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## THE IDEAL SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE TRNC DISCUSSED AT A WORKSHOP



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Business and Economics and the Dr. Fazıl Küçük Foundation hosted the first workshop in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) to discuss the best system of government. The opening ceremony of the "Ideal System of Government for the TRNC, Presidential System and Parliamentary System Debate" workshop took place on Friday, the 4th of May 2018 at Kyrenia Oscar Hotel at 10:00. Present at the highly attended workshop were top government representatives as well as Cypriot and foreign academicians. The workshop commenced with the national anthem, a moment of silence and opening speeches.

### "Firstly The System Must Be Improved"

In her opening speech, Former TRNC Parliamentary Speaker and Dr. Fazıl Küçük Foundation Honorary President Dr. Sibel Siber noted that the workshop aims

to raise for discussion the problems of the current system whilst comparing it with alternative models with the goal of forming opinions about the best model for the country.

Speaking at the opening of the workshop, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that the current system has its flaws but it is up to them to try and improve the system, before changing it. Prof. Dr. Osam indicated that EMU will do its part based on its vision and mission.

EMU Faculty of Business and Economics Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçi-oğlu drew attention to the workshop aiming to create a more stable government system, public administration structure and stronger local governments.

### "The Biggest Problem is Patronage"

In his opening speech, TRNC Parliamentary Speaker Teberrüken Uluçay stated that the economic and political state of

the TRNC will shed light on future governmental system discussions.

TRNC Prime Minister Tufan Erhürman noted that the country's biggest problem is patronage indicating that this problem which is reflected in culture must be eradicated.

TRNC Minister of Education and Culture Cemal Özyiğit stated that all of these systems can be discussed but that everyone is informed about coalescence of laws and implementation.

Minister of Finance Serdar Denktaş stated that he has always been one to support the presidential system, indicating that as a community we are familiar with this system as it has been used before.

At meetings held with the participation of leading political scientists, public administrators, new and former politicians, party representatives, representatives of non-governmental organizations, experts, media representatives and intellectuals, the following issues were covered: "What are the problems of the current parliamentary system?", "Is it possible for the current parliamentary system to reach a productive structure?", "Would the presidential system be appropriate for the TRNC?" and "What are its advantages and disadvantages?"

### Not Small, but Very Important and Big Reforms are Necessary.

A large part of the participants stated that

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*Tufan Erhürman*



*Cemal Özyiğit*



*Serdar Denktaş*



*Dr. Sibel Siber*



*Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam*

it would be appropriate to restructure the existing system with big and comprehensive reforms or to undergo a radical system change to the presidential system in order to overcome the problems. Participants also agreed that it is no longer sustainable to continue with the existing structure.

### Those Who Support the Presidential System Pointed to Stability

Participants who advocate system change and present the Presidential System as an alternative model in stated that it would help overcome the bottlenecks in the political system in the TRNC, reduce poor management, improve of accountability and predictability, reduce nepotism and lack of merit reduction, allow more time to be spent on primary affairs by the lawmakers of the legislature, ensure that the executive is able to make quicker decisions under the management of the elected president, emphasizing that the Presidential System could be an important tool for achieving political stability. On the other hand, instead of changing the system directly in the workshop, those who declared their opinion at the point of improvement of the existing parliamentary system, the constitution, the legislature, the executive, the judiciary and the separation of the

strict powers, the electoral system and the political party law pointed out that very serious reforms are required.

### Closing Presentation by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlü

After the completion of the workshop and the preparation of the final report, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlü shared the text that emerged from all the tables with the public. Assoc. Dr. İşçiöğlü asserted that an extensive report on the workshop will be completed in the near future, and immediately after the preparation of the report, the full conclusion report will be presented to the public through a press conference.

### Dr. Sibel Siber Delivered the Closing Speech of the Workshop

Dr. Sibel Siber, who is the Honorary President of Fazıl Küçük Foundation, delivered the closing speech of the event. While Sibel Siber conveyed her endless gratitude, she also stated that the results indicate that the current system is out of sustainability. Besides expressing her conviction that decision-makers should take these steps carefully and take the necessary steps to open the way for the Turkish Cypriot people, she also underlined that the country does not have any luxury for losing time.



*Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlü*





## THROUGH THE EYES OF A SPECIALIST

EMU – ATAUM President  
Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk

### 19 MAY STATEMENT



19 May 1919 is the first day of national sovereignty. On this day, the first steps towards establishing the Republic of Turkey were taken. This is a day when a nation showed determination to exist despite vast absence. When Atatürk stepped foot on Samsun our National Independence Struggle Action Phase begun.

Atatürk's monumental work Nutuk firstly summarized his decision and the piteous situation of the Ottoman

Empire when he arrived in Samsun on the 19 May 1919. Along with the nation, despite all difficulties Atatürk managed to save the country from imperialistic occupying forces and carry out reforms to establish a modern Republic of Turkey which he describes as his most important work.

Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk entrusts the Republic to Turkish youth and explains how they will

protect it in his Address to Turkish Youth. Mustafa Kemal Atatürk emphasizes the importance he shows to this day by saying "19 May is my birthday". We are thankful and commemorate Atatürk, his fellow fighters and all martyrs who died to make this land our country. I wish you a happy 19 May Commemoration of Atatürk Youth and Sports Day.

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## THE 'INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CLEAN ENERGY' HOSTED BY EMU



Özdil Nami



Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam



Ahmet Hüdaoğlu



Prof. Dr. Hongtan Liu

'16th International Conference on Clean Energy' organized by the collaboration of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Energy Research Center (ERC) and Clean Energy Research Institute (CERI) of Miami University commenced with an opening ceremony in Salamis Bay Conti Resort Hotel on Wednesday, the 9th of May, 2018 at 09:00.

During the opening ceremony of 3-day conference which continued until the 11th of May, EMU Engineering Faculty academic staff member and head of EMU Energy Research Center Prof. Dr. Uğur Atikol emphasized the increasing population in the world and correspondingly, the increasing need for energy. Stating the increasing number of problems regarding the climate changes which threaten the sustainability of life, Prof. Dr. Atikol explained the primary reason of the matter as the accumulation of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere due to the infertile use of fossil fuels. As Prof. Dr. Atikol mentioned, the temperatures in the world is gradually increasing day by day and there are many technologies that can be used to reduce the global warming, but revolutionary structural changes are needed in order to use such technologies.

