



ORATORIO FOR NOVEMBER 24TH TEACHER'S DAY HELD AT EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education held an oratorio for November 24th Teacher's Day. The event was held on November 23rd 2018, Friday (10:00) at the Activity Center. The "November 24th Oratorio" conducted by Faculty of Fine Arts Education chair Prof. Memduh Özdemir and conductor Erkan Dağlı was successfully performed by the students of the Department Choir.

During his opening speech, Faculty of Education Dean Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam wished a happy Teacher's Day to all educators who, as stated, help in the development of individuals, modernisation of societies and

forming a civilised world order; and who are never forgotten by their students. Prof. Dr. Vancı Osam said that being a teacher is also being a life-time student and educators should internalise learning throughout their lives. Prof. Dr. Vancı Osam stated that the key to being a good educator is to be a good person who is virtuous, knowledgeable, willing to improve, courageous, noble, patient and imaginative. Prof. Dr. Vancı Osam concluded his speech with wishes of solving the occupational and working condition problems of educators who have given their hearts to pursue this path. Following Prof. Dr. Vancı Osam's speech, the Department of Fine Arts Education Choir performed delightful

poetry readings and songs with Erkan Dağlı as their conductor and accompanied by Prof. Memduh Özdemir's piano performance.

In addition to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler, Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu and Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı, Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora, Institute of Graduate Studies and Research Director Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Hakan Ulusoy attended the oratorio accompanied by many faculty members and students. The event ended with the presentation of flowers to participants.

NEW STUDENT COUNCIL VISITS EMU RECTOR

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, received the new EMU Student Council members at his Office on 19th November 2018 Monday, at 13:00. Following the completion of the Student Council elections between October 15th – November 9th 2018, the newly elected council members had their first meeting with EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam. EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu and EMU Rector's Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş were also present at the meeting, where collaboration between EMU Rector's Office and EMU Student Council was discussed. The meeting ended after a group photo was taken.



EMU FACULTY OF TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY RAISES THE BAR IN EUROPE



The 31st European Association of Hotel and Tourism Schools (AEHT) conference and several gastronomy competitions (Barista, culinary Arts and Pastry) were held in Leeuwarden (Holland) during November 12th–17th, 2018. Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality came second and won the silver medal for the ‘Barista’ competition.

EMU Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said that when they competed in 2016 and 2017, they won the bronze medal by winning third place and intended to raise the bar. By doing so this year, he expressed that they were very for achieving their goal. Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that as the Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality, they attended the general assembly of these events held for the 31st time and took steps towards collaborative works with other European tourism and hotel management schools from many different countries.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç gave information about gastronomy competitions. European Association of Hotel and Tourism Schools has 280 European schools as members. Each school attended these competitions, made in 10 different fields, with 20 students. Thus, Prof. Dr. Kılıç said that as over 600 students tried their best during these competitions, they were proud of Yalkın Özbahadır’s achievement in winning the silver medal.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasised on the importance of competing on an international level for both our university and our country. He said that İ. Çağlar Güden (in gastronomy) and Melisa Bağzıbağlı (in pastry) won 4th place during these competitions. Prof. Dr. Kılıç added that competing on an international level improves the students’ vision and increases their self-esteem; and he underlined that as the Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality, they showed maximum effort to carry their education quality, given on physical, academic and international levels, to the top.

Finally, Prof. Dr. Kılıç said that they consolidated their education success with their accreditation in Tourism-Hotel Management and Gastronomy fields and international memberships. He expressed his satisfaction about Faculty Member Kurtuluş Özbaşar serving as a jury member during these competitions. He said that the Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts (member of the World Association of Chef’s Societies (WACS)), would be in the competition and Özbaşar would serve as a WACS approved jury member. Prof. Dr. Kılıç thanked all his colleagues for their contribution to this achievement and expressed his special gratitude to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam who always provided them with moral and material support.



