

"Neuter, Vaccinate and Let Live Project" Continues

A protocol to renew the "Neuter, Vaccinate and Let Live Project" that has been ongoing as a result of collaboration between the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has been signed by TRNC Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources Nazım Çavuşoğlu and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. The project that aims to increase the quality of the life of stray animals was renewed from the 19th of December 2016.

Minister Çavuşoğlu: Being animal friendly is one of the criteria for a country to reach world standards

In his speech during the signature ceremony Minister Çavuşoğlu noted that sensitivity towards the environment and animal life is a measurement of how developed a country is, stating that cats and dogs are an irreplaceable part of nature. Noting that it is possible to feed animals if you have money, Çavuşoğlu highlighted the fact that providing love for them is what is important. Noting that the nurturing and vaccination of cats and dogs on campus will continue as part of the renewed protocol Minister Çavuşoğlu stated that protecting nature and

maintaining the existence of animals are amongst the responsibilities of the ministry. Minister Çavuşoğlu noted: "Being animal friendly is one of the criteria for the TRNC to reach world standards. I thank you as a university, for your performance in helping us fulfill this criteria. By valuing animals and acknowledging their right to live, you have shown that the world isn't only ours but also theirs." During his speech at the signature ceremony, TRNC Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources Nazım Çavuşoğlu stated that EMU is a university that brings to life to Famagusta and the country as a whole. Minister Çavuşoğlu also said that he admired the university for carrying out the social responsibility project with stray animals at heart. Minister Çavuşoğlu thanked the university Rector, academicians, personnel and students, expressing his gratitude for the university which he described as "a leader in the university sector."

Prof. Dr. Osam: EMU is ready to do all it can in terms of social responsibility

In a speech of his own, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted the importance of the day as the university working to provide a new



life opportunity for our animal friends living on campus. Noting that EMU is a university that values animals, Prof. Dr. Osam stated: "The number of animal friends on campus is pretty high and they need support to live a normal life. For this reason we have been carrying a project for years with the TRNC Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, to improve their living conditions." Prof. Dr. Osam stated that the renewal of the protocol is of great importance thanking Minister Çavuşoğlu for providing this

opportunity. Prof. Dr. Osam noted that EMU is ready to do all it can in terms of social responsibility underlining the fact that they will always try to collaborate with official government agencies. Prof. Dr. Osam conveyed the importance of obtaining pets from shelters or the university instead of purchasing them from pet shops noting that the university is against the sale of our animal friends. Prof. Dr. Osam requested that students and people who want to get a pet apply to the university or to a shelter.

EMU Signs Collaboration Protocols with Tatlısu Municipality



Two collaboration protocols were signed by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the Tatlısu Municipality. One of the protocols

signed is a "Cittaslow Consultancy and Reporting Service" protocol and the other is a "Collaboration" protocol. Both protocols were signed on the 21st

of December 2016 at the EMU Rector's Office by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Tatlısu Mayor Ahmet Hayri Orçan at 10:00. Prof. Dr. Osam noted that EMU is a university that values community, underlining the fact that it continues its social responsibility projects in the context of consultancy. Prof. Dr. Osam also added to his words that EMU is providing consultancy for 2 out of the 3 municipalities at the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) that are members of Cittaslow. Prof. Dr. Osam provided a reminder that the university is currently providing consultancy for Geçitkale Municipality that is in the process of the Cittaslow membership application process concluding by expressing his belief that the protocol signed with the Tatlısu Municipality will yield successful outcomes.

Tatlısu Mayor Orçan stated that eco

tourism and "Cittaslow" or "Slow Food" movement understanding is becoming more prevalent in the TRNC with each passing day. Noting that EMU is contributing to society by being aware of its social responsibility, Orçan said that he is very happy to be in collaboration with EMU. Calling EMU an educational locomotive, Orçan stated that working with the TRNC's best institution of higher education is a big honor for them. Orçan concluded by relaying his belief that the collaboration will end in success.

Present at the signature ceremony were EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren and Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden, Dean of the Architecture Faculty Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek, Interior Architecture Department Chair Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağlı, Architecture Faculty academic staff and Municipality personnel.

