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# 23rd EMU Spring Festival to Take Place Between 17 and 20 May



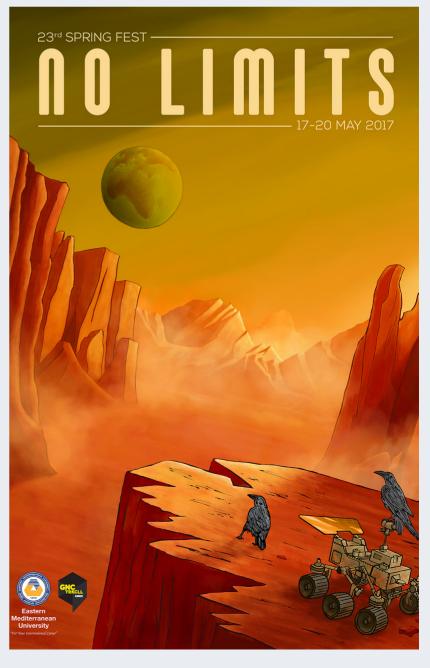
Eastern Mediterranean University's 23rd annual Spring Festival will take place between the 17th and 20th of May, 2017 on EMU campus. Taking place under the sponsorship of North Cyprus Turkcell mobile communications, 23rd EMU Spring Festival's theme has been released as "No Limit". The festival will include an array of social, cultural and sporting activities. A press conference providing detailed information about the content of the 23rd Spring Festival took place at EMU Tower Bar at 13:00 p.m. on Friday, 12 May 2017. The press conference was attended by Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden and Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, EMU Rector's Office Coordinator Assoc. Dr. Derviş Subaşı, EMU Faculty of Architecture

Dean Prof. Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek, Sports Affairs Directorate Manager Cemal Konnolu and Public Relations and Press Office Director (a.) Murat Aktuğralı who provided members of the press information about the spring festival.

The 23rd Spring Festival will begin with a parade walk starting from the Famagusta Youth Academy and ending within EMU campus. The walk on the 17th of May 2017 will begin at 17:30. The official opening of the ceremony will take place at 19:00 with the participation of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rectors and Special Olympics Turkey Chair of the Board Mehmet Civelek at the Festival Area.







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As part of the program for the first day of EMU's 23rd Spring Festival, a workshop with Visual Arts Club artist Prof. Martin R. Baeyens will take place at 11:00. The workshop will be taking place at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, where a conference titled "Turkey's Current Problems" will also be taking place at 14:00. Organized by the Atatürk Ideology Club the conference will feature as a speaker the 26th Chief of General Staff of Turkey İlker Başbuğ. Bob Marley's son Ky-Mani Marley will perform a concert on the main stage after a DJ performance at 21:30.

On the second day of the festival, the 18th of May 2017, the opening of the EMU and Special Olympics Turkey Mixed Football Project will take place at 10:00 a.m. at Lala Mustafa Pasa Sports Complex. At 12:00 a conference titled "A to Z of Television Programming" will be held at the Purple Hall of EMU Communication Faculty. The conference will be presented by CNN Turk Editor Sinan Kunter and CNN Turk Director İbrahim Özkan. A talk titled "Methods of Unveiling Your Talent and Bravery with Akasya Aslıtürkmen" will be taking place at the Activity Centre Hall at 14:00. A talk with journalist Cüneyt Özdemir will also take place at 15:00 at Mustafa Afsin Ersoy Hall, where another talk with Gani Müide will take place at 17:00. The "EMUATHLON" organized by the EMU Sports Affairs Directorate will also be taking place on the second day, commencing at 15:00. A theatre play titled "1000'de 1 Gece Divalogları" (One in a thousand Night-time Dialogues) featuring Hakan Meriçliler and Begüm Kütük will be performed at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center at 19:00. Entrance to the theatre requires an invitation which can be obtained from EMU Activity Centre. Children under the age of 12 will not be permitted to attend. Popular Turkish group Mor ve Ötesi will perform a concert at 22:00 on the second day of the festival at EMU Stadium.