FAMOUS PRESENTER TULUHAN TEKELİOĞLU VISITED EMU



Famous writer and presenter Tuluhan Tekelioğlu visited Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU). Tekelioğlu came to Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) for the event organised by EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate. Tekelioğlu came together with EMU students, personnel and the locals of Famagusta where she gave a presentation titled “Life Gives Luck to Brave Ones: You Can Do It”. During the keenly participated event, the attendees had the opportunity to ask questions to Tekelioğlu about their subjects of interest.

A Visit Paid to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, received famous writer and presenter Tuluhan Tekelioğlu at his office. Prof. Dr. Osam thanked Tekelioğlu for her presentation at EMU. Tekelioğlu also thanked Prof. Dr.

Osam for their invitation and she stated that she liked the university and its campus immensely. Prof. Dr. Osam stated in the meeting that they were proud of introducing individuals with successful careers to the EMU students and the personnel, as well as the Famagusta public. Prof. Dr. Osam presented Tuluhan Tekelioğlu with a Lefkara frame which is indigenous to TRNC.

Who is Tuluhan Tekelioğlu?

Tuluhan Tekelioğlu is a producer and presenter of various television programs. She was awarded the Radio and Television Journalists Association’s “Best Talk Show Award” with her program titled “Başka Yerde Yok”. In 2010, two of her documentaries, where she interviewed 40 different women from 40 different districts of İstanbul titled “40 Women in their 40’s”; and “Men in their 50’s” including confessions from 23 different men in Turkey



attracted great attention. Tekelioğlu also wrote 6 books titled, “Ayrıca Ya Bizdensin Ya Da...”, “Üvey Evlat”, “40’ında 40 Kadın”, “Yapabilirsin”, “50’inde Erkek” ve “Her Şeye Rağmen İkimiz”.



EMU FACULTY OF PHARMACY ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER PROF. DR. ŞAHİN RECEIVES IMPORTANT TITLE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Pharmacy academic staff member Prof. Dr. Gönül Şahin, in addition to her memberships of the Turkish Society of Toxicology and Federation of European Toxicologists & European Societies of Toxicology (EUROTOX), added another title to her list: the international title of 'European Registered Toxicologist' (ERT). EMU Faculty of Pharmacy informed that Prof. Dr. Şahin is an academician at global standards. A statement from the faculty included the following: "We congratulate our professor on her achievement". The scientists who receive the ERT title are known as European Toxicologists and are regarded as Toxicology Experts in European countries.

Who is Prof. Dr. Gönül Şahin?

Prof. Dr. Gönül Şahin graduated from

Hacettepe University Faculty of Pharmacy in 1973. In 1975, she started working at Hacettepe University Faculty of Pharmacy, Department of Analytic Toxicology and Bromatology. In 1979, she got her doctorate degree in the same field. In 1986, she earned the title 'Associate Professor' in the field of Pharmaceutical Toxicology. In 1995, she got the title of 'Professor' and between the years of 1997 – 2011, she served as the Department Chair at Hacettepe University Department of Pharmaceutical Toxicology. From 2011 and on, she has continued her academic work as a Founding Faculty Member of the EMU Faculty of Pharmacy.

Prof. Dr. Şahin has over 100 original publications, over 30 translations and compilations of book chapters and published works in several international indices.



She has attended many training programs and organised many scientific meetings throughout her academic life.

GROUND BREAKING NEWS FROM EMU FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences blazed a trail in TRNC by being granted a membership to the Consortium of Institutes of Higher Education in Health and Rehabilitation in Europe (COHEHRE). With this new membership to COHEHRE, EMU Faculty of Health Sciences aims to share information with the universities of the European Union on education, teaching and research; and to

provide support in these fields to the students and faculty members of EMU Faculty of Health Sciences.

COHEHRE was founded in 1990 and incorporates 42 member universities from 12 different European countries. It aims to form a social network between the health field related higher education institutions in European Community Countries. COHEHRE

also aims to contribute to its members by sharing the best current and future international applications on the fields of education, learning and research. In addition to contributing to mutual research projects over the member universities, COHEHRE also aims to encourage the improvement of education models and methods in order to develop occupational cooperation in health services.

GATHERING OF THE FIRST STUDENTS OF EMU FACULTY OF LAW TAKES PLACE



The first students and graduates of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Law came together at the event titled “The Gathering of First Students of EMU Faculty of Law” which took place between November 16th –18th 2018.

