Osam clarified that they are offering recommendations to the Ministry of Education and Culture. Prof. Dr. Osam indicated that he views the

sharp increase in the number of TRNC universities unhealthy highlighting that universities should provide service rather than be a sector. Prof. Dr. Osam stated that this dramatic increase could lead to a trauma similar to those that took place in England, France and the former Yugoslavia.

Addressing the journalists at the end of his speech Prof. Dr. Osam stated "EMU is your university. EMU is the TRNC's and the World's University. We must work together to ensure that it does not see any harm."



## EMU Signs Collaboration Protocol with Cypriot Artists



Work is continuing at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) to form an art collection as part of the project being run by EMU Center for Cyprus Studies. A collaboration protocol was signed adding 20 pieces of art from the 2016 – 2017 Academic Year to the 230 pieces of art from the 2015 – 2016 Academic Year. The protocol was signed at EMU Rector's Office at 10:00 on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2017. As a result of the protocol the Turkish Cypriot artists' work was added to the EMU collection. The protocol was signed by Nilüfer İnandım, Hasan Zeybek, Taylan

Oğuzkan, Nilgün Güney, Osman Ketan, Mehmet Ulubatlı and Türksal İnce as well as EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam.

Speaking during the protocol signing ceremony Prof. Dr. Osam indicated that universities should value art as well as science stating that EMU has been trying to achieve this. Noting that the art needs to be exhibited in order for it to reach society, Prof. Dr. Osam stated that EMU requires its own museum. Congratulating EMU Center for Cyprus Studies on its successful work Prof. Dr.

Osam thanked all artists for sharing their art with EMU.

EMU Architecture Faculty, Department of Architecture and EMU Center for Cyprus Studies Chair Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı delivered a speech noting that the Center for Cyprus Studies has taken on the task of researching Cyprus and the past of the Turkish Cypriot community. Prof. Dr. Doratlı stated that the Center has recently been concentrating on art concluding by thanking the artist for their valuable contributions. The artists stated that they are very pleased

about EMU valuing art, noting that they are always happy to support the project. Thanking EMU Center for Cyprus Studies, the artist stated that an important step has been taken and expressed their desire for a museum where they can exhibit their work. Also present at the collaboration protocol signature ceremony were EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı and Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren.

## Cyprus Special Representative of United Nations Secretary-General Visits EMU

Elizabeth Spehar, Cyprus Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary - General visited the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) as part her island wide visits to non - governmental organizations, institutions and establishments. After a campus tour Spehar was received by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam in the Rector's

Office. During the said visit Prof. Dr. Osam provided extensive information about EMU, how it values quality and its accreditation work. At the end of the visit Prof. Dr. Osam presented Spehar with a unique Cypriot Lefkara frame. After her visit to Prof. Dr. Osam, Spehar came together and exchanged views with university academic staff.





## EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine White Coat Ceremony



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine White Coat and Certificate Awarding Ceremony took place on Friday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017. The ceremony commenced at 10:00 a.m. at EMU Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Centre.

The event commenced with a moment of silence and recitation of the national anthem, followed by a musical performance by Prof. Dr. Memduh Özdemir, Chair of the Department of Fine Arts and Erkan Dağlı, Chorus Conductor and academic staff member of the Department of Fine Arts.

After the screening of Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty promotional video, freshman year students Çağın Şehit and Yousra Maher Hikal delivered opening speeches on behalf of Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty students. The students thanked all in attendance stating that

they are very proud to be studying at EMU. Noting that the chose EMU because of its international and quality education, multicultural environment and accreditations, the students stated their satisfaction regarding receiving high quality education in the TRNC's best university. Stating that the fields of health and medicine are fields that leave no room for error, the students concluded by expressing their excitement in taking their first steps towards becoming medics.

Speaking after the students, EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora indicated that students who will become 2022 medicine graduates are taking the first step towards their profession today. Prof. Dr. Gökçora went on to note that the faculty has met its founding aim of becoming a favoured faculty in the region and world. Providing a reminder that EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük

Medicine Faculty was included on the World Directory of Medical Schools (WDOMS), Prof. Dr. Gökçora stated that its students have the right to apply for the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) and specialize in the USA or Canada. During his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam indicated that today is a proud day for the students who have taken the first step towards carrying out their profession by wearing their white coats. Addressing the students, Prof. Dr. Osam noted that not everyone can become a doctor and that a person who wants to be a doctor must have love for humanity in their heart. Prof. Dr. Osam went on to state that EMU has become a world university mentioning its achievements in the international arena including its achievements in the field of medicine. Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam concluded his speech with the words "Your children are our children. Thank you for

entrusting us with them. Following the opening speeches a play was performed by EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty students. After the performance, the White Coat Ceremony commenced and 50 medicine students wore their white coats taking their first step towards becoming medics.

The ceremony continued with the First Lesson of the Year titled "Imagining Healthcare of the Future: Role of Primary Care and Technology" by Spc. Dr. Cemal Kavasogullari, and a presentation from Gazi University Faculty of Medicine Department of Child Nephrology academic staff member Prof. Dr. Necla Buyan titled "Quality of Life in Children with Chronic Kidney Disease".

Following the presentations, honor and high-honor students were presented their certificates and the ceremony ended after a cocktail.



## EMU Faculty of Medicine - Marmara University Faculty of Medicine Joint Program Makes it on to the World Directory of Medical Schools



The International Joint Medicine Program offered as a result of the collaboration between the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Medicine and the Marmara University Faculty of Medicine was acknowledged by the World Federation of Medical Education and the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2017 and added to the World Directory of Medical Schools (WDOMS). As a result, Medicine Faculty students will be eligible to take the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) which could allow them to specialise in the USA. WDOMS is a joint World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) and Foundation for Advancement

of International Medical Education Research (FAIMER) initiative. WDOMS is comprised of FAIMER's International Medical Education Directory (IMED) database and WFME's Avicenna database. Institutional information such as faculty names, affiliations, acceptance criteria, duration of syllabus and program details are stored in WDOMS.