On Friday, the 19th of May 2017 three talks will be taking place at the Activity Hall. The talk titled "The Art of Making a Story with Tuna Kiremitçi" will be taking place at 12:00, "Talk with Caricaturists" will be held at 13:30 and "The Past and Present of Beşiktaş" will be taking place at 17:30. In addition, two talks will be taking place at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. A talk with Canan Karatay will take place at 14:30 and a talk on "Turkish Football" will be given by Ahmet Çakar and Ertem Şener at 16:00. Famous Iranian illusionist AREF's fantastic illusion performance will take place at 19:00 at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. Entrance requires an invitation which can be obtained from the EMU Activity Centre. Children under the age of 12 cannot attend the event. On the third day of the Spring Festival Demet Akalın will perform a concert at EMU Stadium at 22:00. On Saturday, the 20th of May 2017, the last day of the festival, a talk from CNN Turk's Güven İslamoğlu titled "Sustainable Awareness" will be taking place at the Activity Hall at 12:30. A talk with thespian Levent Özdilek will be taking place at 14:00 and a talk titled "Lives with Fenerbahçe" will take place at 18:30 with the attendance of Hababam Sınıfi thespians. At Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, Special Olympics Turkey- EMU Health Sciences Faculty Health Conference will be taking place between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.. At 5:00 p.m. a talk with Aşkım Kapışmak will take place. From 2:30 p.m. on the final day, Color Fest will be held at the EMU golf course. The closing concert of the 23rd EMU Spring Festival will take place at 22:00. It will be performed by Tunisian group Myrath at EMU Stadium.

### Karim Rashid Coming to EMU for International Design Week



As part of the annually organized International Design Week of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Architecture Faculty and Design Club, world famous designer Karim Rashid will be taking to the stage on Tuesday, the 16th of May 2017 at Othello Castle in Famagusta. EMU Architecture Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek issued a statement about the event set to commence at 19:45, during a press conference organized at EMU Tower Bar on Friday, the 12th of May 2017 at 13:00

EMU's Architecture Faculty is preparing to host an important activity to cover design which has gathered global momentum in recent years. The annual "EMU International Design Week" organized by the EMU Architecture Faculty is taking place with the theme "The HUB" this year. Doyennes of the Architecture World including Karim Rashid, Nevzat Sayın, Han Tümertekin and Abdi Güzer will be participating in the Design Week as well as architecture/design schools from all over the world and Fuksas Architecture Office.

Known for his unique and striking interior and exterior designs Karim Rashid is gathering attention from all over the world. With over 4000 designs created in over 40 countries in his office in New York as well as more than over 300 awards, Karim Rashid has gained worldwide recognition as a legendary figure in the design world. By attending the 7th EMU International Design Week individuals will gain the opportunity to hear first hand from Karim Rashid who claims that design will change the world. EMU International Design Week aims to approach design as a requisite vision and cultural factor in order to create a better world by questioning, re-thinking and giving rise to thought. With a unique perspective, the Design Week activities aim for students, academicians, designers, artists and those who show interest in the modern learning model of EMU Architecture Faculty to focalize design. With its rich program including workshops, conferences, seminars and presentations, the EMU International Design Week is taking firm steps towards becoming a global design event for students who follow modern design developments, designers and anyone who believes in the vital importance of design.

The aims of the annual event which is carried out with a different theme each year can be summarised as follows: drawing a correspondence between global design developments, promoting the point the country has reached in national and international platforms, forming collaborations via design, improving existing collaborations and creating a platform in which students, academicians and sectoral representatives can learn together via practical experience. The event also aims to associate all participants to Cyprus's rich history, culture and social structure, in other words to share our country's rich cultural heritage via design. The program of the EMU International Design Week can be obtained from the webpage: int-dw.emu.edu.tr

## El-Pais Newspaper Representatives Visit Prof. Dr. Osam



María Hervás Pérez and Ana Nance, representatives from the Spanish newspaper El-Pais visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office. Visiting Osam to obtain information about EMU, Pérez and Nance received information about the university's academic development, world ranking, social life, student profile and academic personnel profile. Carrying out interviews with international students Pérez and Nance also took photographs during their campus tour. Speaking during the visit Prof. Dr. Osam provided information about EMU's history, academic development and the value it gives to quality. Mentioning EMU's accreditations Prof. Dr. Osam stated that its success is the best indicator of its quality. Noting that EMU is the first and only university from the TRNC to appear on the Times Higher Education (THE) List, Prof. Dr. Osam indicated that it is also the first Turkish Cypriot university to feature on the 151-200 band of the List of the World's Best Universities under the Age of 50.