The event was organised by EMU Faculty of Law lecturers, also being the first graduates of the faculty, Assist. Prof. Dr. Pervin Aksoy İpekçioğlu and Assist. Prof. Dr. Demet Çelik Ulusoy as well as Lawyer Evrim Eminağa and Özşen Anış Mehmetlioğulları. The theme of the event was selected as “Year 2000, the Millennium Graduates”. The event began on November 16th 2018, Friday with the arrival of graduates from Turkey and Cyprus.

After meeting in front of the EMU Faculty of Law building, the participants then gathered at the LA2 Amphitheatre for a “Symbolic Class” by EMU Faculty of Law lecturer Prof. Dr. Turgut Turhan. The first students and first graduates of the faculty presented a gift to Prof. Dr. Turhan at the end of the class. After a short EMU campus tour, the participants then conducted a dibbling ceremony in memory of the late EMU Faculty of Law Founding Dean Prof. Dr. Aydoğan Özman, Faculty of Law

ex-Dean Prof. Dr. Esin Konaç and EMU Faculty of Law graduates who lost their lives at young ages: Pınar Akman, Veysel Bülbül and Barış Kurt.

The “Homecoming Reception” took place at EMU Beach Club where EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Faculty of Law Dean Prof. Dr. Metin Gürkanlar were also present. The event ended with the gift presentations to first students and first graduates of the faculty. The participants thanked EMU Faculty of Law and EMU Rector’s Office for organising such an event.



EMU GRADUATE DR. MESUDE BIÇAK'S GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

Dr. Mesude Biçak, a 2006 Fall Semester graduate of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Engineering, Department of Computer Engineering, presented her study awarded at the American Society for Human Genetics (ASHG) 2018 Conference. The conference was held at the State of California, USA and with the global participation of 8500 researchers. Last year in October, the conference was held at San Diego and researches on human genetic diseases were presented. Dr. Biçak advanced to the semi-finals of the competition, to which many researchers from world's pioneering universities and institutions participated in, and earned the right to receive a monetary award. By developing bio-statistical analyses, Dr. Biçak studied the mutations and related genes causing prostate cancer. In the results, Dr. Biçak confirmed a statistical connection between the MSMB and SNHG11 genes which cause cancer. The results were confirmed in the laboratory environment by using CRISPR/Cas9 genetic mutation technology.

Who is Dr. Mesude Biçak?

In February 2006, she finished her undergraduate education (BSc) at Eastern Mediterranean University Computer Engineering Department in three and a half years. In September 2006, she

went on to continue her graduate studies on Software Engineering in Sheffield University, UK. In September 2007, she got a double scholarship from British Telecom (British telecommunication company) and the Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) thus; continued with her doctorate studies on Computational Biology at the same university. She successfully got her doctorate degree in February 2011. She continued her career as a researcher at the Oxford University in the field of statistical analysis of bioinformatics – protein and gene sequences on a digital platform. Dr. Biçak became a specialist in this field over a short period of time and in 2013, was appointed to the position of Expert Researcher and became the Team Leader for Ocean Sampling Day project; European Union a FP7 project.

In order to analyse the ocean water's ecosystem and biology map, this project gathered samples from all around the world. She organised the gathering of these samples, a process spreading over 7 continents and 500 spots, and coordinated the sequencing process of these samples at Max Plank Institute (Germany) where the sample analyses was performed by a team of 150 researchers.

By coordinating with Prof. Dr. Nedime Serakıncı, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Terin Adalı,



Prof. Dr. İlkey Salihoğlu from the Near East University; and with Assist. Prof. Dr. Burak Çiçek from the Eastern Mediterranean University, she included the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) waters in the research. In January 2016, she decided to continue her researches at the Mount Sinai Hospital's (America's largest hospital chain) Faculty of Medicine located in New York. For the last three years, she has been working with Assoc. Prof. Robert Klein, an important name in the prostate cancer field. With her last success, she was promoted as a Senior Research Scientist.