Those who have completed their medicine education in a country other than USA or Canada and want to specialise in the USA, require an Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certificate. In order to obtain an ECFMG certificate students must be graduates of a school on the World Directory of Medical Schools. In his statement EMU Rector

Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, noted that they are very pleased about the achievement and that EMU Rector's Office will continue to proceed according to their vision and goals. Prof. Dr. Osam also stated that they greatly value accreditations for all programs and that they are studiously carrying out the required work in order to add other programs to global literature. Providing a reminder of the fact that EMU is the first and only university from the TRNC appearing on the Times Higher Education World Rankings, Prof. Dr. Osam noted that they are very happy about the latest achievement from the Faculty of Medicine. EMU Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora stated that they have been running the English - medium joint Medicine

program with Marmara University Faculty of Medicine since 2012, going on to state that the faculty aims to raise competent, knowledgeable doctors with correct demeanours who can meet the requirements of global communities.

Stating that modern medicine education should require students to obtain both national and international experience/education Prof. Dr. Gökçora noted that the recognition of medicine programs is important not only in terms of ensuring that the quality of education provided is at an international level but also as it provides the opportunity for graduates to continue their education or careers internationally.

## 'Trainer Development Program' Completed at EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty carried out a "Trainer Development Program" for academic staff members of the Joint International Medicine Program with Marmara University and state hospital affiliated doctors who are interested in becoming part of the teaching staff. The program took place between the 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2017. During a ceremony that took place at the end of the program, participants were handed their certificates by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora. The training was provided by, Marmara University Faculty of Medicine academic staff member and EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty - Marmara University Joint International Medicine Program Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Gülpınar and Student Affairs Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Can Erzik. During the training, various topics including "Modern approaches in medicine education", "Interactive learning methods in large classes and small groups", "Latest global developments in assessment and evaluation" and "Instructive competency" were discussed. In addition, many learning and evaluation exercises were carried out in small groups.

The academic staff members and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of Health doctors who attended the training program stated that the three day training has been a very productive and entertaining experience. They also stated that they learned to look at education through the lens of students which is very important. Doctors from the state hospital thanked the organizers of the event that was made possible as part of the affiliation protocol signed between TRNC Ministry of Health and EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, for giving them the opportunity to think

about how they can make use of their professional experiences in the field of education.

Participants noted that universities should carry out activities for the benefit of the community stating that they witnessed developments in university - sector collaborations. They also expressed that they witnessed the importance of "polyphony", "individual differences between students", "different points of view" and "respecting differences" during the interactive learning group work.





## Serhat İncirli at EMU for Career Week



News Director of Kıbrıs Media Group, columnist and Kıbrıs TV programmer Serhat İncirli visited the Communication and Media Studies Faculty of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) as part of the 5<sup>th</sup> International Career Week.

During a talk organized by the Department of Journalism titled "Journalism and Cyprus" İncirli shared his occupational experience with students in attendance. The opening speech of the talk was delivered by Communication and Media Studies Faculty academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ümit İnatçı. Assoc. Prof. Dr. İnatçı touched upon İncirli's unique style stating "What makes Serhat İncirli different and inconvenient is his free speech". In his talk İncirli touched upon how he started and continued his career

despite the difficulties of journalism. In his own unique style he defined the occupation as "madness" providing students with information about the specifics of his profession.

### "The Path to Correct News is Through Correct Information"

Providing students with information about journalism, İncirli pointed out that the path to correct news is through correct information and stated that for this reason a good journalist must be well-informed about the history, geographic structure, economy and culture of the region he or she is operating in.

After a question and answer session the talk came to an end with a group photo.

## Nasuh Mahruki Meets EMU Students



students. Mahruki provided examples from his own life and the Search and Rescue Club. During the visit Prof. Dr. Osam provided detailed information about the university, student profile and accreditations. At the end of the visit Mahruki presented Prof. Dr. Osam his book "Climb Your Own Everest". EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Yaşar Özden and Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Faculty of Health Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç and Vice Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. Gülten Sucu Dağ were also present at the said meeting.



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted the Search and Rescue Club Founding and Honorary President Nasuh Mahruki within the framework of the 5<sup>th</sup> International Career Week. Mahruki gave a seminar titled "Climb Your Own Everest" at the Health Sciences Faculty Conference Hall.

At the seminar at which attendance was high Mahruki provided information about the book "Climb Your Own Everest" mentioning his sports background and the basic rules for success. Touching upon points that students should be careful about on their career path Mahruki indicated

the importance of target setting as well as taking correct and calculated risks. After the seminar EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç thanked Mahruki for his contributions to the 5<sup>th</sup> International Career Week and presented him a plaque of appreciation.

### Mahruki Visited Prof. Dr. Osam

Before the said seminar, Mahruki visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam in his office expressing his pleasure in participating in the 5<sup>th</sup> International Career Week and coming together with





## EMU Hosted an Important Academician /Social Entrepreneur

Within the framework of the 5<sup>th</sup> International Career Week, Eastern Mediterranean University Education Faculty hosted the Director of the Turkish Education Reform Initiative (ERI) and Advisory Board Member of the Mother Child Education Foundation (AÇEV) Batuhan Aydagül.

Aydagül attracted huge interest from the participants while delivering his speech titled "From the Perspective of Critical Creativity" and highlighted the importance of the interaction between the professional and private life in developing a career. Whilst talking about the barriers one might encounter in the career path, Aydagül

added that a person may achieve better by learning from his/her mistakes. Aydagül also talked about the Education Reform Initiative's operations with a specific focus on various projects they developed including Curricular Reform, Teacher Training and Teacher Network. Aydagül stated that the said projects aim to establish support amongst teachers,

to train them, to make parents more aware and schools more autonomous.

At the end of his talk, Batuhan Aydagül responded to questions coming from the audience and was presented a plaque of appreciation by EMU Elementary Education Department Chair Prof. Dr. Elif Y. Üstün.



## EMU Electrical Engineering Department Hosted Volkan Akcan

As part of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 5<sup>th</sup> International Career Week, Faculty of Engineering, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering hosted General Electric (GE) Healthcare Turkey Representative Volkan Akcan.

Akcan, who graduated from EMU Electrical & Electronic Engineering Department in 2004, came together with students of the department sharing

his professional experiences. In his speech, Akcan stated that he became successful in exams and job interviews, thanks to his education at EMU. He noted that as a result of the medium of instruction being English and the education environment being multicultural, he obtained the opportunity to receive in-service training abroad and the chance to improve himself in a global corporation like GE. Akcan, who provided information to the large

number of students and academicians about biomedical device design and their working principles, continued his speech by underlining how his extensive technical education at EMU helped his development in his professional business life.