## **Career Development Program Taking Place at EMU**



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Alumni Communications and Career Research Directorate has added another collaboration with a Faculty to the collaborations settled during the year to provide career support for students, helping them with their employability and making a career choice to their satisfaction. Based on data from the business world and universities, the EMU Alumni Communications and Career Research Directorate has included prospective graduates in their 'Career Development Program' in order to develop their social as well as their academic abilities. The program that will last until the 23rd of May 2017 will include workshops with experienced academicians and experts, covering topics such as writing a curriculum vitae, cover page and a letter of intent.

First workshop for prospective graduates takes place at Tourism Faculty with EMU Academic Staff Member Turan Değirmencioğlu

Turan Değirmencioğlu expressed that individuals taking into consideration their personal characteristics and pursuing jobs accordingly play an important role in the path to a successful career. Değirmencioğlu indicated that the first step of convincing someone you have never met before to call you for an interview in a competitive environment is your curriculum vitae stating that a good curriculum vitae must be focused towards the job, easy to understand and simply expressed. Speaking before the workshop, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç noted that the knowledge of how to write a good curriculum vitae that shows the skills

and competence of an individual will lead to a big advantage in employment, stating that they will continue to work the Alumni Communications and Career Research Directorate.

In his speech, EMU Alumni Communications and Career Research Director Derviş Ekşici stated that university life includes many relationships; academic, administrative and human relations. Eksici went on to state that students are at the core of the academic dimension noting that their Directorate greatly values student satisfaction. Eksici stated: "Before their graduation, we have prepared for our students an Alumni Communications and Career Research Directorate Career Development Program (Curriculum Vitae, Cover page and letter of intent interview techniques, live interviews, personal marketing and career planning) which we will implement and further develop.'

## EMU Hosts Prof. Dr. Gökhan Hotamışlıgil from Harvard University

Eastern Mediterranean University hosted Harvard University, School of Public Health, Genetics and Complex Diseases Department Chair Prof Dr Gökhan Hotamışlıgil within the framework of a conference organized by EMU Faculty of Health Sciences, Nutrition and Dietetics Department.

During the conference which took place at the Activity Center Hall at 2:30 p.m., Prof. Dr. Hotamışlıgil delivered a talk titled "The Novel Metabolic Biology of the Endoplasmic Reticulum".

The conference was attended by academic staff members and students from faculties of Health Sciences, Medicine, Arts and Sciences and Pharmacy as well as members of the Cyprus Turkish Dietitians Association and academic staff members and students from different universities.



## **EMU Communication Faculty Ranks amongst the Best in Euroasia**





As a global ranking and rating agency specializing in higher education, Eduniversal released the report for 2017 Postgraduate Program Ranking. In the said report, Eastern Mediterranean University Communication and Media Studies postgraduate program has been ranked 5th within the best 200 programs. This unique achievement is not something new for EMU Communication and Media Studies Faculty as the faculty has been consistently climbing to the top in the said rankings since 2011.

### Within the top 5 in Euroasia

Acting Dean of Faculty of Communication and Communication and Media Studies postgraduate program head Assoc. Prof. Dr. Agah Gümüş stated that the faculty has received an official notification regarding the said rankings from Eduniversal and that they have been informed that their postgraduate program has been placed within the top 200 programs worldwide. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gümüş also put forth that EMU Communication and Media Studies postgraduate program has been announced as one of the top 5 programs within Euroasia and the Middle East. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gümüş went on to state that among Turkish universities, only Galatasaray University, Communication Strategies and Public Relations Postgraduate Program appears in the said rankings.

### 7th Year Amongst the Best

Highlighting the importance of Eduniversal in the field of higher education as an important ranking institution, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gümüş listed the said organisation's evaluation criteria as the worldwide reputation of the program, the salary of first employment after graduation and student satisfaction with the program. Stating that the faculty has been appearing within the best for the past 7 years, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gümüş added that around 4 million 250 thousand students refer to the website of Eduniversal regarding their postgraduate program choices.