EMU TO COMPETE IN VILLEROY & BOCH CULINARY WORLD CUP



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts

Faculty Member and Expert Pastry Chef Pinar Barut will represent Eastern Mediterranean University once again in the international arena. Barut will represent EMU at Villeroy & Boch world culinary and pastry world cup. The competition, which is a quadrennial organisation, will take place between 24 and 28 November 2018 in Luxemburg with the participation of many teams/individuals from 5 continents and 75 countries.

A keen competition in the culinary and pastry fields is expected to take place between these teams and individuals during the Villeroy & Boch Culinary World Cup. EMU Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç included the following in his statement: "Despite her first-time representing our country, as we take her former success in

international competitions as a reference, we are quite confident that Barut will set a higher standard during the competition. As Barut has an official jury certificate from the World Association of Chefs' Societies (WACS) in the pastry field and a competitive personality, it does not come as a surprise that she is entrusted with a jury duty during the pastry competitions. Since this is a first for our country, it will be a success bringing a lot of pride".

Besides her duties as a contestant and a juror, Barut is expected to spend her remaining time attending gastronomy workshops and conferences to exchange opinions on the new improvements and latest trends; and to take constructive steps towards different collaborations.

“WOODLE” DESIGNED BY EMU ACADEMICIANS MET WITH VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication, Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Chairman Assoc. Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu and lecturer Hare Eminoğlu participated in the Festival for Visually Impaired Children held for the first time in İzmir where they introduced the “A’ Design Award” receiving and educating toy named “WOODLE”, designed for children with visual impairment.

With the support of volunteers, the visually impaired children, who receive special education, had a lot of fun at the Festival for Visually Impaired Children by participating at events full of music and art. Organised by the collaboration of İzmir Atatürk Province Public Library and Aşık Veysel Primary School for Visually Impaired Children, the visually impaired students also had the opportunity to participate in different workshops of the festival. The festival began with the concert of Pop Orchestra of İzmir Metropolitan Municipality. Also, various events such as voiced descriptive movie screening and special yoga for visually impaired children took place at the festival. Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication, Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Chairman Assoc. Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu and lecturer Hare Eminoğlu also organised an event with the “A’ Design

Award” receiving and educating toy named WOODLE which they designed for visually impaired children. At this event, the children learned the Turkish names of animals, as well as in English.

Students and teachers showed great interest and excitement for WOODLE. The school administration made a statement, asking for the mass production of the toy. The administration mentioned that, beyond enjoyment, the toy should also be used as a classroom material. Aşık Veysel Primary School for Visually Impaired Children Principal and Teachers underlined that WOODLE will fill a big gap in this field and the first demand will come from their school. This would lead other schools in different provinces persistently demanding the toy and they mentioned that they are ready to take action for the production of WOODLE.

What Is WOODLE?

With the WOODLE prototypes prepared by the Folk Arts Institute (HASDER), it is aimed that the visually impaired kindergarten and primary school students are provided with an entertaining and exciting experience. WOODLE allows children, visually impaired or not, to play together without discrimination. Designed for children over three years, the each set of WOODLE includes two animals. By its



design, when the pieces are arranged in the correct order, the player gets the correct shape of the animal. Being a simultaneously entertaining and educative toy, WOODLE is believed to aid in children’s cognitive, affective, lingual and motor development and activate their ability to see through playing, touching, reading and writing.

TIMES AND CASE STUDY COMPETITION HELD AT EMU DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Engineering, Department of Industrial Engineering Students' Club (IE-CLUB) successfully performed ESITEM's (European Students of Industrial Engineering and Management) TIMES Analysis competition. ESITEM is the world's largest students' union of Industrial/Management Engineering.

ESITEM has 80 member Industrial Engineering Students' Clubs representing over 60.000 students from 31 European countries. EMU Industrial Engineering Students' Club is the only member club of the island in ESITEM, including South Cyprus.



TIMES (Tournament in Management and Engineering Skills) Case Study Competition allows the Industrial and Management Engineering students face the hardships of working life and aims to provide them with experience on possible problems they may face, the projects they will be involved in and crises they may have to manage.