Akcan also shared information about GE Healthcare and his area of expertise, stating that GE Healthcare employs mainly engineers and student interns.

Explaining how these internship or job applications should be made, Akcan gave recommendations to prospective electrical engineers on how to accomplish their goals in professional and educational life. At the end of the event, Electrical & Electronic Engineering Department Chair Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel presented Volkan Akcan a Lefkara panel peculiar to Cyprus.





## Two Industrial Engineers at EMU for the International Career Week

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Engineering, Industrial Engineering Department graduates Dr. Mohammad Mesgarpour (Academician at University of Nottingham in England) and Mustafa Parmaksız (Shell Co. Supply Chain & Contract Management Administrator) visited EMU for the 5<sup>th</sup> International Career Week.

The opening speech of the event was delivered by EMU Industrial Engineering Department Chair Asst. Prof. Dr. Gökhan İzbirak. Assist. Prof. Dr. Gökhan İzbirak, who provided information about the curriculum vitae of the guests, stated that the students are lucky to be able to listen to these talks and thanked the speakers of the event for sparing time to share their experiences with students by visiting EMU during their intense work schedules. During his speech, Asst. Prof. Dr. İzbirak thanked EMU Rector's Office for their financial support of the project that welcomed numerous speakers even from outside Cyprus and Turkey. The department

amphitheater was filled by students from the Industrial Engineering and Management Engineering Departments as well as students from different EMU programs. The speakers provided detailed information about the problems they faced and how their studies in EMU contributed to the solutions of these problems. Mohammad Mesgarpour and Mustafa Parmaksız who focused on the importance of teamwork that includes people from different disciplines and of different cultures in today's world, highlighted that in the cosmopolitan atmosphere which is created by EMU hosting 20 thousand students from 106 different countries and a thousand academicians from 35 different countries, the students have the opportunity to recognize and learn foreign cultures, which is very important for a successful career. Particularly, the job interview experiences of the speakers were found helpful by the students and the invited speakers received a round of applause at the end of their speeches.



## EMU Department of Biological Sciences Organised a Seminar on Cancer Genetics

Eastern Mediterranean University, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Biological Sciences Department, in collaboration with EMU Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate (MİKA), organised a seminar on "Cancer Genetics" within the framework of the 5<sup>th</sup> Career Week. Hosting Molecular Biologist Dr. Rezan Fahrioglu Yamaci of the Regensburg University of Germany, the event attracted great interest both from academicians and undergraduate students of Molecular Biology and Genetics Department. During the seminar, Dr. Yamaci provided information on research being held on the analysis of cells with the quality of early metastasis.

As one of the rapidly developing branches of science, Molecular Biology and Genetics has become an indispensable part of postgraduate and doctoral degree programs. In this respect, EMU Molecular Biology and Genetics Department undergraduate program has the unique quality of being the first of its kind within the TRNC. Along with methodology featuring theory and practice, the program also hosts scientific organisations such as the said seminar.

Prospective candidates wishing to obtain further information may contact Biological Sciences Department at [mbg@emu.edu.tr](mailto:mbg@emu.edu.tr).





# EMU Bids Farewell to 1399 Graduates

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2016 – 2017 Academic Year Fall Semester Graduation Ceremony took place at Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Center on 31 January 2017. During the ceremony around 1053 students graduated from associate and undergraduate and 346 students from postgraduate and doctoral degree programs.

The ceremony which started with a moment of silence and the national anthem also included speeches by Faculty of Education, Guidance and Psychological Counseling Undergraduate program top scoring student Esra Bellur and Faculty of Business and Economics, Economics Department top scoring student Precious Paul Adesina.

Following the symbolic tree planting ceremony, TRNC Parliamentary Speaker Dr. Sibel Siber delivered a speech in which she stated that EMU is a window to the world and being an EMU graduate is an honour for its students. Furthermore, Siber emphasized EMU's significance for TRNC and expressed her feelings in the following manner: "As the government, we should not interfere in the university's autonomous structure; universities must maintain their autonomous nature". TRNC Minister of Education Özdemir Berova also delivered a speech during the ceremony stating that university education is the leading economic sector in the TRNC adding that there are 14 local

universities offering quality education to more than 90 thousand students from all over the world and that as the two public universities in TRNC; EMU and European University of Lefke are considered to be the source of pride in the existing higher education system. EMU Board of Trustees Chair and Beyarmudu Mayor İlker Edip expressed his best wishes to all the graduates and stated that their primary goal is to expand the boundaries of EMU while maintaining the quality education the university has been offering to students. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam delivered a speech at the opening ceremony on behalf of the university and stated that EMU is an international accomplishment for Turkish Cypriots and by featuring on Times Higher Education list, which is one of the world's most reputable publishers of the worldwide university rankings; EMU has once again proven its standards all over the world.

After the protocol speeches the ceremony continued with diploma awarding to faculty / school and department top scoring graduates by the protocol followed by the presentation of diplomas to doctoral, master's, undergraduate and associate program graduates. The ceremony finished after the throwing of graduation caps into the air and a concert by the famous Turkish Cypriot pop-singer and EMU graduate Buray.





## EMU Organizes "Graduation Reception" for Fall Semester Graduates and Their Families

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) organized a "Graduation Reception" for 2016 – 2017 Academic Year Fall Semester graduates and their families. The reception which took place at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall received great interest from the graduating students and their families.

Attended by EMU Rector, Vice Rectors, deans, department chairs, academic and administrative staff members, the said reception commenced with a cine-vision screening about student life on campus, prepared by EMU TV.

Operating under the EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate, EMU Folk Dancing Community performed

their unique dance show and Group INDIGO presented their musical work on stage after the cine-vision screening.

During a speech he delivered, Prof. Dr. Osam stated that the day of graduation is the time for students' efforts to bear fruit and congratulated all the graduating students. In addition, Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted his confidence regarding the future success of the students. At the end of his address, Prof. Dr. Osam extended his best wishes to all graduates.