### It's Vital to Have a Usable Solar Energy System

Expressing his pleasure to be in EMU, Prof. Dr. Ziya Arnavut Chair of Computer and Information Sciences Department on Fredonia New York State University



Prof. Dr. Ziya Arnavut

mentioned the high cost of electricity in Cyprus even though the island has a sun-drenched climate throughout 365 days. Prof. Dr. Arnavut touched on the importance of having a useable solar energy system and stated his belief on the conference to play a significant role on finding a new and clean energy source for Cyprus.

Clean Energy Research Institute Director Hongtan Liu from Miami University made a speech during the opening ceremony and thanked everyone who have contributed during the process. During his speech, Liu shared a message from Prof. Dr. Nejat Veziroğlu, the Founding Chairman of Miami University Clean Energy Research Institute and also the



Prof. Dr. Uğur Atikol

Honorary President of 'International Conference on Clean Energy'. Providing information about the Institute, Prof. Dr. Liu also wished a fruitful conference as well.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam thanked everyone for their participation and laid emphasis on his faith regarding the conference to lead better energy use in Cyprus. Stating his belief on using solar energy in Cyprus is applicable, Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam notified that he believes the conference will result in beneficial outcomes.

### Importance to Economise the Redundantly Used Energy

Turkish Cypriot Electricity Authority Chairman of the Executive Board Ahmet Hüdaoğlu stated that the energy need of 8 billion population in the world has reached a point where it can be met with nuclear energy. Saying that the request for renewable energy has also arose with the need for nuclear energy, Hüdaoğlu mentioned the importance of finding an appropriate energy to satisfy the 8 million population. Being on the fence between two matters, when one looks from a professional standpoint electricity should be provided to the society on any ground, on the other hand, the other half suggests not using energy which harms the environment. Emphasizing the economizing the redundantly used energy, Hüdaoğlu stated that the energy to be produced shall be in the form of renewable energy to the greatest extent possible and the amount left shall be produced in the form in which it would not pose a threat against the environment. Hüdaoğlu ended his speech by saying that the outcomes of the conference will play a significant role looking ahead and wished a successful conference.



Dr. Petra Belle

### Cyprus is an Appropriate Spot for Solar Energy Use

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Minister of Economy and Energy, Özdil Nami also made a speech during the opening ceremony and expressed his pleasure to be a part of an important international conference held in EMU. Nami indicated the importance and success of hosting such a conference in TRNC. Likewise all the other previous speakers, Nami also found Cyprus as an appropriate country to use solar energy. Explaining the lack of technologies to store the solar energy as a reason for the underuse of solar energy, Minister Nami touched on the government's objective which is to connecting the network to a bigger one. A suggestion is to use solar energy in Cyprus during day time and using the energy coming from Turkey at night time. Nami added that with the new system there will be an opportunity to produce more energy, to renew country's own energy production system, to modernize the existing distribution systems in order to obtain more effective and safer systems and lastly, to have a more competitive economy within a cleaner environment.

Following the opening speeches, Dr. Petra Belle from Munich Technical University made the presentation titled "Fuel Cells – From Fundamentals to System". A panel on "Energy Approaches for Sustainable Development" took place with the participation of Prof. Dr. Mohammad Shahidehpour, Prof. Dr. Steffen Lehmann, Prof. Dr. Reinhard Haas, Prof. Dr. Ramazan Sari, Dr. Petra Belle and Dr. Amela Ajajovic on Thursday, the 10th of May, 2018 at 13:30.





## EMU HOSTS SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES FOR THE THIRD TIME

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted the "World Summer Games Training Camp" of Special Olympics Turkey for the third time. Special Olympics Turkey provides year-round sports training and athletic competitions in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with special education needs. During the camp that took place from the 15th to the 20th of May 2018, special athletes and their partners participated in social activities such as trips as well as training on a regular basis. The athletes that will be representing Turkey in the 2019 Abu Dhabi World Summer Games which will be attended by athletes from over 170 countries carried out training for 5 different sports at EMU (mixed football, bocce, table tennis, athletics and swimming).

During the training sessions, the 36 special athletes chosen from different regions of Turkey and their partners were accompanied by expert coaches and students from the EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Special Education.

### "We extend our gratitude to EMU"

Special Olympics Turkey Executive Board Chair Mehmet Civelek stated the following: "We are continuing to organize events with the aim of getting our special children participate in social activities. We are pleased to create an environment

where students can socialize with their peers, compete together and live the joy of winning. We thank EMU for opening its doors to us for the third time and presenting us the opportunity to improve the game and lives. With volunteer EMU students we shout: "Live together, play together".

### "We are Proud"

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam also mentioned his interest in Turkey's Special Olympics efforts approvingly. Osam told that "We are proud of seeing those individuals who need special training and have achieved success in sports as well as Turkey's Special Olympics sportsmen and its team coming to our university for the 3rd time. Hosting such an event in our university gave us happiness and pride. These special children will represent Turkey at an international event next year. We wish that this project which we have realized for the third year is an example for other universities in the island. With their participation, this family will expand and grow even more." On the other hand, Turkey's Special Olympics sportsmen, accompanied by Mehmet Civelek visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office on Thursday May 17, 2018 and presented the contest shield, basketball and football balls as a commemoratively.

### About Special Olympics Turkey

Special Olympics Turkey is an international non-governmental and



Turkey's only organization which is maintained since 1982. It spread around more than 170 countries all over the world and reached at more than 5 million special sportsmen) is the only organization in Turkey. Since its establishment, Honorary President of the organization Dilek Sabanci supported her moral and material support. In 2002, the foundation won the present status under Sabanci's leadership. Additionally, individuals who need special educational needs, putting them together

with other individuals, providing regular training and competition opportunities in a variety of sports are provided. In this way, it aims to help private sportsmen to improve their physical conditions, their motor skills and talents, show their courage, help their happiness to live happily, strengthen their relations in the society, and provide their participation in social life with equal rights to other individuals. For further information, please visit <http://www.soturkiye.org.tr/> address.

## EMU AND LIMAK CYPRUS DELUXE HOTEL SIGN COLLABORATION PROTOCOL



A collaboration protocol has been signed by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Limak Cyprus Deluxe Hotel. The protocol was signed by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Limak Cyprus Deluxe Hotel General Manager Mehmet Mülâyim and EMU Faculty of Tourism Dean Prof. Dr.

Hasan Kılıç at the EMU Rector's Office on Monday, the 14th of May 2018 at 10:00.

The protocol foresees collaboration in the fields of internship and education with the aim of developing tourism in the TRNC. Speaking at the signature

ceremony of the protocol Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam indicated that the two parties have come together for an important cause and that the protocol will be useful for both parties. Indicating that along with education, tourism is an important source of income for the TRNC Prof. Dr. Osam, highlighted that

EMU is trying to train quality personnel for the tourism industry.

