

EMU Awards In-Service Training Certificates to 389 Staff Members



A certificate ceremony targeted towards staff members who received in-service training during the 2016-2017 Academic Year was organised by the Eastern Mediterranean University. During the ceremony which took place at EMU Activity Center Hall at 2:30 p.m. on 6 June 2017, 389 staff members of Eastern Mediterranean University were awarded certificates.

Organised by EMU Personnel Affairs Directorate, the 215-hour training courses were delivered by 13 experts under the titles of Work Health and Security, Information Security Awareness, Microsoft Office, the Art of Getting to Know Humans, General English, Social Media and Brand Management, Cisco Cyber Security, the Butterfly in Your Hand (Motivation), I Don't Know but the Brain Does and Stress Management (Anger and Stress Management).

Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam delivered a speech at the said ceremony. Extending his appreciation to EMU personnel for participating in the training

sessions, Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam put forth that there are no doubts regarding the quality of EMU. Prof. Dr. Osam also added that all staff members in EMU perform their duties and responsibilities in line with the fundamental values of the university.

Among those in attendance at the in-service training certificate ceremony were member of EMU Board of Trustees Recai Ergün, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden, Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren, Vice Rector for International Relations and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Rector's Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş, Dean of EMU Education Faculty Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam, Director of EMU Personnel Affairs Özlem Avcı and Public Relations and Press Office Acting Director Murat Aktuğralı. Along with those who participated in the training sessions, trainers were also presented certificates during the ceremony.



Students Perspire for EMU



EMU 2017 Entrance and Scholarship Exam Results Announced

Eastern Mediterranean University's (EMU) Entrance and Scholarship Exam for high school graduates who are nationals of the TRNC and the Republic of Turkey (those who have graduated from high school upon the completion of their education in an educational institution in TRNC after a period of 4 uninterrupted years of study) took place on Monday, the 5th of June 2017, between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. According to the information from the Rector's Office, 1294 students sat the 2017

Entrance and Scholarship Exam, which took place on EMU Campus in Famagusta and at Turkish Maarif College in Nicosia

Top scoring candidates in each program, excluding medicine, have been awarded 100% uninterrupted and unconditional scholarship whilst candidates with the 2nd and 3rd highest score have been granted 50% of the same scholarship. Finally, those ranking the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th in each program have been awarded 25% uninterrupted and unconditional scholarship. In addition, students who finished their high school as the top scoring student also gain

the opportunity to register for any program with 50% scholarship.

The exam contained Mathematics, Science, Turkish, Literature and Social Sciences sections as well as the English Language Test and Visual Skills Test for certain departments. All candidates' scores from all main sections of the exam, namely Mathematics – Science (MS), Turkish – Mathematics (TM) and Turkish – Social Sciences (TS) have been calculated, accordingly. Additionally, if the candidates chose to do so, their scores for English Language, Visual Skills (VS), Music (M) and

Sports (SP) sections have been calculated separately. Students who passed EMU's Entrance and Scholarship Exam may carry out their registration procedures at EMU Registrar's Office until September, 2017.

Releasing a statement about the 2017 EMU Entrance and Scholarship Exam, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam indicated that participation was high, going on to note: "We thank our dear students who view the Eastern Mediterranean University as their future whilst wishing the continuation of their success."



EMU Holds 2017 International Night in Grand Style

A night of joy, a unique display of culture and inter-cultural unification took place at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Atatürk Square as the International Office of the EMU held its 2017 International Night. The event featured unique performances of various Student Societies amongst the 106 different nationalities present at EMU.

The event which took place under the theme "We Are One" was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rectors. Students commended the organizers of the event as well as the University administration for organizing a grand event as such, stating that this year's event is an improvement on past International Nights. They stated that the International Night stands

out among other events organized by the University as it is the best and most unique platform for students of various nationalities to showcase the uniqueness of their culture.

The event that had a large turnout of EMU students and staff took place with the sponsorship Ramen Dormitory, Akdeniz Dormitory, New Form Gym, Halil Hamza Shoes, Longson Dormitory, Alfam Dormitory, Prime Living Dormitory, Arkin Palm Beach Hotel, Port View Hotel, Salamis Bay Conti Resort Hotel and ErReklam Agency. Others are İtimat, Kıbbas, Turkcell, EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Gym, Ekor, EMU-Koop, EMU Table d'Hote, Roof Restaurant, White Queen and Döveç. Awards of recognition were presented to the various sponsors at the end of the night.

