

## EMU Rector Visits YÖK President



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam visited Turkish Republic Council of Higher Education (YÖK) President Prof. Dr. M. A. Yekta Saraç at his office. EMU Rector's Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş was also present at the meeting which took place on Tuesday, 1 August 2017 at YÖK's main building in Ankara.

The meeting in which EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and YÖK

President Prof. Dr. M. A. Yekta Saraç exchanged information about higher education and the universities in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, lasted for one hour. YÖK President Prof. Dr. Saraç was informed about EMU's activities and missions. YÖK President Prof. Dr. Saraç thanked EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam for their visit which was very productive. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam expressed his delightfulness to YÖK President for their kind hospitality.

## T.R. Development and Economic Cooperation Office Visits EMU



Republic of Turkey Nicosia Embassy, Development and Economic Cooperation Office Coordinator M. Yasin Saatçi, paid a visit to the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) on Monday, 31 July 2017. As part of his visit, Saatçi visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet

Osam in his office. During the said meeting, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam provided detailed information about the university campus, faculties, international accreditations and collaborations as well as student and academic staff profiles and educational programs. After EMU



Rector Prof. Dr. Osam's briefing about the university, discussions on future collaborations with TR Nicosia Embassy Development and Economic Cooperation Office took place. At the end of the visit, Prof. Dr. Osam presented a gift made of traditional Lefkara Lace to Saatçi.

After his visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam, TR Nicosia Embassy Development and Economic Cooperation Office Coordinator M. Yasin Saatçi visited EMU campus and faculties as well as obtaining detailed information on university facilities and activities.

# EMU Visits Iran



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova and his team organized a series of visits to Iran. During the visits which took place on July 2017 Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova met with Kerman, Gorgan and Guilan University officials and Eghtesad – Iranian Company representatives.

Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova visited Kerman University of Medical Sciences Director of International Relations and Rector's Advisor Dr. Bakher Amirheidari and the existing collaborations on medicine and pharmacy education programs were discussed. In his address at the

university's graduation ceremony, Prof. Dr. Tanova wished all the graduates great success in their prospective careers. Prof. Dr. Tanova and his team had a meeting with the officials of Gorgan University which has a research center supported by World Health Organization (WHO). Visiting Gorgan University Agricultural Science Department, laboratories, farms and research centers, Prof. Dr. Tanova expressed his compliments to the crop production and processing approach of the institution. During the said visit, meetings with Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Dr. Mehdi Kashaninejad, Director of International Relations Dr. Farhad Khormali and

Planning Manager Dr. Farhad Shirani took place. On the third day of the visits, Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova paid a visit to Guilan University and possible future collaborations regarding Management, Economics and Tourism programs were discussed with the Director of International Office and Head of International and Scientific Cooperation Office Assoc. Dr. Ali Bani and Vice Head of International and Scientific Cooperation Office Soleiman Mohammadi Limaei. Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Tanova paid a visit to the Mayor of Rasht city receiving a city tour with him and discussions on how they brought life into the town center and how the long pedestrian walkways were made took place. On the last

day of the visits, Prof. Dr. Tanova visited Eghtesad – Iranian which is a company based in Tehran that works to form international partnerships, provides trainings and consultancy to both private and public Iranian organizations, and collaboration opportunities were discussed to hold joint conferences or short term training programs.

Prof. Dr. Tanova expressed his pleasure in visiting Iran as well as thanking all the officials for their hospitality and stated that the visits were very productive by means of information exchanges and EMU's future collaborations.

# EMU and Guilan University Signs Protocol



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Guilan University from Iran signed a protocol. The signature ceremony took place on 28th July 2017 Friday at EMU Vice Rector For Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı's office.

Recently, EMU Vice Rector For International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova visited Iran and

came together with Guilan University representatives where they discussed possible collaboration opportunities. Guilan University Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmad Razi and International Office Director Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Bani came to EMU after Prof. Dr. Tanova's visit to Iran and expressed their happiness for the information exchange between two universities at both meetings in Iran and TRNC. Guilan University Rector Prof.



Dr. Ahmad Razi said that they are very excited to collaborate with EMU.