A Group of Journalists from Turkey Visited EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University hosted journalists from the Republic of Turkey on 16 December 2016. The said group of journalists paid a visit to our country to participate in a panel titled "The Role of Press in TRNC and TR Relations and Changing Tourism Perception" which was organised by the Cyprus Turkish Tourism Writers and Journalists Association.

During their stay in our country, the said group of journalists paid a visit of courtesy to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. During the visit which took place at EMU Senate Hall, the Cyprus Turkish Tourism Writers and Journalists Association Chair Nazmi Pınar provided information about the association and put forth that their aim is to introduce branching in journalism and create an awareness regarding Tourism, as one of the most important sectors of our country. Conveying his pleasure in visiting EMU, Pınar added that EMU is the flagship of the higher education sector within the TRNC. President of the Journalists Association Nazmi Bilgin also expressed his happiness in visiting EMU and highlighted the importance of the successful achievements of EMU

regarding international student profile and internalisation. Prof. Dr. Osam expressed his pleasure in hosting journalists from Turkey and provided extensive information about EMU. Highlighting the fact that EMU is not a trade center or a short-term institution of higher education, Prof. Dr. Osam added that EMU has been working towards its mission since the day of its establishment. Prof. Dr. Osam also stressed the importance EMU pays towards quality and provided information about ongoing accreditation projects with a special focus on EMU's appearance on the Times Higher Education (THE) 2016-2017 Academic Year World University Rankings as the first and only university within the TRNC. At the end of the visit, Prof. Dr. Osam presented the visiting group members frames made of Lefkara lace. The visit ended with a lunch organisation which took place at EMU Beach Club with the participation of Famagusta District Governor Dürdane Acı, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden, Member of Board of Trustees Mustafa Borataş and Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç.



"Our Priority is the Protection of Children's Rights"



Eastern Mediterranean University Faculty of Education, Elementary Education Department students highlighted their campaign regarding the support towards human rights as well as children's rights with "#cocukdeyince" hashtag on social network platform Twitter. In the campaign which aims to raise public awareness regarding the provision of a better world for all children, the said department's students, who are also prospective teachers, stress that children's rights are beyond all other rights and understanding children's nature and providing relevant opportunities for them, demonstrating respect towards the right to play, and recognition of each child as a unique individual

are the essence of prioritising children's rights. As a result of the said campaign of awareness, EMU Elementary Education Department's all academic staff members and students feel proud of owning their professional mission and once again stress that they are determined to protect the aforesaid concepts regarding children. The campaign may be followed at Twitter through the hashtag #cocukdeyince.

EMU English Preparatory School Carries Out "Dogs in Need" Social Responsibility Project



The first activity of the project titled 'DOGS IN NEED' was organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School 'Social Responsibility Project' organizer and academic staff member Mehşen Ercanlar. The project was carried out by academic staff members Fayka Güresun, Suzanne Kayalp and Aman Rassouli.

As part of the first activity of the project, approximately 75 students and academic staff members made 12 kennels for the dogs that live on the EMU campus. These kennels were then placed on specific points on campus. After the activity, students noted that they were happy as to play a part in the making of the kennels that will protect the dogs on campus from the heat in the summer and the cold in the winter. The students stated that they want to participate in such projects whenever they can, to raise awareness and help our animal friends.

EMU Health Sciences Faculty Represented in USA & Turkey

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Health Sciences Faculty, Nutrition and Dietetics Department academic staff member Prof. Dr. H. Tanju Besler attended the "9th World Congress on Prevention of Diabetics and its Complications" hosted by the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA, USA. Prof. Dr. Besler who was invited as a speaker delivered two talks titled "Effect of Chocolate on Cognitive Function and Mood" and "Implementation of a Balanced Nutrition Education Program in Schools".

Health Sciences Faculty, Nutrition and Dietetics Department academic

staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emine Yıldız attended the "Patient Monitoring Handbook for Dietician Weight Management Workshop" that took place in Ankara. The workshop was organized by the Ministry of Health of Turkey, Public Health Institution, Department of Obesity, Diabetics and Metabolic Diseases. The workshop was attended by large numbers of academicians from many different universities and included group-work regarding the creation of a Patient Monitoring Handbook for Dietician Weight Management. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emine Yıldız is going to play a big role in the writing of the section "Nutritional Counseling Program for Individuals with Type 2 Diabetes".