In a speech of his own, Limak Cyprus Deluxe Hotel General Manager Mehmet Mülâyim touched upon the importance of students gaining experience in the sector, emphasizing that the sector needs competent and well-equipped students. Indicating that tourism is an important sector in the TRNC Mülâyim stated that they are ready to do all they can to ensure that students are well prepared when entering the sector.

EMU Faculty of Tourism Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç drew attention to the importance of sector-academia collaboration, emphasizing that the aim of the EMU Faculty of Tourism is training quality personnel for the tourism sector. Indicating that the faculty values practical learning Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that they employ an education vision that merges theoretical and practical education. Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by relaying his best wishes about the new protocol.



## 3<sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BANKING AND FINANCE PERSPECTIVES TAKES PLACE AT EMU



Özgül Nami



Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nesrin Özataç



Prof. Dr. Philip Molyneux

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Business and Economics Faculty, Department of Banking and Finance "3rd International Conference on Banking and Finance Perspectives" commenced on Wednesday the 25th of April 2018. The conference commenced at 10:00 with an opening ceremony that took place at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall. The conference supported by the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Central Bank continued on the 26th and 27th of April 2018.

Speaking at the opening of the conference EMU Department of Banking and Finance Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nesrin Özataç indicated that the conference will bring together numerous academicians and bankers in the TRNC who will share the latest research on banking and finance after the global financial crisis. Opportunities and risks of global financial markets will also be discussed. As pointed out by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özataç approximately 150 expert banking and finance academicians from 23 different countries participated in the conference at which 80 declarations were discussed in 15 sessions.

### EMU is an education institution that sets standards

In a speech of his own, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı provided information about the university and its large family. Stating that EMU is an institution which sets education standards in the country, Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı underlined the importance it gives to accreditations. Touching upon EMU's accreditations Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı described their biggest aim as to ensure that all prog-

rams become accredited. Noting that one of their duties as a state university is to service the community and humanity, Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı spoke about the numerous academic events they host in this context.

### Nami: "We aim to make TRNC attractive to local and foreign investors"

TRNC Minister of Economy and Energy Özgül Nami expressed his satisfaction regarding being at EMU highlighting the importance of the international conference. Minister Nami stated that TRNC's economy is comprised of approximately 4 billion TL and that education plays an important in the economy. Nami relayed future plans after indicating that they aim to make TRNC attractive to local and foreign investors.

Following the opening speeches, Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı presented a plaque of appreciation to TRNC Central Bank representative Hayri Bender for their contributions to the conference. Prominent academician Prof. Dr. Philip Molyneux (University of Sharjah, UAE) then delivered a presentation titled "Latest Developments and Future Work Opportunities in Banking".

On the second day of the conference Prof. Dr. Colin C. Williams (University of Sheffield, England) delivered a presentation titled "Shadow Economy and Alternative Policies". On the third day of the conference Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shahbaz (University of Montpelier, France) delivered a presentation titled "The Effect of Asymmetric Growth on Financial Development".





## "5<sup>th</sup> CITY AND ENVIRONMENT STUDIES" CONGRESS TAKES PLACE IN COLLABORATION WITH EMU

The "5<sup>th</sup> City and Environment Studies" congress held with Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Business and Economics Faculty, Business Department, Ankara University and Ernst Reuter Housing - City Planning Application and Research Center collaboration commenced with the attendance of mayors and local administration representatives of both the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and other countries at an opening ceremony on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018 at 09:30 in Arkin Palm Beach Hotel.

The event which commenced after a moment of silence, the national anthem and opening speeches is being carried out with the contributions of the Development and Economic Collaboration Office operating under the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey in Nicosia and the Municipality of Famagusta.

Speaking at the opening of the meeting with the agenda of "Local Politics, Local Services in the Globalizing World" EMU Business and Economics Faculty Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlü welcomed esteemed scholars from the TRNC and Turkey. Assoc. Prof. Dr. İşçiöğlü noted that the two day, five session long event will touch upon topics such as local administration in Turkey and the world, the scale problem in service, service policies aimed towards women and children, effectiveness of service, clever cities and local planning services.

EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı stated that universities have a duty to serve local communities and humanity indicating that EMU has been carrying out this duty since it was founded as a state university. Touching upon the scientific meetings organized and going to be organized by EMU this year, Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı indicated that EMU's contributions to the community and humanity will continue. Stating that over the last few years there have been both good and bad local administrations in the TRNC, Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı expressed his belief that the meeting will contribute to local administrations.

### It Is Very Important To Discuss Local Administration

Famagusta Mayor İsmail Arter stated that they gather at another scientific meeting organized by Famagusta's pride EMU, emphasizing that it is very important to discuss local administration in a globalizing world. Stating that work on local administration has been carried out for many years Arter indicated that the problem lies in the execution of outcomes. Arter also provided information about the state of the Famagusta Municipality.

**There Are Things That Must Be Done To Ensure The Healthy Growth Of Cities**  
Former TRNC Parliamentary Speaker



Dr. Sibel Siber

Dr. Sibel Siber described workshops as scientific gatherings where prescriptions are written with the aim of solving existing problems whilst highlighting the importance of complying with the outcomes of workshops. Stating that a child needs many things in order to develop in a healthy manner, Dr. Siber stated that this is the same for cities and towns. Noting that there are things that must be done to ensure the healthy growth and development of cities Dr. Siber stated that healthy individuals can be found in healthy cities. Dr. Siber concluded by wishing all participants a fruitful meeting.

Following the opening speech, Ankara University academic staff member and Congress Honorary President Prof. Dr. Ruşen Keleş delivered a presentation. During the presentation Prof. Dr. Keleş provided information about the meeting, emphasizing that local administration will be tackled and problem solutions sought. Prof. Dr. Keleş indicated that ideas will be exchanged regarding the urbanization of the TRNC. A music recital of EMU Education Faculty, Fine Arts Education Department students Deniz Amcazade and Dilara Gürtaş took place after Prof. Dr. Keleş's presentation.

During the first session of the congress moderated by Ankara University academic staff member Prof. Dr. Cevat Geray, Ankara University academic staff member and Congress President Prof. Dr. Ayşegül Mengi and EMU Business and Economics Faculty vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlü delivered the presentation entitled "Provisions of Autonomy in TRNC and European Local Administrations", the congress then continued with the following presentations; "Urbanity Awareness and Local Administrations" by Girne American University academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nazım Beratlı, "Globalization, Local Administrations and Citizen Rights" by Prof. Dr. Kivılcım Akkoyunlu Ertan from the Turkey and Middle East Public Administration Institute and lastly, "Globalization and Future of the Local Administrations" by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Birol Ertan. The congress continued with sessions organized on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018.