After Prof. Dr. Osam's speech the excitement continued with musical performances by Group INKA and Group INDIGO. The ceremony ended with the graduation cake cutting.





## Great Interest for "The Decorator" Theatre Play



Organised by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Social and Cultural Activities Directorate, the theatre play titled "The Decorator" took place on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 at 19:30 p.m. at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall.

The play featuring Erdal Özyağcılar, Berna Laçın and Gözde Çetiner, written by Donald Churchill and translated by Füsün Günersel, mesmerised all in attendance. The Decorator begins with Marcia's (Berna Laçın) panic to paint her husband's room while he is on a trip. Walter (Erdal Özyağcılar) whose long time desire is to become an actor discovers Marcia's big secret when painting her husband's room.

Jane (Gözde Çetiner) who is an uninvited visitor in Marcia's home threatens Marcia regarding telling her husband about the secret affair between Marcia and Jane's husband.

Amongst those in the audience were Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Minister of Labour and Social Security Hamza Ersan Saner, Board of Trustees President İlker Edip, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Yaşar Özden and Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren. The play was also watched by Board of Trustees members, deans, academic and administrative staff members and students. At the end of the play Prof. Dr. Osam presented the thespians a silver plate.

### Erdal Özyağcılar Visited Prof. Dr. Osam

Famous actor Erdal Özyağcılar visited Rector Prof. Dr. Osam in his office before the play expressing his satisfaction regarding being at EMU. Prof. Dr. Osam provided detailed information about the university, its academic achievements and the value given to art and social activities. EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren and Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı were also present at the said visit. At the end of the visit Prof. Dr. Osam presented Özyağcılar a unique Cypriot Silk Cocoon plate.



## EMU Hosts Türkan Navruz's Exhibition

The opening of a stained glass exhibition titled "From One Breath to Thousands" took place at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU). The exhibition featured the work of Türkan Navruz, one of the most important Stained Glass Artists, Poet and Writer, raised in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC).

The exhibition's opening ceremony took place at Prof. Dr. Özyay Oral Library Exhibition Hall on Wednesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2017, at 18:30 with the participation of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rector for International Relations and Promotion

Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova and members of the academic staff. In his speech at the opening ceremony of the exhibition, Prof. Dr. Osam stated that art is very important for communities and that EMU is a university that values art and always tries to be supportive of artists.

Türkan Navruz, who spoke after Prof. Dr. Osam, stated her pleasure in her art is being exhibited at such an important university and that her art will be viewed by students. After the opening of the exhibition, Navruz provided information about her work of art to Prof. Dr. Osam.





## EMU Receives an Award at the "2<sup>nd</sup> Kemal Yücel Honorary Award" Competition

Eastern Mediterranean University Education Faculty, Elementary Education Department academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Eda Kargı, Senior Instructor Yücel Yazgın and Academic Expert Mesut Aydener's research titled "The Intergenerational Evolution of Games and Toys in North Cyprus" qualified for finals in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kemal Yücel Honorary Award Competition and was qualified as one of the best three scientific research participating in the said competition.

The award ceremony, which took place at Golden Tulip Hotel on the fourth anniversary of the passing of Kemal Yücel, commenced with a presentation on Kemal Yücel's life followed by General Secretary Salih Sarpten's opening address. After Sarpten's speech, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus President Mustafa Akıncı also delivered a speech in which he stated that Kemal Yücel was such a unique educator supporting learning and teaching at all ages. Akıncı added that



he was one of the lucky students to have attended Yücel's German classes. The event continued with Kemal Yücel's son Dr. Hakkı Yücel's and the Educational Research Association Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Kemal Batman's speeches and the presentation of awards to researchers.

Kargı, Aydener and Yazgın based their research on the statement that "The Understanding of Play and Childhood

go parallel with each other". The said researchers carried out their research on 30 residents of the villages of Kaleburnu, Erenköy, Yeşilköy and Mehmetçik. The birth dates of those participating in the research range between 1932 and 1994, allowing the inclusion of the representatives of three generations in the study. The research found out that a wide spectrum of game types exists in Cyprus but the creativity, spontaneity and natural state

are all being diminished. At the end of the research, the researchers have reached to a conclusion stating that as it is all over the world, the concept of childhood in Cyprus is changing based on the effects of modernisation, globalisation and new technologies. The researchers also recommend that despite the changes, there have to be communal efforts in supporting the continuation of traditional elements.

## Another Achievement from EMU Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department Students



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department students continue to reap the rewards of their quality education by gaining success at international competitions. EMU Faculty of Tourism, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department students attended the 15th International İstanbul Gastronomy Festival which took place between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2017.

Under the coordination of EMU Tourism Faculty Master Chef Hakan Açıl and academic staff member Kurtuluş Özbaşar, the students completed the competition with important achievements just like

the year before. The team comprising of Damla Lisaniler, İbrahim Kızıldağ and Halil İbrahim Kalaoğlu finished third, obtaining the bronze medal in the category of "Best University Team of the Year". Meanwhile in the individual competitions Derviş Adal and Buğçe Cesur obtained the silver medal by coming in second in the "University Level Main Course Dish Competition".

İbrahim Kızıldağ who competed in the same category finished third obtaining the bronze medal. Finally, Efe Gencay was awarded the Special Merit Award for the "University Level Restaurant Plated Sweet Competition". EMU Tourism



Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç noted that the festival was organized in line of the standards determined by The World Association of Chefs' Societies (WACS). The World Association of Chefs' Societies (WACS) is a global network of chefs' associations containing associations from 86 different countries, dedicated to maintaining and improving of the culinary standards of global cuisine through education, training and professional development of its international membership. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also noted that the EMU's Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts was awarded WACS accreditation and that students will be presented with WACS

certificates upon their graduations. Noting that alongside the Tourism and Hospitality Management Department, the Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department is rapidly increasing its education quality and reaching international standards, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that the EMU Tourism Faculty will continue its investment to academic and physical infrastructure in accordance with the vision of the Rector's Office. Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by noting that they will continue to produce educated chefs for the tourism sector in line with the increasing popularity of the field of gastronomy.