Educational Toy For Visually Impaired Children Designed by EMU Academic Staff Exhibited in Four Fairs



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication, Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design academic staff members Hare Eminoğlu and Senih Çavuşoğlu designed an educational toy named "WOODLE" for visually impaired children. WOODLE was recently exhibited at the "Shenzhen International Industrial Design Fair" in China.

The educational toy was also exhibited in the globally awarded designs section of the Cube Design Museum in Holland, the International Architecture, Interior Architecture and Design Festival in India and Bologna/Italy Design Week and Grand Design Exhibition.

Both the Braille alphabet and Latin alphabet were used in the design of WOODLE giving the opportunity to visually impaired children to play together with other children. Designed as a 3D puzzle, the toy aims to entertain children and at the same time enable them to develop various skills including getting to know different animals, learning how to spell their names in English, discovering shapes and writing their names. With its unique design, WOODLE was qualified for the international "A" Design Award.

Owner of Worldwide Career Company Gives Conference at EMU



Organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty a conference titled "A Career in America's Tourism Sector and Internship Program" took place at the Tourism Faculty Conference Hall. The speaker at the conference was Worldwide Career Company owner Mustafa Üzer.

Üzer started the conference by providing information about Worldwide Career, introducing the hotels and restaurants they work with as part of their American programs. He then talked about the requirements and conditions providing examples of former students who participated in program.

Students from the EMU Tourism and Hospitality Management Department and the Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department attended the conference along with Tourism Faculty academic staff. The event aimed to strengthen collaboration between EMU Tourism Faculty and Worldwide Career and

to provide new opportunities like scholarships for students who have attended the program.

At the end of the conference Üzer was handed a plaque of appreciation by Tourism Faculty academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Ali Öztüren.

Experienced Reporter Rakoczy Meets Future Journalists at EMU



Journalist Hulki Cevizoğlu Visits EMU



Journalist, writer and television programmer M. Hulki Cevizoğlu visited Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office. During the courtesy visit Cevizoğlu gifted his latest book titled "Interrogation Techniques" and the magazine "Popular Science" he has been publishing for the last 24 years to Prof. Dr. Osam.

During the visit Prof. Dr. Osam provided extensive information about EMU as well as its student and teaching profile. Noting that EMU is an educational institution that values quality Prof. Dr. Osam showed university accreditations

as proof for his claim. EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. M.Yaşar Özden and Rector's Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş were also present at the meeting. The meeting ended with Prof. Dr. Osam handing Cevizoğlu a board with traditional Cypriot Lefkara Lace.

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication and Media Studies hosted a talk titled "Reporting from the Eastern Mediterranean" and Department of Journalism honor and high-honor certificate ceremony with the participation of Poland Press Agency news reporter Agnieszka Rakoczy.

The opening speech of the certificate ceremony was delivered by Department of Journalism Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nurten Kara. Kara noted that they are adopting a new curriculum titled "New Media and Journalism" by making changes to the existing curriculum with the aim of elevating the international compliance of department students.

"Citizen Journalism Makes Everyone a Reporter"

The successful students of the Department of Journalism were presented their certificates by academic staff during the honor and high honor certificate ceremony that took place after the opening speech of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nurten Kara. Following the certificate ceremony, a talk by experienced reporter Agnieszka Rakoczy took place. Not only students but also research assistants and academic staff members attended the talk. Prominent news reporter Agnieszka Rakoczy shared her experiences in the journalism sector with attendees of the event.

Rakoczy started her speech by emphasizing the significance of providing exact information to the public, and continued her words as follows: "The increasing power of social media is offering us access to many sources and news items. With the help of citizen journalism, everyone is able to become a reporter instantly. Keeping this in consideration, reporters should be very careful in order to make the right choices in such a chaotic atmosphere."

"Be Careful about Misleading News"

Rakoczy underlined the difficulty of distinguishing between fake news

and speculations in the interactive era we are living in and emphasized the necessity of providing the public with actual information by exemplifying the existing lack of data about the ongoing massacre in Aleppo.

"I don't disclose that I am a journalist"

When pursuing foreign news in such geographies Rakoczy stated that she doesn't disclose that she is a journalist. "Firstly, I am not very good at preparing the concerned formalities. Secondly, if people know you are a journalist this can sometimes pose a security threat. In addition, if you don't disclose that you are a journalist you can obtain information from other news agencies and civilians more easily."