İsmail Arter



Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlü



Prof. Dr. Ruşen Keleş





## FAMOUS HISTORY PROFESSOR İLBER ORTAYLI MEETS WITH STUDENTS AT EMU



Prof. Dr. İlber Ortaylı

A conference titled "Atatürk and the Republic" was organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Atatürk Research and Application Centre. The conference that featured famous history professor Prof. Dr. İlber Ortaylı as a speaker took place at 10:30 on Monday, the 9th of April 2018 at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center.

The conference with a high attendance commenced with a moment of silence and the national anthem. In a speech, EMU Atatürk Research and Application Centre Academic staff member Asst. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk stated that they will continue to host important figures to ensure that young people who will run the country in the future obtain correct information about Atatürk and his principles. Asst. Prof. Dr. Göktürk thanked Prof. Dr. Ortaylı who came together with EMU students, in his first time coming together with young people at a university in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Starting his presentation by indicating that he is very

pleased to be at EMU, Prof. Dr. Ortaylı shared historical information and stated that the Republic of Turkey is amongst the last 200 republics in Europe. Prof. Dr. Ortaylı indicated that evaluating history incorrectly can lead to incorrect thought patterns. Expressing that the Republic of Turkey has a fantastic army, Prof. Dr. Ortaylı underlined that the army is an important fighting force with a structure that adapts itself to technological developments. Prof. Dr. Ortaylı also noted that Turkey reached a new dimension with Atatürk.

After student questions were answered, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam delivered a plaque of appreciation to Prof. Dr. Ortaylı. The said event was attended by Famagusta District Governor Dürdane Acı, Famagusta Navy Admiral Captain N. Koray Salar, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı and Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Education Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam and a large number of academic staff members, administrative personnel and students.

## EMU-SCT RECEIVES ASIIN ACCREDITATION FOR THE SECOND TIME

The 4-year Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), School of Computing and Technology (SCT) Information Technology undergraduate program has been re-accredited for the longest period of time by ASIIN (Germany).

After a successful inspection period last year it was initially decided that the IT program would be accredited for a second time for a period of one year. Following highly affirmative reports and responses, the accreditation was extended for the second time for the longest period of time. A Euro-Inf Label quality certificate was also received.

Breaking new ground in our country, EMU-SCT had managed to receive accreditation for its 13 other programs in addition to IT. Obtaining all European Union based accreditations EMU-SCT is proud to be offering a European standard education. EMU-SCT also broke new ground at postgraduate level earning a Euro-Inf quality certificate. With the new accreditations, SCT has raised its number of accredited programs to 13.

EMU School of Computing and Technology's Construction Technology (2 and 3-year programs), Electrical and Electro-

nic Technology (2 and 3-year programs), Computer Programming (2 and 3-year programs), Biomedical Equipment Technology (2 and 3-year programs) and Mapping and Cadastral Technology (2-year program) programs were formerly accredited.

Putting forth that accreditation is the process of reaching certain standards set up and measured by third parties EMU-SCT Director Prof. Dr. Mustafa İlkan, stated that their school boasts accreditations recognized by 28 European Union countries. Prof. Dr. İlkan further stated that

accreditations are proof of the educational quality of any institution. Indicating that vocational education is at the highest level in Germany, Prof. Dr. İlkan highlighted that SCT's FIBAA and ASIIN accreditations are from German based institutions.

Prof. Dr. İlkan concluded by stating that the IT program's ASIIN accreditation allows graduates free movement around the world, especially Europe highlighting that their education quality has been certified with the Euro-Inf Label delivered by EQAINE.



Prof. Dr. Mustafa İlkan



## EMU DOCTORATE STUDENT AWARDED IEEE-IES PRIZE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Engineering, Department of Electrical-Electronic Engineering doctorate student Farzaneh Bagheri was seen fit for an award by the IEEE Industrial Electronics Society (IEEE-IES) Electrical and Electronic Engineering Institute - Industrial Electronics Department.

The thesis Bagheri is working on with his fellow instructors EMU Department of Computer Engineering academic staff member Prof. Dr. Hasan Kömürçügil

and Department of Electrical-Electronic Engineering academic staff member Prof. Dr. Osman Kükrer was awarded a two thousand dollar prize at the CPE-POWERENG 2018 conference that took place at Texas A&M University in Qatar's capital of Doha in April.

Bagheri who represented EMU in Doha at the conference attended by 350 researchers received his award at a gala meal. Bagheri's work can be accessed from the internet page: <https://youtu.be/M3KazDoxMC0>



## EMU STUDENT AWARDED SECOND PLACE AT AN ADVERTISING WORKSHOP

Eastern Mediterranean University's (EMU) Faculty of Communication, Department of Public Relations and Advertising continues to provide its students opportunities to develop themselves.

The Fifth Advertising Workshop (AW!) organized by Yaşar University's Public Relations and Advertising Department took place on the 17th of April 2018. The said workshop was attended by EMU Faculty of Communication students Ahmet İyici and Ekin Alemdar who were accompanied by academic staff member Prof. Dr. Fatoş Adiloğlu.

At the workshop that aimed to bring students from different cities and countries with the common goal of a career in



advertising together and to form strong ties between future counterparts projects were delivered by advertising, visual arts, design and graphics students. At the two day long workshop students created an advertising campaign for the company Özsüt which they presented to a jury comprising of advertisers, sector representatives and academicians. EMU Department of Public Relations and Advertising student Ahmet İyici was awarded the second place prize for his advertising campaign.

The said workshop was attended by 50 participants from Sakarya University, İzmir University of Economics, Dokuz Eylül University, İzmir Katip Çelebi University and Yaşar University.

## "GENERAL SAFETY EDUCATION" CERTIFICATES PRESENTED TO EMU PERSONNEL

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Personnel Office Directorate organized a certificate ceremony at Mehmet Tahiroğlu Hall on Monday, the 30th of April 2018 for those who participated in the 2017-2018 Academic Year "General Safety Education" In-Service Training Program that

was organized with TRNC Police Department's contributions.

The TRNC Police Department, Police School offered training for a total of 252 EMU personnel from the Security Affairs Unit and other units on topics such as "Explosive material and Bombs,

Security of Critical Facilities, Crowd Management, Fire Protection, Narcotics, Traffic and Forensics".