## EMU Academic Staff Member

### Prof. Dr. Mahmudov Appointed as Deputy Editor-In-Chief



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Mathematics Chair Prof. Dr. Nazim Mahmudov was appointed as Deputy Editor - in - Chief of the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) Applied and Computational Mathematics Journal. The journal was formed by the Azerbaijan National Academy of Science, Baku State University Institute of Applied Mathematics and Azerbaijan Ministry of Communications and High Technologies in 2002. Including scientist from Stanford University and Princeton University the distinguished international science board annually manages three editions of the peer-reviewed journal Applied and Computational Mathematics. Prof. Dr. Mahmudov has also been editor of the Croatian Fractional Differential Calculus journal since 2014, Hindawi's Abstract and Applied Analysis journal since 2010, Journal of Applied Mathematics and the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences' Journal Azerbaijan Journal of Mathematics since 2015.

He has also acted as the editor of the SCI Expanded indexed Mathematical Problems in Engineering Journal and Hindawi's International Journal of Differential Equations between 2010 and 2015.

## EMU Academic Staff Member Appointed As Lead Guest Editor



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Physics and Chemistry Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı has been appointed as Lead Guest Editor for the special issue of the Advances in Astronomy Journal indexed by Web of Science bound to Hindawi publishing. The special issue is titled "Theoretical Aspects of Black Holes".

Among the world renowned referees in Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sakallı's team are Prof. Dr. Douglas Singleton from California State University (California, USA) and Prof. Dr. Sharmanthie Fernando from Northern Kentucky University (Kentucky, USA). Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sakallı expressed his pleasure in representing EMU as well as the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Physics and Chemistry Department emphasizing that the success of the department in recent years has been acknowledged by the Hindawi Editorial Board (<https://www.hindawi.com/journals/aa/si/878970/cfp/>).



## Gruff Tekstil Founder Denizcan Çelik was at EMU International Career Week

Denizcan Çelik, founder of the popular T-Shirt brand Gruff, was the guest of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication at the 5<sup>th</sup> EMU International Career Week. Çelik, a 2010 graduate of the EMU Faculty of Communication and Media Studies, Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design (VACD) Department, came together with the students in a talk titled "The Importance of Social Media in Branding".

VACD Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu delivered the opening speech of the talk and thanked everyone for their participation in the event. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Çavuşoğlu stated that, the VACD Department has completed a lot of national and international activities since its foundation in the last decade. Putting forth that one of the most important criteria for measuring a department's quality is its graduates, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Çavuşoğlu and introduced to the students Denizcan Çelik, who gained great success in the design world. During the talk, Çelik underlined the importance of design, branding and social media sharing his professional experience with the students.



### "Social Media Grants Branding of Boutique Enterprises"

Çelik who gave information about the use of social media and branding, also pointed to the importance of brand identity next to creativity. During his mentioning of the use of social media for low budget

boutique enterprises, Çelik said; "The most important advertisement in design business is the one where your customers share things about your products on social media. These viral advertisements and the public visibility of celebrities who use your products, secures your position including traditional media free

of charge." The talk continued with the answering of questions from participants and the "T-Shirt Design" workshop. Decisions were made for the students who were elected during workshops to design T-Shirts for a different project and their work to be used in the design market.

## EMU Tourism Faculty Welcomed Guests From Hilton Hotel Chain

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism welcomed Hilton Worldwide Middle East, Africa and Turkey Senior Human Resources Director Koray Gençkul and Europe, Middle East and Africa Recruitment Director Björn Olthof.

Coming together with EMU students at a conference Gençkul and Olthof provided information about the Hilton Hotel chains' vision and mission. Speaking

about Hilton's values and why these values are important Gençkul and Olthof explained what each letter in its name represents: H (Hospitality), I (Integrity), L (Leadership), T (Teamwork), O (Ownership), N (Now). They also touched upon the fact that these values are the first thing that come to mind globally regarding Hilton and that these values are adopted by Hilton all employees. Olthof noted that there are many job opportunities for new graduates at Hilton

relaying his experiences in getting hired. Olthof also provided information about graduate student programs.

Koray Gençkul spoke about the Hilton Hotels in the Middle East, Africa and Turkey indicating that team work is vital for the institution whose reputation as a global sector leader comes from its employees. During their speeches Olthof and Gençkul provided detailed information about the Hilton Hotels'

job application process. At the end of the event which provided valuable information for the participants, Koray Gençkul and Björn Olthof were presented a plaque of appreciation by EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç.

Koray Gençkul and Björn Olthof answered each and every student question, taking a group photo with the students at the end of the conference.





## EMU Commemorates Çanakkale Martyrs

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) commemorated Çanakkale Martyrs in a panel titled "Çanakkale and Martyrs Memorial Program" which was organized at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall at 10:30 a.m., on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2017. EMU Atatürk Research and Application Center (ATATUM) Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Cicioğlu, EMU ATATUM academic staff members Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk and Süheyla Göktürk and EMU Atatürk Ideology Club President M. Çağatay Kır, delivered presentations at the panel where students showed great interest.

The panel which commenced with a Moment of Silence and National Anthem, continued with a concert about Çanakkale War and presentation of archived photos of soldiers who battled in Çanakkale War with Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. Kutlay Ön, student of EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education, also read his poem titled "18 March". The panel also hosted EMU ATATUM Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Cicioğlu's speech titled "The Causes and Outcomes of Çanakkale War". Assoc. Prof. Dr. Cicioğlu stated that Çanakkale War is recorded as the battle where the most martyrs and bullets per square meter were calculated as approximately 250 thousand people perished. In his speech, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Cicioğlu explained why Çanakkale War started and gave detailed information about what was experienced during the war. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Cicioğlu advised the young students to stay in the bonding trace of Atatürk. EMU ATATUM academic staff member Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk also delivered a presentation titled "The Political and Military Observation of Çanakkale Combats". Dr. Göktürk gave detailed information about the historical facts from Çanakkale war and underlined



that the war led to Atatürk's birth as a respected soldier, statesman and a world leader. After Dr. Göktürk's speech, EMU ATATUM academic staff member Süheyla Göktürk gave a poetic presentation titled "Çanakkale and Mustafa Kemal".