According to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gümüş, EMU Communication and Media Studies postgraduate program's repeated appearance amongst the best programs in the rankings of Eduniversal, a prominent organisation established in France in 1994, further highlights the quality, recongition and reputation of the program.

#### **EMU Communication and Media** Studies

Having been providing postgraduate study opportunities (with thesis) in the field of communication and media studies since 1998, EMU Communication and Media Studies Faculty boasts a unique international profile. The Faculty has brought up many graduates from different countries including Albania, Bosnia, Palestine, South Korea, Iran, Cameroon, Nigeria, Norway, Ukraine, Russia and Jordan.

## EMU to Host 11th Sand **Sculpture Festival** and Competition on 21 May

Organised annually by Eastern Mediterranean University, Architecture Faculty, Interior Architecture Department in collaboration with EMU Design Club, "11th EMU Sand Sculpture Festival and Competition" is taking place at EMU Beach Club from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on 21 May 2017. The event is open to public and anyone interested may participate in groups.

This year's festival is expected to be more colorful and vibrant with the addition of dance shows and music performances. Participation of students from other universities within the island is expected to enrich the event. During the festival, the participants will have the opportunity to design and build

sculptures, using new approaches and natural material, even just for one day. The festival will enable the participants to take advantage of the natural beauty of the beaches of Famagusta, nourish alternative forms of art and make similar events take root in our country.

"Sand Sculpture Festival" awaits all those wishing to participate. Interested contestants wishing to register for the event may do so until 20 May 2017 either via "EMU Sand Festival" facebook page or at 630 1139.

For further information Facebook: EMU Sand Festival e-mail sandsculpture@emu.edu.tr Tel: 630 11 39



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Yer: DAÜ Deniz Tesisleri, Gazimağusa Tarih: 21 Mayıs 2017 Pazar Saat: 10:00 - 18:00

> Son Başvuru Tarihi: 20 Mayıs 2017

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Facebook sayfası: EMU Sand Festival Tel: 630 11 39

FACULTY OF ARCHITECTUR

# **Director of CNN Turk News Programs in EMU**

The "Television Journalism" workshop organised by Cinema and Television Department between 8 and 12 May 2017 created a platform bringing together Director of CNN Turk News Programs Assist. Prof. Dr. Cansel Poyraz Akyol and Communication Faculty students.

Along with students, research assistants and academic staff members also participated in the event. During his opening address, Acting Dean of Communication Faculty, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Agah Gümüş stated that the faculty will continue to organise events bringing together students and sectoral representatives. Stating that he finds the students lucky in this respect, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Agah Gümüş expressed his and the faculty's pleasure in hosting a professional who will provide her experiences as well as practical information for students.

Having undertaken duties as the coordinator and news editor of many programs including "Ahmet Hakan ile Tarafsız Bölge", "Şirin Payzın ile Ne Oluyor?", "İnsanlık Hali", "Gündem Özel", "Mirgün Cabas ile Her Şey", "Tecrübe Konuşuyor" and "Gün Başlıyor", Cansel Poyraz Akyol first provided information on the operation of CNN Turk through videos. Providing her experiences on "Television Journalism", Akyol added that a news channel is a place where there is nonstop work 24/7. According to Akyol, all staff working there needs to be well aware of the agenda and current events.

"NEWS SELECTION IS AN ART" Talking about news reporting, Akyol stated that the art of reporting is knowing what needs to be covered in news. Akyol also put forth that current events should be carefully followed and selected. Hence, you need to read and listen to others a lot.

### Internship for the Student with the Best Performance

Akyol also stated that they will be giving an internship practice opportunity at CNN Turk News Center for a student who demonstates the best performance during the 5-day workshop. During the second half of the organisation, Akyol delivered a presentation on the preparation of a bulletin and presenting news in front of the camera.

Stating her pleasure in the student participants' performance, Akyol added that they will also hold a news meeting with students on the current events specified. The first day of the event finished with a group photo.





# "Housing Talks" Takes place at EMU Faculty of Architecture



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture, Housing Education Research and Advisory Center (HERA-C) aims to share the university's expertise and know-how regarding housing with all those involved in the housing sector. The center believes that the housing phenomenon should be discussed in a multi-dimensional manner including its physical, social, economic, technological, cultural and legal dimensions.