Another Award Goes to EMU Cinema and Television Department

Results of the Greenpeace Movement's 5th Short Film Competition have been announced. Screening of the winning films and a photography exhibition took place in Bedesten. A film titled "Evimiz", directed by Mert Yusuf Özlük from EMU Communication and Media Studies Department came the third best among more than 40 films which took part in the competition. Directors of the top three winning films received their awards at a ceremony organized for this purpose.

EMU Communication and Media Studies Faculty Will Receive More Awards

Mert Yusuf Özlük from EMU Communication and Media Studies Faculty came second in the Green Camera Short Film Festival which took place 4 years ago. Özlük also won the best film award with his film "Sera" in a former Greenpeace Movement Short Film Festival. The first collaboration between Özlük and Aluç took place with the film

"Saklambaç". This collaboration was crowned with the success of "Evimiz".

Entire Film Crew from EMU

The entire crew of the film "Evimiz" consists of the students and graduates of EMU Communication Faculty. The film's image director is İsmet Egemen Aydın and arts director is Emine Bayır Yücel. Leading actresses are Hatice Çapkıner and Edayla Eriş. Touching upon the environmental problems from the perspective of a child, "Evimiz" sends a message to all members of the society on the World Environment Day.

"New Films Yet to be Released"

Director and producer of the film Mert Yusuf Özlük stated that they have been working in the film sector with students since 2010. Özlük added that their primary aim is to prepare students for the sector and, at the same time, motivate their participation in competitions and festivals. Highlighting the importance of having field practice along with theoretical information, Özlük added that all short film and



documentary work serves for this purpose. Özlük invited all those interested in film production to join his team and added that new films will participate in upcoming festivals.

"Everything Starts with an Original Idea"

The scriptwriter and music producer of 'Evimiz' Engin Aluç stated that

everything starts with an original idea and the application phase of the idea requires teamwork. Stating that short films on environment draw more attention than public service broadcasting, Aluç put forth that more ideas produced means more awareness raised. Aluç also advised students to read more books and follow cinema and latest artistic trends more frequently.



CNN Turk Editor Sinan Kunter and Director İbrahim Özkan, came to the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) for the talk titled "TV Programming from A to Z". Students, research assistants and members of academic staff attended the talk that took place at the Purple Hall of the EMU Communication Faculty. During the talk Kunter and Özkan shared their experience with the attendees.

Noting that the screen must be alluring both visually and contentwise, editor Kunter stated "Everything begins with an idea,

which is the most important issue. In order to transfer the idea onto the screen, detailing such as genre, time, production, budget and broadcast type such as live or pre-taped must be convincing."

Noting that it is colours that give every TV program its personality, EMU graduate Özkan stated "For example we use green and white themes for programs relating to health and dark blue colours for talk shows. Off course what we call visuality is a whole together lighting, decoration services, art directors and so forth.

CNN Turk Participates in a Talk at EMU

Highlighting the importance of image monitoring and selection in stage management, Kunter and Özkan put forth that if another channel broadcast a specific recording or image before yours, you will definitely face problems. Kunter and Özkan also advised the participants to be ready for last minute events.

"EMU TV" is a Big Opportunity

Director Özkan underlined the importance of students improving themselves in numerous fields; "EMU TV is a very big opportunity for you. Present at EMU TV are all of the elements required for broadcast at CNN Turk. If compared, you see that the only difference is the amount of the work you do and the presence of the latest technological tools."

"The penguins were decided on a week before"

Regarding the student question "Who decided on the broadcast schedule that resulted in a penguin

documentary being shown on the night of the 31st of May 2013?" Kunter stated "It was decided that the penguin documentary was going to be shown a week prior to that day. Not transferring the suddenly erupting Gezi movement protests to the screen was not a conscious decision. No exterior force can tell us to broadcast or not broadcast certain content, however self-censorship does take place in media institutions and there are Radio and Television Supreme Council rules. Kunter also indicated that CNN Turk was one of the mainstream media channels that broadcasted the Gezi movement the most.