**Prof. Dr. Osam:**  
"Very Important for us"

Delivering the opening speech of the certificate ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated "We are very happy to have completed this important course". Indicating that EMU is more serene than previous years Prof. Dr. Osam thanked everyone who contributed to the course. Also extending his gratitude to the TRNC Police Department Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted that when needed they make sensitive timely interventions. In a speech of his own Police Chief Süleyman Manavoğlu emphasized that the three week collaboration between EMU and the TRNC Police Department

has informed and raised the awareness of EMU personnel. Manavoğlu stated "Noticing incidents as a result of the information you obtained will enable you to help your family and people around you."

Following the opening speeches, Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam presented Süleyman Manavoğlu a plaque of appreciation. Course instructors were also presented plaques and certificates by Süleyman Manavoğlu and Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. EMU Personnel were presented their certificates by Police School Director (a.) Hüseyin Sağiroğlu, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova and Prof. Dr. Tanju Besler as well as EMU Personnel Office Director Özlem Avcı. The ceremony came to a close with cocktail after the certificate presentation.





# EMU HONOURED ITS 25<sup>th</sup> YEAR GRADUATES

"25th Year Graduates' Commendation Ceremony" organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate (MIKA) took place on Friday, 18 May 2018 at 17:00 in Emu Rector's Office Senate Hall. The event that brought all the 1993 graduates together was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, EMU-MIKA Director Derviş Ekşici, many of EMU 1993 graduates and their loved ones. The event commenced with an introductory film about EMU followed by the graduate speeches.

## "It's a Privilege to Be a Member of EMU"

1993 graduates Civil Engineering Department graduate Şebnem Özal, Business Department graduates Ersun Kutup, Arzu Yılmazbaşar and Ülker Tek took a pride in being EMU graduates by stating that the university has given them a lot with its international atmosphere and the successful academic staff. Moreover, the graduates expressed their feelings on how EMU helped them on their success journeys as well as their happiness regarding being a member of EMU family. Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department graduate Kenan Akseki's mother Semra Akseki shared her feelings about EMU by saying that her son is always proud to be a graduate of EMU, an international university around the world and added that the education her son received at EMU has played a significant role on his professional life.

## "I Wish You a Successful Career"

During his speech in the 1993 Graduates event, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam mentioned how EMU has come a long way during these 25 years by saying; "I was a young academician in EMU when you were students in our university. Therefore, I was going through same things with you as an

instructor. EMU's primary goal was to integrate people with the outer world by raising quality individuals. Our university has raised precious students as you are, has helped you integrate with the outer world and therefore, created an environment for you where you benefitted the most and as a result, you took the necessary steps to be successful. With our quality education offered in our university, we have managed to be ranked in world lists within the last 3 years. Today, no other universities in the Turkish Republic of North Cyprus (TRNC) are on these lists. Another important point is our QS Stars. Our university has received 5 and 4 stars in terms of Quality Stars. We thank all our graduates who are here with us today and wish you a successful career".

Following the opening speeches; EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova and EMU-MIKA Director Derviş Ekşici helped all the attending graduates to wear their gowns and presented medals. 1993 graduates who attended the 25th Year Ceremony, fulfilled their longings and took many souvenir photographs.





## EMU'S MAGNIFICENT EVENT BRINGS THE WORLD TOGETHER

One of the Eastern Mediterranean University's (EMU) biggest and most colourful cultural festivals; EMU International Night 2018 took place at the Atatürk Square with the participation of thousands of students from 106 different countries. Dances, songs and dishes from different cultures were present at the 17th annual International Night which was attended by students from all over the globe. The night commenced with a flag show from International Office assistants operating under the Vice Rector's Office for International Affairs and Promotion. The opening speech was then delivered by EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova who thanked the sponsors and those participating in the event.



### Local Clothes Added Colour to the Event

Visitors had the opportunity to visit stands set up by EMU students of different nationalities from 18:00 and onwards. At stands set up by EMU's Jordanian and Moroccan Student Societies visitors gained the opportunity to taste their local coffee. Chadian and Zimbabwean students performed their dances to local music. Chadian students' local clothes "Boubou", Cameroonian students' local clothes "Kaba", Zimbabwean students' local clothes "Dehwe", Libyan students' local clothes "Zbon" and Azerbaijani students' local clothes "Kurk" added colour to the event.

### Student Dance Shows

Many dance performances took place at the event. In addition to the EMU Folk

Dancing Group, Latin dancers and a Kangoo Jump group students from Azerbaijan, Iran, Egypt, Pakistan, Palestine, Sudan, Chad, Jordan, Lebanon, Nigeria, Tajikistan, Congo, Libya, Algeria, Morocco, India and Bangladesh performed their local dances. During the joyful night, students enjoyed cultural diversity. The event took place with Alfam Dormitory, Er Advertising, EMU Employee's Cooperative, KKTCELL, Ekor, Akdeniz Dormitory, Golden Plus Dormitory, Pop Art Dormitory, Salamis Bay Conti Resort Hotel, Port View Hotel, Arkin Palm Beach Hotel, Koton, İtimat, Prime Living Dormitory, New Form Sports Centre, Gymaholic Sports Hall, Roof Restaurant, Rouge 21, Novel Center Point, Deniz Plaza, Erülkü and Table D'hot sponsorship.



## WORLD-FAMOUS MATHEMATICS PRODIGY COMES TOGETHER WITH STUDENTS AT EMU



Within the scope of the Mathematics Days organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Mathematics Club operating under the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate world renowned mathematician Arran Fernandez came

together with the EMU community and high school students. Delivering a presentation titled "The Career of a Genius" at the Arts and Sciences Faculty Amphitheatre on Monday, the 9 April 2018 at 11:30, Fernandez stated that he is very happy to be at EMU before going on to touch upon his education and his recommendations for students' future studies. Fernandez indicated that he received home education and that he never went to school as a child stating that the first education institution he registered to was Cambridge University at the age of 15. In 2001 at the tender age of five he received the highest grade in a mathematics exam and he received an A+ at GCSE Mathematics at the age of seven. Touching upon the education he received and how he got accepted to Cambridge University, Fernandez provided advice regarding what students should be careful about during their education. Present at the event which drew a large attendance were EMU Vice Rector for Financial Affairs Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural, Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet



Ali Özarslan and many members of academic staff. At the end of the seminar, Fernandez was presented a plaque of appreciation by Mathematics Club President Benal Cicibaba.

### Fernandez Also Met with High School Students

Arran Fernandez also came together with high school students participating in the 24th High School Mathematics Competi-

tion organized by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Mathematics. Fernandez delivered the presentation titled "The Career of a Genius" at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall at 14:30 on the 12th of April 2018. Fernandez is also preparing to carry out post doctorate education at EMU next to Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan in the 2018-2019 Academic Year.