The protocol between EMU and Guilan University enables collaboration between both universities in strengthening relationships, organizing joint education programs, courses, conferences, symposiums, workshops, joint research, sharing of educational data and exchange of experience. Both universities also

discussed the formation of a possible joint graduate program in engineering. EMU Vice Rector For Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Vice Rector For International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Guilan University Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmad Razi and International Office Director Assoc. Dr. Ali Bani were present at the signature ceremony.

## EMU Tourism and Hospitality Management Programs Once Again Gain World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Accreditation

Following the "Teaching Education Quality in Tourism" (TedQual) accreditation by World Tourism Organisation, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism and Hospitality Management programs are once again granted with UNWTO accreditation.

Providing detailed information about the faculty and its accreditations, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed his happiness and honour on behalf of the faculty for receiving World Tourism Organisation accreditation which is the world's most prestigious and prominent authority in tourism field. Stating that being granted with World Tourism Organisation accreditation is a source of pride for EMU which is acting as a pioneer of quality education in tourism field. Prof. Dr. Kılıç

highlighted that EMU is keeps receiving top scores from the inspections regarding its physical and academic structure, instructor quality, administrative mentality, student satisfaction and ethical principals as well as maintaining its place on the top positions among all the accredited institutions. Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç mentioned the rising standards of the tourism field and underlined the significance of accreditations as an indicator of achieving the necessary international standards. Emphasizing that EMU Tourism and Hospitality Management program is acting as a flagship in providing the sector with qualified graduates as well as continuously improving the educational and academic structure of the departments within the framework of EMU Rector's Office visions, Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined that the international standard and quality of EMU is



a very strong reference for the current students and graduates in their prospective job applications. Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded his words by thanking EMU Rector's

Office and all his teammates for their contributions to creating such successful education model to satisfy the expectations of the tourism sector.

# The Joint Law Postgraduate Program of The University of Bologna and EMU is Accepting Students



The joint postgraduate program of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and University of Bologna titled "Comparative Legal Systems" has begun accepting students for the 2017 – 2018 Fall Academic Year. The program without thesis will start its first courses on 25th September 2017.

Joint programs in the field of Law are carried out particularly in USA, England and a number of European countries. In this sense, the Comparative Legal Systems masters program have the characteristics of being the first of its kind in Turkey and Cyprus. EMU is the only authority

considering administrative and financial matters at the joint program. A committee of science had been formed that is consist of EMU and University of Bologna academicians for carrying out the program in the academic fields.

Along with the faculty of law graduates, candidates from other fields who received an undergraduate degree with the condition of completing the preparatory courses may also be accepted to the program. Information about application conditions can be accessed from <http://grad.emu.edu.tr/en/admission/admission-requirements>.

In scope of the one year masters program, the students will earn the opportunity to receive a Joint-Double Degree approved by both universities after successfully completing 10 courses and a term project. Courses such as Free Movement in EU, Human Rights, EU Law, Comparative Constitutional Justice and Comparative Private Law will be thought in the program.

The language of the program is English and the students need to provide the necessary English qualification conditions stated at the following link: <http://grad.emu.edu.tr/en/admission/>

english-language-requirement. All courses will be executed in EMU Faculty of Law. The courses will be thought by EMU Faculty of Law and University of Bologna academicians who will come to EMU for providing these classes.

Applications to the program can also be made online. More detailed information can be accessed from <http://ww1.emu.edu.tr/en/programs/comparative-legal-systems-masters-program-without-thesis-joint-program-with-university-of-bologna/1510?tab=curriculum>.



## EMU Preparatory School Draws Attention With Social Responsibility Projects

Eastern Mediterranean University Foreign Languages and Preparatory School (EMU FLEPS) draws attention with the "Social Responsibility Projects" it has been carrying out with the contribution of its students in the academic year. The first event titled "Cittaslow Experience" has been completed with the organization of academicians Pınar Hüdadoğlu and Bahar Aşar, under the leadership of academican Hüseyin Demirel and under the guidance of Zekai Altan. The students were delighted at the tour that begun from Diner Olive Oil Facility in Çayırova

Village and continued with Kumyalı The Nitovikla Garden Hotel, offering food, beverage and dessert identified with the Cypriot culture. Also, Cypriot culture and life stories were told to the students during the visit.

On the other hand, within the scope of the first step of another project titled "Give A Book Give A Life", 70 students visited Lefkoşa Deniz Plaza. The students which were welcomed warmly by Deniz Plaza managers and employees, explained the project to Deniz Plaza officials and asked for their support.