Parallel to their 'education - research", 'research – publication', 'applicationconsultation' and 'collaboration' activities, the center is continuing their "Housing Talks" as part of their 4th Term activities.

In line with their aims and objectives, HERA-C carried out the activity 'Housing Talks' on Thursday, the 4th of May 2017 at 15:00. The activity took place at Alper Özdural Conference Hall located in the Faculty of Architecture. Feriha Altıok was the guest speaker at the event which focused on the description of venue and residence via poetry. Altıok, who holds important positions in both architecture and literature, gained the opportunity to discuss and share her poems on housing as well as her reasons for starting to write poems, her interoperations and experiences. After talking about her poetry book Altiok went on to read some of her poems from the book. Altıok mentioned how she initially believed that architecture wasn't for her but that venues were, continuing to point out that she included venues in all of her poetry books. To conclude, Altıok highlighted the importance of poetry in her life, stating that she is very happy to be sharing her emotions with EMU.

EMU HERA-C Chair, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kağan Günçe noted that the "City and Architecture III" activity organized by HERA-C and moderated by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Afet Çeliker Coşkun was very productive indicating that the Center will continue to organize activities as such. The event ended with a cocktail after Feriha Altıok was handed a plaque of appreciation by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kağan Günçe.

# EMU Presented Awards to the Winners of Photo Safari



Having taken important steps in becoming an animal-friendly campus, Eastern Mediterranean University has introduced another meaningful activity aiming to raise awareness regarding animal welfare on campus. In this respect, EMU Animal Rescue Club in collaboration with Neuter-Vaccinate- Let Live project volunteers organized a Photo Safari activity.

The Photo Safari activity aims to capture on campus animal-human interaction and contribute to the formation of a visual archive depicting an animal friendly campus. Having invited the participation of EMU students and staff, the Photo Safari activity took place within campus boundaries between 2 and 3 May 2017. Photos taken within two days were evaluated by a jury formed by Assist. Prof. Dr. Yetin Arslan, Senior Instructor Nafia Akdeniz, Senior Instructor Mustafa Batıbeniz and Senior Instructor Reşat Özay. Winners were presented with awards by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam at a ceremony which took place at EMU Özay Oral Library Exhibition Hall at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, 12 May 2017.

# EMU Nutrition and Dietetics Department Chair Prof. Dr. Besler Provides Information on the Celiac Disease

Eastern Mediterranean University, Health Sciences Faculty, Nutrition and Dietetics Department Chair Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler highlighted the importance of 9 May, Celiac Disease Awareness Day. In this regard, Prof. Dr. Besler stated that Celiac Disease (also known as Gluten Enteropathy) is a serious autoimmune disorder that can occur in genetically predisposed people where the ingestion of gluten leads to damage in the small intestine. According to Prof. Dr. Besler celiac disease is a problem some people have with foods that contain gluten, a type of protein found in the grains wheat, barley and rye and flour produced from these grains.

Prof. Dr. Besler went on to state that when a person who has celiac disease consumes foods containing gluten, his/ her immune system reacts badly and the intestinal lining becomes damaged. In line with the recent developments, patients as such may be recommended to consume limited oat under close monitoring.

Prof. Dr. Besler also stated that: The only recommended treatment for celiac disease is a strict gluten-free diet, excluding wheat, barley, rye and food items produced from them from the diet. Instead of food items containing gluten, patients are recommended to consume corn and rice and flour produced from them. However, it should always be kept in mind that each individual are recommended separate nutrition and dietary applications in diseases as such.

Foods to Avoid for Celiac Disease: All types of products containing wheat, barley and rye. (e.g. flour, cracked wheat, cracked wheat pilaf, semolina, macaroni, vermicelli, couscous, bread, cake, cookies, biscuits, pastry, buns, wafer, bagel, cracker, ice-cream cone, deserts with flour, tomato paste containing gluten, ketchup, soup containing flour, sauces, tarhana and cracked wheat).

Meat products like chicken, fish and meat cooked with bread crumbs. Drinks containing malt, beer, malt drink, vodka, gin.

Ready-made soups and seasoning items including gluten;

Some items such as vinegar, chocolate, pudding, chewing gum, ketchup, mayonnaise, and ice-cream may contain gluten. Before consuming items as such, information on the ingredients of the



product should be obtained. Dried nuts with salt or sauces should also be avoided as they contain gluten. Gluten-free nuts are also available and can be consumed.