# ROCK FEST TAKES PLACE AT EMU

The eight annual "Rock'n EMU" event organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Social and Cultural Activities Directorate took place on Friday, the 27th of April 2018 between 16:30 – 01:00 at the EMU Stadium. This year's event featured unforgettable performances by the EMU Music Group and Turkey's famous artist and groups Vera, Son Feci Bisiklet, Adamlar, Aylin Aslım, Yüksek Sadakat, Manuş Baba, Feridun Düzağaç and Bulutsuzluk Özlemi. There was congestion at the entrance of the concert that was free of charge as people from all over the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) stormed to EMU to watch the performances.

## EMU Rector Presents Plaques to Groups

Addressing the audience, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that as a global university with over 20 thousand students from 106 different countries EMU is hosting a world standard Rock'n EMU event at the end of the exam period. Relaying his gratitude to all performers and the TRNC public who showed great interest in the event, Prof. Dr. Osam wished everyone an enjoyable night. The performers were presented plaques of appreciation by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler.





# FIRE OF ANATOLIA PERFORM 'TROY' MUSICAL AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted the Fire of Anatolia-Troy Dance performance. The event organized by the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate operating under the Vice Rector's Office for Student Affairs took place on Thursday, the 10th of May 2018. The magnificent performance commenced at 20:30 at the EMU Stadium. The performance of the 56 person dance group headed by Mustafa Erdoğan lasted for approximately two hours. The performance comprised of two acts, the first featuring five scenes and the second of eight.

Present at the event which attracted a large audience were Supreme Court President Narin Ferdi Şefik, Cyprus Turkish Security Forces Brigadier General Tevfik Algan, TRNC Minister of Tourism and

Environment Fikri Ataoğlu, TRNC Minister of Labour and Social Security Zeki Çeler, Famagusta District Governor Dürdane Acı and many Turkish Embassy of Nicosia and military representatives.

### EMU Fire of Anatolia

#### Dance Academy to be set-up

Speaking before the performance, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam expressed his pleasure regarding hosting Mustafa Erdoğan and his team at EMU. Prof. Dr. Osam also relayed his belief that the performance which will revive pieces of history will be magnificent.

Prof. Dr. Osam went on to inform the public that they have signed a collaboration protocol in order to set up an EMU Fire of Anatolia Dance Academy, high-

lighting that transferring our culture to future generations is the part of the vision of the university.

Mustafa Erdoğan stated that they held another performance at EMU last year which also attracted a large audience. Describing the Turkish Cypriot community as having a developed entertainment

culture Erdoğan expressed his belief that Cypriots will be very good dancers. Relaying their plans to set up a Fire of Anatolia crew comprised solely of Cypriots, Erdoğan announced that everyone between the ages of 4-30 can participate. Prof. Dr. Osam then presented Erdoğan a board with a traditional Cypriot door motif.





## PALESTINIAN CULTURE WEEK CELEBRATED AT EMU

Hosted by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) International Office "Palestinian Culture Week" organized by the Palestinian Students Society was recently celebrated with a range of events. Unlike previous years where a "Palestinian Night" event took place, this year's celebration was spread over a week. The first event took place on Tuesday, the 24th of April 2018 with a campus marathon run by over 150 Palestinian EMU students. On the 25th of April approximately 100 EMU students feasted

on local Palestinian dishes as part of the "Palestine on a plate" event organized by the Palestinian Students Society. An awareness walk took place on campus highlighting the problems being faced in Palestine.

### Great Interest Towards Palestinian Night

On Monday, the 28th of April 2018 "Palestinian Night" took place at the Rauf Raif Denктаş Culture and Congress Hall.

The night was attended by EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Nicosia Turkish Embassy Counsellor Yasin Temizkan, EMU personnel and Palestinian students. The night commenced with a video screening showing events taking place in Palestine. Speaking at the opening of the event, EMU Palestinian Stu-

dents Society President Ahmed Toma thanked everyone participating in the event. EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova wished all Palestinians a happy Palestinian Week and an enjoyable night. The opening speeches were followed by a traditional Palestinian music performance from the group Dalal Abu Amneh.



## GAMBIAN NIGHT CELEBRATED AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University's (EMU) Gambian students participated in an unforgettable "Gambian Night" hosted by the International Office on Saturday, the 28th of April 2018 at the EMU Beach Club. Gambian students explored Famagusta and participated in

a football tournament before relieving tiredness at the "Gambian Night" event. Speaking on the night, EMU Gambian Students Society President Sainabau-laye Ndure thanked all participants and Gambian students in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) for

their interest in the event. Guest participant, Lefke European University Gambian Students Society President Bakari Badjie advised Gambian students to be in communication and solidarity. Students were witnessed to be thoroughly enjoying the joyous event.





## EMUPSS ORGANIZES 4th ANNUAL CONGRESS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Pharmacy Student Senate (EMUPSS) organized the 4th Annual Congress with the theme of "Mosaic - Innovation over Business Association". Founded in 2014 and aiming to bring together the best pharmacists of the future, the 4th Annual Congress of EMUPSS was enriched with various events attended by a large number of academics and students from home and abroad. The event, which was organized with the support of the Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate (EMU - MİKA) and under the sponsorship of Famagusta Municipality and Pop-art Student Dormitory, started with the opening ceremony and seminars held at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall.

Vice Rector for EMU Student Affairs Dr. Prof. Halit Tanju Besler, Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin, vice deans, academic staff and EMUPSS members attended the opening ceremony.

### "Over 100 Alumni"

EMUPSS President Miracle Ita Udokang, who delivered the opening speech of the Congress, noted that EMUPSS has reached 300 members and that the senate continues to grow. Udokang expressed that they have come today thanks to the support of the EMU Faculty of Pharmacy and wished all participants to have a productive congress. EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin also provided information about

the history of pharmacy in his speech. Recalling that the faculty was established with 50 students in 2011 and noting that they have had more than 100 graduates until today, Dr. Şahin emphasized that they provided training for the students from different countries in accordance with the "mosaic", which is the theme of the congress. Professor Dr. Şahin thanked everyone who contributed to the organization.