The students found further support after their visits to Işık and Rüstem bookstores. The students were extremely happy after being able to receive such book support. After the visits, the students went to Büyükhane, experiencing this valuable historical artifact and ate lunch. Give A Book Give A Life Project group completed the first step of the project successfully.

### Turkish Cypriot Culture Project

The academicians and students who took part in Turkish Cypriot Culture Project visited İskele District. The students gave a break at the İskele Strait and earned the opportunity to take pictures of the beautiful view. Later on, they visited the Lefkara House where the Lefkara Silk

identified with the Turkish Cypriot culture was exhibited in Çayırova Village. The students also earned the opportunity to observe the building of Lefkara Silk at its place and examined the samples that were exhibited. As the last stop of the tour, the students went to Mehmetçik Village and observed Turkish Cypriot village life

closely. Later on, they earned the opportunity to taste different local food at a traditional restaurant which prepared a special Turkish Cypriot menu for them. The students were enthusiastic after watching Turkish Cypriot Folk Dance, which they also participated. The students socialized with the local residents and learned Turkish Cypriot culture more closely.

### Indigent Dogs Have Not Been Forgotten

Within the scope of EMU FLEPS Social Responsibility Projects, an event titled "Dogs in Need" including 75 students and their academicians Fayka Güresun, Suzanne Kayalp and Yi Zheng, builded 12 shelters for stray dogs in EMU and placed these shelters to various parts of the campus. The students stated that they are very happy to build a shelter to the dogs in need that protects them from hot and cold weather. The students expressed that they would like to continue contributing to stray animals and create social awareness for the bosom friends of humans.



## This Week's Academic Publications

Source: *Web of Science*

### Faculty of Arts & Sciences

1 - Gergely Kovacs, Benedek Nagy, and Bela Vizvari. Weighted Distances and Digital Disks on the Khalimsky Grid. *JOURNAL OF MATHEMATICAL IMAGING AND VISION*, 59(1, SI):2-22, SEP 2017.

2 - Ali Ovgun and Ines G. Salako. Thin-shell wormholes in neo-Newtonian theory. *MODERN PHYSICS LETTERS A*, 32(23), JUL 30 2017.

3 - Ekrem Varoglu, Adil Seytanoglu, Esra Asilmaz, and Bahar Taneri. Neurotransmitter receptor genotypes associated with mental and behavioral disorders. *PERSONALIZED MEDICINE*, 14(4):327-338, JUL 2017.

4 - Kimet Jusufi, Ali Ovgun, and Gordana Apostolovska. Tunnelling of Massive/Massless

Bosons from the Apparent Horizon of FRW Universe. *ADVANCES IN HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS*, 2017.

### Faculty of Engineering

1 - Gergely Kovacs, Benedek Nagy, and Bela Vizvari. Weighted Distances and Digital Disks on the Khalimsky Grid. *JOURNAL OF MATHEMATICAL IMAGING AND VISION*, 59(1, SI):2-22, SEP 2017.

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3 - Kian Jazayeri, Moein Jazayeri, and Sener Uysal. Artificial neural network-based all-sky power estimation and fault detection

in photovoltaic modules. *JOURNAL OF PHOTONICS FOR ENERGY*, 7(2), APR-JUN 2017.

### Faculty of Business & Economics

1 - Mehmet Balcilar, Rangan Gupta, and Kevin Kotze. Forecasting South African macroeconomic variables with a Markov-switching small open-economy dynamic stochastic general equilibrium model. *EMPIRICAL ECONOMICS*, 53(1, SI):117-135, AUG 2017.

2 - Nesrin Ozatac, Korhan K. Gokmenoglu, and Nigar Taspinar. Testing the EKC hypothesis by considering trade openness, urbanization, and financial development: the case of Turkey. *ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND POLLUTION RESEARCH*, 24(20):16690-16701, JUL 2017.

### Environmental Cleaning

Within the scope of the "Rainbow Project", EMU FLEPS students had completed another social responsibility project. The students and academicians has done environmental cleaning at the Palm Beach district, aiming to develop environmental consciousness and consolidation of common labor power. EMU FLEPS students earned the respect of the local residents after conducting different devotedly works.