## Important Recommendations for a Gluten-free Diet

Those with celiac disease should take time to go over the labels for items bought from supermarkets. Before consuming over the counter products, patients should inspect the nutrition information for each product and check whether the item contains gluten or not. While consuming food at schools or restaurants, gluten free meals should be selected. Food for children with celiac disease should be prepared separately by families. Finally, the most important recommendation for individuals with gluten enteropathy or celiac disease is to ensure close monitoring by a doctor or dietitian.

### EMU Graduate Industrial Engineer Becomes World's Youngest Factory Manager



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Engineering Faculty, Industrial Engineering Department 2015-2016 Academic Year Spring Semester graduate A. Raouf Badarneh has become the world's youngest Factory Manager.

Raouf who applied for a Factory Manager vacancy at Dubai based fire extinguishing systems producer NAFFCO (naffco.com) was selected for the job out of hundreds of experienced applicants after 4 face-to-face interviews and a three-hour long private meeting with the company's general manager.

A. Raouf Badarneh, who possesses a Business degree as well as an Industrial Engineering degree, stated that not only did he receive quality education in English during his time at EMU, but he also gained the opportunity to get to know different cultures because of the cosmopolitan environment it presented. Highlighting the importance of this Badarneh thanked his university and department for presenting him this opportunity.

According to the information provided by EMU Industrial Engineering Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gökhan İzbırak Industrial Engineers and Operating Engineers can work successfully in the service industry (consultancy, transportation, energy, logistics, finance, banking, hospitals, brand management, programming, tourism, education, telecommunications, marketing, human resources etc...) and for construction companies as

well as in factories, presenting higher quality products and services whilst simultaneously lowering expenditure. The Industrial Engineering program provides students the opportunity to obtain a Mechanical Engineering or Business degree in addition to their diploma. The Industrial Engineering Department also has ABET accreditation (abet.org) which has only been obtained by 4 universities in Turkey. Since 1998, department graduates have been carrying out management jobs at national and international companies in the manufacturing and service sectors. They have also been gaining acceptance for postgraduate programs at the world's best universities such as MIT and Cambridge.

## Lebanese, Sudanese and Palestinian Nights at EMU





### This Week's Academic Publications

#### Faculty of Arts & Sciences

1.Rza Bashirov and Mani Mehraei. "Identifying targets for gene therapy of  $\beta$ -globin disorders using quantitative modeling approach." Information Sciences 397 (2017): 37-47.

**2.**Ali Övgün. "Inflation and acceleration of the universe by nonlinear magnetic monopole fields." The European Physical Journal C 77, no. 2 (2017): 105.

#### Faculty of Engineering

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Source: Web of Science Faculty of Business & Economics

**1.**Mehmet Balcilar, Nico Katzke and Rangan Gupta. "Do precious metal prices help in forecasting South African inflation?." The North American Journal of Economics and Finance 40 (2017): 63-72.

### Faculty of Pharmacy

1.Gökçe Şeker Karatoprak, Fatih Göger, Mükerrem Betül Yerer and Müberra Koşar. "Chemical composition and biological investigation of Pelargonium endlicherianum root extracts." Pharmaceutical Biology 55, no. 1 (2017): 1608-1618. Lebanese, Sudanese and Palestinian Student Societies operating under the International Office of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) organized international nights at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall.

### **Cultural Dances Performed**

The second Lebanese Night included English and Arabic music and dance performances. Successful students who demonstrated outstanding performance in the academic and sports dimensions were handed honor certificates. Over 200 people attended the Sudanese Night organized by the Sudanese Student Society. The night included traditional Sudanese music and dances. In a speech, Sudanese Student Society President Hafnan Elhag thanked EMU management for creating a pleasant environment.

Speaking at the Palestinian Night, EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova urged Palestinian students at EMU, to always see themselves as agents of positive change in their nation. Also speaking at the event Palestinian war photographer, Alan Badarneh touched upon the challenges the country is facing including war which he described as setback for progress and development. Calling for solidarity and unity among Palestinians globally Badarneh stated that this could be their panacea.