Finally Kunter-Özkan advised that students learn a foreign language to a satisfactory degree and find a sub-branch to specialize in despite being trained in all branches of TV programming. The event came to an end after a group photo was taken.

Day of Honour for EMU Education Faculty Elementary Education Department Students



Successful students from Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Education Faculty, Elementary Education Department were honoured with a ceremony at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall. Before the honour and high honour certificate ceremony, graduation projects and work designed and produced in class throughout the year were exhibited in the foyer and exhibition halls where musical drama performances also took place. In addition, a "Farewell to Fourth

Years" was organized for Elementary Education Department students who are about to graduate.

The event was attended by EMU Education Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam, Department of Elementary Education Chair Prof. Dr. Elif Yeşim Üstün, department students and academic staff.

Delivering the opening speech of the event, EMU Education Faculty, Elementary Education Department Chair Prof. Dr. Elif Yeşim Üstün

indicated that the success of the graduates to be has made her proud, urging students to make a difference and leave a mark throughout their careers. Highlighting the importance of being able to touch every child, Prof. Dr. Üstün noted that she will be by the side of the students during their careers just like she was during their education period.

In a speech of her own, EMU Education Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam highlighted EMU's

quality educational vision indicating that the Pre-School Teacher Education Program is continuing with its international accreditation work with great determination. Advising the prospective teachers to raise honest children that love their country and ancestors and possess a moral values, Prof. Dr. Osam expressed that she is proud of all students and also stated that being a part of the EMU family is an honour. Following the speeches, the successful students were awarded honour and high honour certificates.

Şehit Osman Ahmet Primary School Students Learn How to Make Candy Apples at EMU Tourism Faculty

Şehit Osman Ahmet Primary School students made candy apples at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty, with Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts academic staff member Master Chef Hakan Doğan and Chef Mine Adalier

Students gained an unforgettable experience at the event that was also attended by Şehit Osman Ahmet Primary School principal Caner Kızılör, form teachers Evrim E. Öztüren and Şengül Cennet Öz and EMU Tourism Faculty Vice Deans Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren and Asst. Prof. Dr. M. Güven Ardahan.

At EMU Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts, Şehit Osman Ahmet Primary School students met with Master Chef Hakan Doğan and Chef Mine Adalier, obtaining information about the candy apple making process.

After choosing their yellow apples, the students coated them with sugar along with EMU Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts students. The students that attended the event with their form teachers learned that being productive whilst also having fun is possible. At the end of the event, they ate the candy apples they produced.



Important Conference at EMU Foreign Languages & English Preparatory School

An important scientific conference titled "9th TPLUS & FOCI Joint Event" was hosted at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School. The conference was attended by vocational and curriculum development units of the Turkish Cypriot and Turkish universities.

A statement released by the EMU FLEPS Directorate indicated that they are proud to host the prestigious conference hosted by a Turkish or Turkish Cypriot university each year. The event that was supported by EMU Rector's Office commenced with an opening ceremony. During the two day conference that brought together over 30 Secondary Education and Higher Education curriculum, teacher training and vocational development unit representatives from Turkey and North Cyprus, scientific presentations and workshops took place. The conference ended with a panel during which further information was exchanged, and prospective inter-institutional collaborations were discussed.



EMU Education Faculty, Foreign Languages Education Department Award Certificates to Successful Students



Eastern Mediterranean University Education Faculty, Foreign Languages Education Department organized a certificate ceremony for honor and high honor students.

Having taken place with the participation of undergraduate and postgraduate students, the ceremony had academic and administrative staff members in attendance. At the ceremony opening, EMU Foreign Languages Education Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Javanshir Shibliyev thanked all those who contributed to the organization of the ceremony as well as those in attendance for their participation. In his address, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Shibliyev stated that their ongoing support is always at students' service and that each and every member of the department have

been working selflessly to contribute to their success. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Shibliyev concluded his address by stating that they are always proud of their students.

Following Assoc. Prof. Dr. Shibliyev's address, EMU Education Faculty Dean and academic staff member of the Foreign Languages Department Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam also delivered a speech in which she highlighted the importance of academic success and certificates. Expressing her hope that organisations as such act as a source of inspiration for other students, Prof. Dr. Vancı Osam concluded her speech by inviting all students to work towards successful achievements.

After the presentation of the certificates to students, a group photo was taken.



This Week's Academic Publications

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