The competition jury were Industrial Engineering faculty member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Adham Mackieh, Assist. Prof. Dr. Sahand Daneshvar and lecturer Mahmut Kunter. 6 groups (of 4 people) generally including undergraduate Industrial Engineering and Management Engineering students competed. Despite a challenging choice among several successful presentations, the winners of the competition were Mohamed Salah M. Almagbari, Ismail Mwasha, Ahmed Khaled Abouelhassan ve Çağan Zorlu as a team. According to the



information provided by EMU Department of Industrial Engineering Chair, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gökhan İzburak, the winning team will represent EMU in Germany under the name of 'ESITEM Local Group Famagusta'

between January 16th and 22nd, 2019. The involvement and diligence of the EMU Industrial Engineers Students' Club members were appreciated both by the students and the members of the jury.

EMU DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING KEEPS MAKING A DIFFERENCE



In scope of the Fashion Marketing Communication Course, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication, Department of Public Relations and Advertising Vice-Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Umut Ayman (course lecturer) and students organised a creative and meaningful event.

In order to draw attention to December 5th World Women’s Rights Day and to raise awareness on women having equal rights in the society, they designed white t-shirts inspired by the Japanese fashion for the event.

The fact that the traditional Japanese Kimono stands against gender differentiation, its body feature eliminating properties and the indefinability of the wearer’s gender have become the inception point of the project. In this scope, the students got the opportunity to both prepare boards by combining Japanese fashion related research and visual materials from past to present, and to display t-shirts imprinted with phrases related to women’s rights. The exhibition, to which Department



Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anil Kemal Kaya also attended, earned the approval of both students and faculty members.

It was informed that Faculty of Communication’s official Facebook page will be posting related videos about this exhibition which will take place throughout November. The t-shirts and visual/written research, prepared to raise awareness on World Women’s Right Day and Japanese fashion, will be displayed on boards at EMU Faculty of Communication’s entrance hall.



DECLARATION BY EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK FACULTY OF MEDICINE FOR 17th NOVEMBER WORLD LUNG CANCER DAY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty sensitively continues to acquaint the society with matters regarding community health care and to mediate in answering the most popular questions in this regard. Most recently, Marmara University Faculty of Medicine, Surgical Medical Sciences Department academic staff member Prof. Dr. Hasan Batirel answered the questions prepared by EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine academic staff member Op. Dr. Didem Rıfki within the scope the of 17th November World Lung Cancer Day. During his speech, Prof. Dr. Batirel emphasized the diagnosis and treatment methods for lung cancer and explained what we should do to prevent lung cancer.

Low Dose Computed Tomography

Considering which individuals should have low dose computed tomography as a screen test for lung cancer, Prof. Dr. Batirel said the following: “For many years, various research conducted to find an ideal screen test for lung cancer. The screening with phlegm test and lung x-ray did not provide the results we wanted. However at 2000’s, the low dose computed tomography screening of approximately 25 thousand individuals showed that more than 80 per cent of the detected lung cancers were in first stage and deaths related to lung cancer decreased for 20 per cent. The most important screening test that is present for us is low dose computed tomography. This screening should be conducted on individuals who are over 50 years old and smoking a package of cigarettes per day for at least 20 years and still smoking.”

“Best Precaution Is Not To Smoke Cigarettes”

Prof. Dr. Batirel also mentioned about what we should do to prevent lung cancer and if natural methods (phytotherapy) has a place or not as follows: “The most precious precaution is not to smoke cigarettes. In a world where cigarette is not smoked, it is predicted that 95 per cent of the lung cancers would not develop. There are no roles shown for phytotherapy for preventing lung cancer. At the same time, the general principles are known as greatly consuming colorful vegetables which has an effect against cancer and staying away from sugar. However, it is

not possible to reduce the effect of cigarette this way. For some individuals (10 per cent of the whole world population), the microscopic fans on the bronchus wall works more efficiently and even if these individuals smoke, they are rarely caught to cancer or chronic occlusive lung sickness. Even so, these individuals have a higher cancer risk compared to the general public.”