### Various Events were Organized

After the presentations of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Halil Tekiner and Dr. Nico P. E. Vermeulen, the first day of the congress, which continued with the training of clinical talents and workshops, ended with a cocktail at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and

Congress Center at 19:30. On the second day of the congress, after the presentations given by Prof. Dr. Orhan Derman, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Beta Aycan and Prof. Dr. Rumeysa Demirdamar the congress continued with the patient counseling contest. Participants of the 4th Annual Congress of EMUPSS had a great time at the Gala Night held at İnciraltı Meze Restaurant. On the last day of the Congress, in the panel entitled "Facts and Errors in Pharmacy Education - A Global Perspective", the honorary guests of the congress Prof. Dr. Janet P. Engle, Prof. Dr. Antonio Sanchez Pozo and Prof. Dr. Rumeysa Demirdamar delivered a presentation. After the award and certificate ceremony, beach.



## PANEL TITLED "1<sup>st</sup> RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS AND CAREER DAY" BY EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK MEDICINE FACULTY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, Scientific Research Group held a conference titled "1<sup>st</sup> Research Presentations and Career Day" at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center on Monday, 14 May 2018 with the participation of faculty members of EMU Faculty of Medicine and a large number of students.

The panel which was held in 5 sessions featuring the work and presentations of the students, also included the academicians' presentations. The aim of the panel was to contribute to the development of medicine students who are aware of the changing habits of learning, producing, practicing and sharing in our world, making contributions on the basis of intelligence and science, and aiming to contribute prospective students' who can catch differences with the contributions they make.

EMU Scientific Research Group President Övgü Çetin, who delivered the opening speech, emphasized that



the participants had the opportunity to present the papers and posters they finalized on the panel as well as the participation of students' and academicians' both contributions and evaluations on them by listening to those presentations. Çetin conveyed thanks to everyone who contributed to the realization of the congress.

Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty's rich facilities, expert academic staff and internationally renowned education sys-

tem for the last six years in the TRNC, offering a quality education that attracts attention. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mumtaz Guran stated "Our distinguished students from all over the world attend our classes. The main goal of our faculty is to train highly qualified, rational, creative and free-thinking medics. " Also Assoc. Prof. Dr. Guran thanked everybody who had passed the test, saying that it was very proud to see such a successful presentation. After the opening speeches, Dr. Ahmet Çelebi delivered his presen-

tation titled "The Road to Residency". Ayşe Cantürk informed medicine students about the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) that they plan to serve as "Medical Resident" in the United States (USA). The questionnaire, which lasted for 8 hours in total, explained the questions and how they should be studied. Cantürk advised medical students to implement career planning before graduation. The panel was concluded with an award ceremony.



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EVALUATION PROGRAM "PISA" DISCUSSED IN EMU

Organised by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Education, Turkish and Social Sciences Teacher Education Department, a panel titled "A Critical Outlook in PISA Results from the Window of Reading Comprehension" was held in Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. The opening speech was delivered by EMU Education Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam and the panel was moderated by EMU Turkish and Social Sciences Teacher Education Department Chair Prof. Dr. Ahmet Pehlivan. The speakers at the said panel were Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nihat Bayat from Akdeniz University, Faculty of Education, Department of Elementary Education, Assoc. Prof. Dr. İbrahim Seçkin Aydın from Dokuz Eylül University, Faculty of Education, Department of Turkish Language Education and Assistant Prof. Dr. Gizem Uyumaz from Giresun University, Faculty of Education, Department of Educational Sciences, Measurement and Evaluation Program.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nihat Bayat first provided information on what PISA is and its assessment areas and then touched upon the place of Turkey in PISA. According to the results obtained, Turkey has a lower average when compared to the averages of OECD and all other countries. According to the findings of research participated by 72 countries in 2015, Turkey ranked 50th in the reading section of PISA evaluation. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nihat Bayat indicated that

the proficiency levels of Turkish students belonging to the 15-year-old group were lower than the reading levels of others. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bayat ended his presentation by addressing the key areas of reading in "PISA" and elements considered in PISA when evaluating reading materials.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. İbrahim Seçkin Aydın discussed PISA in terms of Turkish Education Programs. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aydın specified that the educational approaches in teaching and learning Turkish consist of two main methods, generally named as Behaviorist and Constructivist. The Ministry of National Education has developed a program which advocates the concept of "Constructivist Approach" by putting an end to behaviorist practices in 2005, and emphasizing those lower and upper skills besides language skills are also primary issues according to this understanding. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aydın also added that when the achievements related to reading field levels in PISA are compared with the ones in Turkish language program, the gains in Turkish language programs stay below the PISA expectations and therefore they do not meet the PISA criteria.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gizem Uyumaz evaluated PISA test's format and design in terms of assessment and evaluation of applications and compared them with the similar exam applications in Turkey. After the questions addressed by the students at the end

of the interview were answered by Prof. Assoc. Dr. Gizem Uyumaz, she touched briefly upon the subjects including the item formats used in PISA applications, her qualification levels, and her assessment

of reading skills. The panel which was received with great interest ended with the distribution of certificates of appreciation to the participants.



## "FROM NIGAR HANIM TO THE PRESENT: THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF FEMALE POETS IN TURKISH LITERATURE" TAKES PLACE AT EMU

Organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Turkish Language and Literature in collaboration with the Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate "The International Symposium Of Female Poets In Turkish Literature: From Nigar Hanım To The Present" took place at EMU. The symposium commenced with an opening ceremony that took place at 09:30 on Thursday, the 26th of April 2018 at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. The symposium continued on the 27th of April 2018. The first day of the symposium featured 4 sessions and the second day featured another 3.

Speaking after the national anthem and a moment of silence, symposium organization committee president and Department of Turkish Language and Literature Chair Asst. Prof. Dr. Gülseren Tor welcomed everyone to the conference, indicating that the symposium will discuss past and present efforts of female poets to make their presence felt as well as what female poets write about, why they write, since when they have been writing and how they write. Asst. Prof. Dr. Tor stated that the notion of "Women are written about in poems, women don't write poems" will be



demolished. Thanking everyone involved in the organization of the event, Asst. Prof. Dr. Tor wished everyone a fruitful symposium.

In a speech of his own EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan highlighted that the Depart-

ment of Turkish Language and Literature which is the first of its kind in the TRNC is becoming a part of the Turcology world by organizing important events. Also thanking everyone who contributed to the symposium Prof. Dr. Özarslan relayed his belief that the event will be a very useful one.

Following the opening speeches guest of honor Prof. Dr. Mine Mengi and Prof. Dr. İ. Çetin Derdiyok stated that they are very happy to be at EMU and thanked everyone involved in the organization of the event. Both days of the symposium featured numerous presentations on a wide range of topics.