In his speech titled "Çanakkale and Turkish Youth", EMU Atatürk Ideology Club President M. Çağatay Kır stated that Çanakkale War could also be referred to as "Youth Defense". Kır said that a lot of martyrs who lost their lives in Çanakkale war were under the age of 18 and most of the high school students who voluntarily fought at the war could not return. Kır stated that a lot of high schools that gave 60 to 80 graduates per year from all parts of Anatolia were not able to graduate any of their students during the said war.

Çanakkale and Martyrs' Memorial Program ended after the screening



of a 10 minute documentary titled "Çanakkale Cannot Be Passed". After the panel, the Student Council operating under EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate distributed wheat

soup and compote at EMU Atatürk Square at 13:30 p.m. as part of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March Çanakkale Victory and Martyrs' Commemoration Day.

## World Down Syndrome Day Activity by EMU Psychology Students Club

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Psychology Students Club hosted the students of the Special Education Centre on the occasion of the 21<sup>st</sup> of March World Down Syndrome Day.

At the event which took place at EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty car

park, excitement was high with face painting, dancing and live music which took place after a short introductory session. Food and beverage were also on offer at the activity which called attention to Down Syndrome Day whilst providing students with enjoyable moments.





## EMU Attends 7<sup>th</sup> Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World General Conference



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) attended the 7<sup>th</sup> Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) General Conference in Morocco. At the conference EMU was represented by EMU Vice Rector for

Financial Affairs Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural and Business & Economics Faculty, Department of Economics academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Kemal Bağzıbağlı. The opening was carried out by Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud

Islamic University Rector and Chairman of the Board of Directors Dr. Suliman Bin Abdallah Bin Hamood Aba-Al Khail along with Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

General Director and FUIW General Secretary Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri and Morocco's Deputy Minister in charge of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Training of Education Staff Dr. Jamila El Moussali. The opening speech touched upon the educational and scientific sector and terrorism in Islamic nations as well as protection from extremism and fanaticism.

The sessions touched upon increasing the collaboration and coordination between federation - member universities and creating a sustainable mechanism for university financing.

### Visit to Morocco's Turkish Embassy

Prof. Dr. Uğural and Assist. Prof. Dr. Bağzıbağlı visited Morocco's Turkish Embassy and had a meeting with Ambassador Ethem Barkan Öz. During the said visit, Prof. Dr. Uğural provided extensive information about EMU, the student profile and accreditations of the university. Possible future collaborations were also discussed during the visit.

## EuPRA General Secretary Elected from EMU for the Third Time

European Peace Research Association (EuPRA), which is operating under the regional constitution of the International Peace Research Association (IPRA), elected its new President, General Secretary and Board of Directors in the General Assembly that was held in Germany.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daniela Irrera from Catania University has been elected as the new President and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy from Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has been elected as the General Secretary of EuPRA. New Board of Directors will be in duty between 2017 and 2019. The Board of Directors consists of the following members: Daniela Irrera (Italy), Metin Ersoy (TRNC), Vidar Vambheim (Norway), Unto Vesa (Finland), Stephanie Thiel (Germany), Hendrik Bullens (Germany), Olga Vorkunova (Russia), and Enika Abazi (France).

### Ersoy for the Third Time...

Assist. Prof. Dr. İtir Toksöz from Doğuş University, who has served as the President of EuPRA for two terms, handed over the duty to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daniela Irrera. After the election of the new Board of Directors, EMU Faculty of Communication and Media Studies, Journalism Department

academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy has been elected as the General Secretary upon vote. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy, who was carrying out duties as the General Secretary of the Association, will represent EMU in the international academic arena by serving another term.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy, who presented a paper at the conference which was organized by the Germany Peace and Conflict Studies Association and European Peace Research Association, had the opportunity to share his work in peace journalism with a large academic crowd.

### Sustainable World Peace...

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy declared his pleasure about the election and stated that he is aware of the responsibilities of his duty as the General Secretary of EuPRA. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy reminded that EuPRA is a sister organization of IPRA and that this non-profit organization which was formed in 1990 organizes conferences every two years in order to contribute to peace studies academically.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy added that EuPRA will continue its research towards accomplishing world peace.





## 53<sup>rd</sup> Library Week at EMU Commences with a Caricature Exhibition



The 53<sup>rd</sup> Library Week is being celebrated in Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) from the 27<sup>th</sup> of March to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2017. At Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), celebrations began with a caricature exhibition titled "A Book Is

Light". The opening of the said event took place at EMU Özyay Oral Library, at 11:00 a.m., on Monday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2017. Speaking at the opening, EMU Özyay Oral Library Director Osman Soykan stated that he is very happy to be here, thanking everyone in

attendance. Providing information about the library and librarianship Soykan highlighted the importance of reading stating "Knowledge is power, power is knowledge". Soykan also provided information about the activities that will be taking place as part of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Library Week. Indicating that caricatures like books contain strong messages, Soykan expressed his happiness in caricatures being used to explain the importance of libraries in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Library Week.

Speaking on behalf of the caricaturists Hüseyin Çakmak stated that a total of 50 caricatures from 8 caricaturists are being exhibited, expressing his belief that enough importance isn't placed on art, books and libraries in the TRNC. Thanking EMU for their interest Çakmak stated that with rising internet consumption, reading levels are decreasing. He went on to indicate that caricaturists send messages via drawings and thanked all those who contributed to the exhibition.

EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı also thanked everyone for their participation

noting that EMU has been aware of the importance of its library since its establishment. Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı provided information about EMU Özyay Oral Library indicating that it contains 200 thousand books, approximately 200 thousand electronic books and over 10 thousand academic journals. Thanking everyone who took part in the organization of the exhibition Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı wished everyone a productive Library Week. After the exhibition opening, Prof. Dr. Osam handed the caricaturists certificates of appreciation for their valuable contributions.

The caricature exhibition titled "Books and Libraries" was organized by Leyla Çınar Algül with the contributions of Cemal Tunceri, Hüseyin Çakmak, Leyla Çınar Algül, Serhan Gazioglu, Musa Kayra, Mustafa Cemal Azizoglu, Mustafa Tozakı, Serkan Sürek and Utku Karsu.

After the opening ceremony of the caricature ceremony, an honorary lunch was held for the caricature artists and library employees at EMU Beach Club by EMU Rectorate.