Pressure on the media is increasing

Rakoczy stated that polyphony is decreasing as pressure on the media increases. Rakoczy went onto note that when looking at her own country, she sees a partial decline in freedom of the press. Rakoczy continued as follows: "For example a protest with a participation of 200 thousand people, can be portrayed in the media as a protest with a participation of 50 thousand people."

The Cypriot community has the strength to shape their own destiny

Also stating her opinions about the Cypriot negotiation process, Rakoczy noted that she is carrying out journalism for Cyprus Today in the North and The Cyprus Mail and Sunday Mail in the South. Rakoczy noted that she still has hope for peace, stating that the problem is the perception that only the guarantors and super powers can solve the Cyprus problem. Rakoczy stated "The Cypriot community has the strength to shape their own destiny". After answering the audience's questions Agnieszka Rakoczy was handed her gifts and a plaque of appreciation. The talk ended with Department of Journalism students taking a photo with the experienced journalist.

Baby Care and Breastfeeding Room from EMU Students



Within the framework of the social organisation course, students of Eastern Mediterranean University Faculty of Education and Faculty of Tourism introduced another social responsibility project. As a result of the project which was carried out as part of 'THRM 223- Social Responsibility Organisations', an elective course offered by Tourism Faculty, the Baby Care and Breastfeeding Room in Famagusta State Hospital was improved. The official opening of the room took

place at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 14 December 2016. Famagusta Kale Lions Club Chair Dr. Suna Hasipoğlu and Famagusta State Hospital Pediatric Health and Diseases Specialist Umut Altunç delivered speeches.

The project took place under the supervision of EMU Community Involvement Center Executive Board member Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso, with the support of Famagusta Kale Lions Club and through

active involvement of students Gizem Koyun, Gizem Şahin, Damla Kuru, Nilay Günçan and Nebil Salamah. Students who participated in the project stated that they initiated the project to establish a playroom for children receiving treatment at the said hospital. However, they later found out that there is one already. They, then, had a meeting with Famagusta State Hospital Pediatric Health and Diseases Specialist Umut Altunç and took his recommendation of improving the baby care and breastfeeding room in the hospital. The students expressed their happiness in partaking in a project as such and extended their gratitude and appreciation for the active support of Famagusta Kale Lions Club, Dr. Suna Hasipoğlu and Dr. Umut Altunç.

In her speech at the official opening of the said room, Famagusta Kale Lions Club Chair Dr. Suna Hasipoğlu stated that they wanted both mothers and babies to be happy in the breastfeeding room. Kale Lions Club's noteworthy contributions are very important in this respect. Their selfless efforts in supporting less lucky people than us are appreciated. Dr. Hasipoğlu concluded her speech by thanking all those who supported the project.

After Hasipoğlu, Famagusta State Hospital Pediatric Health and Diseases Specialist Umut Altunç also delivered a speech during which he stated that the former baby care and breastfeeding room at their hospital was not in a good condition. Dr. Altunç thanked students of EMU and Lions Club for their support.

EMU Volleyball Gains Strength with Mercy Promise



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has added an important Nigerian sports person to their volleyball squad and had a good start to the league. Mercy Promise, who is captain of the Nigerian Youth team, has started competing for EMU and hasn't taken long to make an impression. Aged 22 with a height of 1.85 cm, Promise is viewed as one of the best hitters to have played in Cyprus.

Midweek, EMU came up against Near East University, last year's champions. After losing the first set 25-24, EMU won the next three sets 25-18, 25-15 and 25-15 to emerge 3-1 victors of the match. Mercy promise featured alongside her teammates Sedef, Çisem, Şerife, Beste, Asena, Ayşe, Merve and Rale, with her smashes playing an important part in victory.

Commenting on the transfer of Promise, EMU Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu noted that EMU is major contenders for the championship, going on to state that Mercy will help the development of volleyball in the country: "Excitement will rise as a result of new and quality sports people coming to the island. We have strengthened the EMU Female Volleyball Team squad with the addition of Mercy, who has a unique smash technique". Konnolu concluded by stating that they will continue to serve Indoor Sports and raise the quality of the leagues by completing further important transfers.