“Diagnose Is Not Possible Without Biopsy”

Stating that lung masses cannot be diagnosed without biopsy, in other means by taking particle, Prof. Dr. Batirel said: “Various methods can be used to obtain biopsy from



the mass on lung. Therefore, biopsy by entering between the ribs during tomography (transthoracic needle biopsy), bronchoscopy (illuminated tube for observing the trachea) methods are carried out. 80-90 per cent of the patients can be diagnosed by these methods. If it is not possible to diagnose with these methods, there could be a necessity for a diagnosis with closed surgery (VATS). Some patients are able to be diagnosed by the observation of the cells in the phlegm. Especially, phlegm test can find the cancers that had been carried to trachea. Saliva and breath examinations are still at the research stage. The analysis of the gases at breath can lead to some suspicions about cancer, but cellular diagnosis could not be concluded.”

When Should We Suspect?

Prof. Dr. Batirel made the following statements about when should we suspect about lung cancer: “If a cough different than normal, exhaustion or a little loss of

weight for an individual that smokes and is over 55 years old is important and needs to be researched. These might be the first symptoms of cancer. Spitting blood can be the first sign of a tumor that took place at the trachea. At the same time, in cases that lung cancer leaps (which is when half of the patients provide symptoms), headache, pain at bones, stroke, staffing on the fingers and enlargement of lymph nodes might be observed.” Quoting his thoughts about Immunotherapy and Cuban vaccine, Prof. Dr. Batirel stated, “Immunotherapy is a rapid developing field and nowadays, lots of various medicine are used for lung cancer. These medicine has effects against some characteristics on cancer cells and strengthens the immune system of the body. I do not have enough knowledge about Cuban vaccine but you can consult oncology medics about this subject.”

What Is the Place of Surgery In Treatment?

Prof. Dr. Batirel said that surgery is still the most efficient treatment method during the first two stages of lung cancer. “For these patients, it is usually removed with the lymph glands surrounding the lobe. The lungs are formed by 5 lobes. The loss of a single lobe does not cause serious respiratory predicaments. Nowadays, 50-60% of these surgeries are performed as closed surgeries. The closed method allows the lobe to be removed through 1-3 small openings. Quitting smoking is essential. A single cigarette can occlude the respiratory tracks for 24 hours. Avoiding cigarettes and thousands of poisonous chemicals they include is necessary for a successful result. Smoking after the lung surgery can cause the cancer to relapse and paves the way for a new lung cancer to form. Moreover, it decreases the respiratory functions and life quality”.

Prof. Dr. Batirel said the following about treatment success rates: “Lung cancer has four stages and the first and second stages are described as ‘early stages’. During these early stages, the 70-80% of the patients can be free of cancer with closed surgery. As the stages progress during diagnosis, this rate decreases accordingly. Today, we can achieve a certain level success even in the farthest stages of lung cancer with target treatments and immunotherapy”.

EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK FACULTY OF MEDICINE ISSUES STATEMENT ON WORLD ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS WEEK

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Faculty Member, ENT and Head-Neck Surgeon Op. Dr. Didem Rıfki provided important information on World Antibiotic Awareness Week. Op. Dr. Rıfki stated that with Sir Alexander Fleming's discovery of penicillin in 1928, the use of antibiotics earned a very important place in preventing and treating some diseases that, in history, caused many deaths, destroyed lives and caused epidemic illnesses. Op. Dr. Rıfki said: "The role of antibiotics in extending human lifespan and quality of life is indisputable. However, as we have been using antibiotics since 1928, the bacteria have gotten stronger against them. The first antibiotic resistance mechanism, discovered in 1940, was followed by others as we used different types of antibiotics. Thus, this caused a vicious cycle".