## Great Interest Shown to EMU Book Reading Activity



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Özyay Oral Library continues to celebrate the 53<sup>rd</sup> Library Week with a series of activities. Library Week is celebrated in Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) from the 27<sup>th</sup> of March to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2017. The celebration that began at EMU with the caricature exhibition titled "A Book is Light" on Monday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2017, continued with a book reading activity that took place on

Wednesday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2017. The book reading activity that commenced at 12:30 took place at the EMU Özyay Oral Library yard. The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Turkish Librarians' Association annual book reading activity that lasted half an hour took place at the same time in Turkey and the TRNC with the slogan "Humans Read Everywhere".

The event was attended by EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs



opening ceremony of the event EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı congratulated library officials for organizing and inviting children to such a meaningful event. Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı also thanked Şehit Hüseyin Akil Primary School for accepting the library's invitation and their sensibility shown towards instilling the love of reading to young minds.

EMU Özyay Oral Library Director Osman Soykan expressed his happiness regarding the colorful and joyful nature of the annual activity. Stating that the aim of the activity is to emphasize the value of libraries and reading Soykan noted: "Reading is a very important culture and deed. We believe that reading must become a habit at a young age. It is for this reason that we knowingly target young age groups with such activities. We thank our university personnel and students as well as Şehit Hüseyin Akil Primary School for accepting our invitation". At the end of the event EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı presented Şehit Hüseyin Akil Primary School representatives a certificate of participation.

Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Vice Rector for International Relations and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Education Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam, Vice Rector's Office for Academic Affairs Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Orhan Korhan, Public Relations and Press Director (a.) Murat Aktuğralı, EMU Özyay Oral Library Director Osman Soykan, members of academic staff, administrative personnel and students. Speaking at the



## EMU Interior Architecture Department on a Technical Trip in Amsterdam and Rotterdam

Within the framework of INAR/ITAS100-ITAS300A courses, students of Eastern Mediterranean University, Architecture Faculty, Interior Architecture Department carried out research and analysis in a technical trip format in Amsterdam and Rotterdam in Netherlands.

During their technical trip in Amsterdam, one of the most vibrant, at the same time, well planned cities of Europe, students had the opportunity to visit Van Gogh Museum, Heineken Experience Museum, Nemo Science Museum and famous architect Renzo Piano's design Eye Dutch Film Museum.

It is worth mentioning that during their visit, students were fascinated with UN Studio Architecture and Design Office, one of the best architecture offices of Amsterdam and the world. Students also carried out analysis on cafes and offices located at De Ceuvel, an area designed by artists who adopted natural living as their style. Students also observed how the old train station De Hallen was transformed into a hotel, cafes, shops and offices also how the retired crane of the city was converted into a hotel named "Faralda Crane". In Bor-



neo Sporenburg, one of the best living areas of the city, students observed the harmony between the buildings as well as their interior design. Overall, students experienced the importance of the relationship amongst the culture, users and living spaces.

During their technical trip, students also visited famous windmills, Dam / Leidseplein / Rembrandtplein squares, shopping lanes, Vondelpark and Royal

Palace. As the second phase of the trip, students analysed different structures in one of the most important cities of Netherlands, Rotterdam. Students observed cubic houses designed by Architect Piet Blom, the train station designed by the UN studio, Erasmus Bridge designed by Architect Ben van Berkel, Nhow Hotel interior space design by OMA office, Market Hall designed by MVRDV office and other important locations within the city.

During the trip which took place under the coordination of Prof. Dr. Uğur Dağlı, Assist. Prof. Dr. Kamil Güley and Senior Instructor Seyit Ermiyagil, students had exciting moments while observing the places designed by famous designers. Stressing the fact that, design education is not possible only in class and with books, the academic staff members highlighted the importance of integrating observation, practice and application into programs.

## EMU Welcomes Bilkent University Urban Design and Landscape Architecture Department



Eastern Mediterranean University Urban Research & Development Center (EMU-URDC) and EMU Architecture Faculty, Department of Architecture hosted Bilkent University Urban Design and Landscape Architecture Department.

The Bilkent University Urban Design and Landscape Architecture Department arrived at EMU to participate in Famagusta Old Town and Maraş regional projects that are

also attended by EMU Architecture Faculty, Department of Urban Design postgraduate students. A total of 42 students and 5 members of academic staff attended the projects carrying out a range of field work.

### Panel at SS. Peter and Paul Church

During the visit of Bilkent University Urban Design and Landscape Architecture Department, a panel about Urban Design Competitions



took place at the SS. Peter and Paul Church. The panel that discussed urban design processes in the context of urban design competitions included Bilkent University academicians Dr. Oktan Nalbantoğlu and Hatice Karaca, as well as Cypriot architect and EMU Department of Architecture academic staff member Burak Türsoy.

In addition, a workshop targeted towards students took place as a result of the Architecture Faculty,

EMU-URDC and Bilkent University collaboration. The products of the "City and Democracy", "Heritage and Legacy" themed workshops, in which ideas for Famagusta were produced, are expected to be exhibited as a poster presentation in an international forum in Germany during May 2017. EMU Architecture Faculty and Bilkent University Urban Design and Landscape Architecture Department are expected to continue with their collaborations.



## EMU Obtains Full Marks from ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 10002:2014 Inspection



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) successfully underwent inspections of the world renowned IQ Net member Turkish Standard Institute (TSE) ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management System and ISO 10002:2014 Student Satisfaction Management System. The said inspection process which took place under the coordination of the EMU Total Quality Management Center finished with a closing meeting that took place at EMU Rector's Office Senate Hall at 14:30 p.m. on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2017.

The meeting was attended by Turkish Standards Institute (TSE) TRNC Director Kemal Kızıltan, TSE Chief Representative Rıza Buğra Alp Giray Okumuş, EMU Total Quality Management Center Director and Quality Management Representative Hasan Kavaz and academic/administrative unit representatives.

### "EMU Maintains Student Satisfaction"

TSE TRNC Director Kemal Kızıltan

delivered a speech at the closing meeting and thanked EMU for their hospitality throughout the 3 day inspection process. Stating that EMU has successfully passed the ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 10002:2014 inspections, Kızıltan expressed their pride in certifying EMU as a prominent institution of higher education with high levels of student satisfaction. Kızıltan proceeded as follows: "I have no doubts that EMU will receive far more comprehensive certificates and will successfully pass the inspections to be conducted next year".

TSE Chief Representative Okumuş wished the continuation of EMU's accomplishments while exchanging opinions with unit representatives. EMU Total Quality Management Center Director and Quality Management Representative Hasan Kavaz also delivered a speech at the meeting and stressed the importance of receiving ISO certificates for the official registration of the quality education EMU offers to its students, thanking all TSE representatives for their efforts during the inspection process.

### The Certificates are Recognized in 36 Countries

TSE representatives held meetings with unit managers and carried out inspection on documentation between the 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2017. The said representatives conducted field trips with the purpose of observing the functioning and operations of each unit within the university. Following the inspections, EMU gained ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management System and ISO 10002:2014 Student Satisfaction Management Center certificates which have recognition in 36 countries.

## EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Welcomed Prof. Dr. Dietmar Fuchs

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Pharmacy welcomed Deputy Director of the Medical University of Innsbruck, Department of Biological Chemistry and Honorary Member of the Medical and Clinical Chemistry Association, Prof. Dr. Dietmar Fuchs. Prof. Dr. Fuchs came together with EMU Pharmacy students

and academic staff, presenting a series of seminars.

Prof. Dr. Fuchs who has acted as editor and editor in chief for a number of scientific journals has over 800 scientific publications and over 26 thousand references regarding tryptophan metabolism and Pteridines. Prof. Dr.

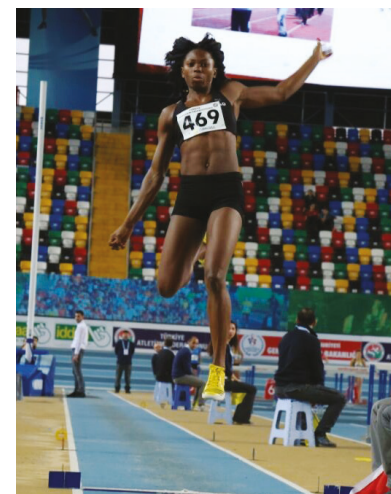
Fuchs who added important knowledge to Immunology and Biochemistry literature provided information about "Neopterin in Immunopathologies", "Tryptophan Breakdown in Immunopathologies", "Phenylalanine Metabolism And Immune Activation", "In Vitro Testing For Immunomodulatory Drugs" and "Medication And Food Compounds" at

the seminars he presented whilst at EMU. As well as the informative seminars he presented whilst at EMU, Prof. Dr. Fuchs who focused on Pteridines that can lead to early diagnosis of heavy infections such as HIV (AIDS) and autoimmune diseases started collaboration with the EMU Faculty of Pharmacy.





## EMU Athlete Ese Brume Makes Impact in Istanbul



Famous Nigerian Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) athlete Ese Brume, who came fifth in the 2016 Olympic Games and is also an African Long Jump and Commonwealth Games Champion, made an impact at the Turkish Indoor Athletics Championship

that took place in the Aslı Çakır Alptekin Athletics Arena in İstanbul. Competing unclassified, Brume came first in the women's 60 metre final with a time of 6.79 and first in the women's long jump with a jump of 6.41. Brume finished the 2016 Rio Olympics in fifth

place with a jump of 6.81. She is also the 2015 African Long Jump Champion and the 2014 Commonwealth Games Champion.

For some time, she has been carrying out her training with coach Hasan

Maydon. During their stay in İstanbul, Brume, Maydon and EMU Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu visited Turkish Athletics Federation President (a.) Ali Aksu in his office, presenting him with presents unique to EMU and Cyprus.

## American Football Team EMU Crows Close To Second Place in Group

Operating under Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Sports Affairs Directorate, American Football Team "EMU Crows" took its first defeat in Unileague 1<sup>st</sup> League Group A against Bosphorus University American Football Team "Boğaziçi Sultans" with the game on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 Saturday at 13:00 p.m. at EMU Stadium. Boğaziçi Sultans guaranteed their progress for the play-off's after defeating the unbeaten EMU Crows, who will keep battling for the second place in Group A after receiving their first loss in the season.

EMU Stadium was filled with the supporters of EMU Crows primarily consisting of Faculty of Architecture Department of Interior Architecture students, student clubs and public. EMU

Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, EMU Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren, EMU academic staff and administrative personnel were also amongst the viewers. The game began after team captains met in the centre of the field and the whole stadium standing up for a moment of silence for Çanakkale War Martyrs.

Faculty of Architecture academic staff entered the stadium during the game with their students holding colorful balloons that represented EMU Crows. EMU students, who also cheered for EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam from time to time, performed a flag show in the stadium regarding 18 March Çanakkale War Martyrs Commemoration Day.





# International Futsal Tournament Commences

8<sup>th</sup> "Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) International Futsal Tournament", organized by the EMU Sports Affairs Directorate, has begun with the opening ceremony that took place at Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex on Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Players from all national teams came to the field with jerseys representing their countries and the International Futsal Tournament began after a minute of silence and the National Anthem.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam delivered an opening speech at the ceremony during which he mentioned that sports and team spirit strengthens

communication between people. Prof. Dr. Osam stated that EMU is an international university with students from 106 different countries underlining that sports competitions as such play an important role in multicultural interaction and the formation of new friendships. Prof. Dr. Osam concluded by wishing good luck to all of the teams of the tournament.

There is increasing attention to the tournament each year as also indicated by 30 men's and 10 women's teams competing in the organization this year. The group matches will be played between the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March and 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2017. The quarterfinals and

semifinals will be played between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2017 whilst the final matches will take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2017. EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex will host the matches in six men's and two women's groups. The semifinalists will be decided after a cross match - up between quarterfinalists which will consist of the first two leading teams in each men's group. The losing teams in the semifinals will compete for the third place. In the women's competition, the first two teams in each group will progress directly to the semifinals after cross match ups. The winners of the semifinals will play in the finals and the losing teams will compete for third

place. EMU Vice Rector of International Relations and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Student Affairs Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Derviş Subaşı, Education Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam, Public Relations and Press Office Director (a.) Murat Aktuğralı, a crowded group of academicians, administrative personnel and students were present at the opening ceremony.

It was observed that the general public also showed great interest in this important organization where different cultures come together, as much as the university students and administrative personnel.



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