Animals are Given Too Much Antibiotics

Op. Dr. Rıfki drew attention to the fact that antibiotic resistance is one of the world's biggest health problems. She said: "In short, what we call antibiotic resistance is simply the bacteria becoming stronger against antibiotics. There are four important reasons for this: Excessive use of antibiotics, improper use of

antibiotics, overuse of antibiotics in agriculture and challenges in producing new antibiotics. Producing and launching new antibiotics, when the old ones remain insufficient, is very difficult due to some limitations such as; technology and ethics on various production stages, different health protocols of different countries and required permits for antibiotic production. Additionally, it is known that farm animals are given excessive amounts of antibiotics for fast growth, increasing product quality and preventing infections. Thus, formation of resistant bacteria has been observed in the intestines of farm animals. These resistant bacteria are transferred to humans by meat consumption and they cause illnesses. Moreover, the bacteria in the faeces of these antibiotic-given animals spread to the environment; causing more antibiotics to be used on the affected vegetation".

"Do not Take Antibiotics without Prescription"

According to Prof. Dr. Rıfki, using antibiotics without a prescription means unnecessary, faulty, insufficient or excessive use that can last for a shorter or longer period than necessary. "Bacteria resistance has become an immense problem due to the over-the-counter use of antibiotics. For this reason, people



cannot heal, they are exposed to side effects and a gigantic burden is placed upon the country's economy. At this point, it falls to our society to not be overconfident and comply with the prescription given by their doctor. Of course, it is also very important that our doctors educate themselves about this matter. As a step towards solving this problem, our pharmacists should also warn people about the importance of this issue. In short, if we wish to avoid going back to the old days when the simplest infections could kill, we as doctors should be more aware and careful when prescribing such medicines, while our patients should always consult a doctor before using antibiotics and abide by what their doctor instructs. The country's health policy should be regulated accordingly and agricultural antibiotics should be kept under a tight grip".

EMU ISSUES STATEMENT ABOUT ACADEMIC AMNESTY



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Student Affairs Directorate issued a statement concerning the effectuated academic amnesty published in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) official gazette on October 12th, 2018. In the statement, it was specified that the (Provisional Regulation) (Amendment) law, active under the 65/2005 TRNC Higher Education legislation, allowing the students who were disengaged to continue their education was enforced. The

statement included the following: “In these conditions, all students from orientation, associate programmes, bachelors completion (DGS) and undergraduate students, including EMU preparatory school must turn in their application to the Student Affairs Directorate by January 31st, 2019: Students who were willingly cleared and/or were to receive clearance by October 1st, 2018, students who got long-term suspension and/or were subjected to heavy disciplinary penalties and other students cleared for various reasons (excepting the Faculty of Medicine students transferred to Ankara University).

Detailed Information Available

Students who wish to resume their education must submit their application to EMU Student Affairs by January 31st, 2019. Detailed information can be obtained from the Student Affairs Directorate. Student Affairs Directorate, Tel: 0392 630 1217, e-mail: registrar@emu.edu.tr Web: <http://registrar.emu.edu.tr>.

EMU-PDRAM ORGANISES SEMINAR FOR STUDENTS ON “FEELING GOOD IN UNIVERSITY LIFE”



Eastern Mediterranean University Psychological Counselling, Guidance and Research Center (EMU – PDRAM) organised a presentation on “Feeling Good in University Life”.

In scope of the trainings given in accordance with the EMU students’ needs, a seminar on “Feeling Good in University Life” was given. During this seminar focused on supporting the welfare of students during the exam week, several

topics were discussed such as; obstacles in everyday life, methods for coping in a healthy manner, reasoning and behavioural mistakes creating exam anxiety and dealing with exam anxiety. The seminar, given in both Turkish and English upon the request of EMU Psychology Students Club, was given by EMU-PDRAM Psychologists Exp. Psyc. Özlem Güler and Exp. Psyc. Haşim Haşimoğulları.

This Week’s Academic Publications

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Faculty of Engineering

1 - Ozkan Cigdem, and Hasan Demirel. “Performance analysis of different classification algorithms using different feature selection methods on Parkinson’s disease detection.” *Journal of neuroscience methods* 309 (2018): 81-90.

Faculty of Tourism

1 - Taegoo Kim, Osman Karatepe, Gyehee Lee, and Hande Demiral. “Do Gender and Prior Experience Moderate the Factors Influencing Attitude toward Using Social Media for Festival Attendance?.” *Sustainability* 10, no. 10 (2018): 3509.



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