## NUTRITION, SPORTS AND REST DISCUSSED IN EMU

Organised by the Eastern Mediterranean University, Health Sciences Faculty, Nutrition and Dietetics Department, a conference titled "The Triathlon of Life: Nutrition, Sports and Rest" was held at EMU Health Sciences Faculty Conference Hall. The honorary guest of the conference, also known as the first and only female "Ironman" on the island, was Emine Uluçay. Sharing her successful achievements and experiences in sports with students, Uluçay provided information on the theoretical and practical aspects of sports related nutrition. The conference had the aim of bringing together the students of EMU Health Sciences Department, Nutrition and Dietetics Department and a successful sports person who has remarkable achievements in the field.

### Who is Emine Uluçay?

Dietitian Emine Uluçay graduated from



London Metropolitan University, Nutrition and Dietetics Department in 2012. After completing her internship practice in different hospitals in London, Uluçay started to work in Kolan British Hospital in Cyprus for a period of three and a half years. She also contributed to a bi-communal European project titled "Promo-

ting Peace and Wellness in Cyprus" as a dietitian. Between 2015 and 2017, she planned menus for the Central Prison as the dietitian of PGC Development. She then obtained her degree in sports nutrition for the Sports Nutrition Program organised by the International Olympics Committee. Between 2012 and 2016,

she took up triathlon and participated in numerous tournaments both locally and internationally. In her sports career, Emine Uluçay won the first and second place in Turkey and is known as the first and only female "Ironman" throughout the island.

## JOINT MESSAGE AT EMU: "OUR BLOOD WILL GIVE LIFE TO PALESTINE"

Eastern Mediterranean University's (EMU) Palestinian Student Society gathered in front of the EMU Rector's Office on Tuesday, the 15th of May 2018 to protest the violence taking place in Gaza and provide emotional support to their country with the slogan "Our Blood Will Give Life to Palestine". The Palestinian students came together to condemn the killing of at least 60 civilians in Gaza who were demonstrating against the American Embassy in Tel Aviv being moved to the holy city of Jerusalem. In addition, thousands of civilians were injured by Israeli soldiers. The Palestinian students gathered around a giant Palestinian flag shouting slogans and handing out brochures reading "Stop Trump, Jerusalem is Palestine's Capital."

The said massacre is being described as Israel's most bloody attack since 2014. According to the statements of Palestinian state representatives, in addition to

those killed there are approximately 2,700 people left injured after Monday's attack. Following the protest, many students travelled to the Famagusta State Hospital where they symbolically donated blood.

### 24<sup>th</sup> EMU Spring Festival Cancelled

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam attended the protest outside the EMU Rector's Office where he also delivered a speech. Stating that such events are unacceptable in today's civilized world, Prof. Dr. Osam indicated that what happened in Gaza is a crime against humanity. Stating that this is a religious and ethnic massacre Prof. Dr. Osam stated that the Pope should not stay silent to the events that were escalated by the United States of America's (USA) decision to move its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. It was decided that the 24th EMU Spring Festival would be cancelled because of the terrible events in Gaza.





## EMU-CCS' 9th SYMPOSIUM ON TURKISH CYPRIOTS WHO LEFT A TRACE BEHIND IS COMPLETED

The 9th Symposium on Turkish Cypriots who Left a Trace Behind organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University Center for Cyprus Studies (EMU-CCS) commenced with an opening ceremony which took place at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall at 09:00 a.m. on Monday, the 21st of May 2018.

Before presentations, EMU Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs and EMU-CCS President Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı conveyed their thanks to the participants for their participations and gave brief information about EMU-CCS. Organized once every two years by EMU-CCS, the theme of this year's event was based on "Literature". Prof. Dr. Doratlı stated that the symposium will focus on Harid Fedai, Ali Nesim, Filiz Naldöven, Fikret Demirağ, Kutlu Adalı, M. Taner Baybars and Kaya Çanca, who have important contributions to the Turkish Cypriot literature. Prof. Dr. Doratlı mentioned that the symposium will cover these valuable individuals' life stories, struggles and societal contributions in great detail. After the opening speech, in the first session of the symposium, Ismail Bozkurt made presentation on "The Three Important Figures of Turkish Cypriot Literature Who We Have Recently Lost (Harid Fedai, Ali Nesim ve Fikret Demirağ)"; Then, Ulus

Irkad and Asst. Prof. Dr. Tayyibe Uç delivered presentations respectively titled "On Harid Fedai and Kutlu Adalı" and "Ölür İse Ten Ölür Canlar Ölesi Değil". In the second session, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Netice Yıldız delivered a presentation titled "My Childhood Memories with my Friend from Far Away Lands: Taner Baybars (1936-2010)", Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gürkan Gümüşatam and Asst. Prof. Dr. Emel Kaya delivered presentations respectively titled "Kutlu Adalı's Observations on Turkish in Cypriot Villages" and "Dramatic Structure and Discourse of Kaya Çanca Poems". In the third session, Prof. Dr. Oğuz Karakartal, Dr. Emin Onuş and Hüseyin Ezilmez delivered presentations titled "Harid Fedai's contributions to Turkish Cypriot Literature", "About Harid Fedai's 'Lefke Sayıklamaları Destanı' and "Social Criticism in Filiz Naldöven's 'Köşede Durmak' Play", respectively. Prof. Dr. Ulvi Keser and Devran Akbayram also delivered a presentation titled "Nacak Newspaper and an Evaluation of Kutlu Adalı's Vocabulary".

### The Presentations Continued on May 22nd

The symposium also continued on 22 May 2018. The first session presented by Prof. Dr. Esra Karabacak and Aslı Piro, featured a presentation titled "Evaluating Language Philosophy in Ali Nesim's



Work". Additionally, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Şevket Öznur delivered a presentation titled "Innovations of Ali Nesim Hoca in Cypriot Turkish Literature", Ceyhan Özyıldız's presentation titled "An Examination on Ali Nesim's stories titled 'Olive Prisoners-1' and 'Olive Prisoners-2', and Eralp Adanır's presentation titled "Ali Nesim's Philosophy Projections in book titled 'Discover the Beauties of Life'". In the second session, "A General View to the Poetry of Fikret Demirağ" by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Şevket Öznur, "An Approach in the Context of Cultural Literature of the Migrant Poet Taner Baybars Poem" by Prof. Dr. Metin Karadağ, "Folkloric Elements of Poems in the Book titled 'Hüzün Ana' written by Fikret Demirağ" by Asst. Assoc. Dr. Hatice Kayhan, and "Intertextual Components of Fikret Demirağ's Poems" by Asst. Prof. Dr. Mihrican Aylanç were also presented. On the other

hand, during the third session, which was also held on the same day, more presentations were delivered by Dr. Haluk Öner titled "The Childhood During the Days of Fikret Demirağ's Poems", by Asst. Prof. Dr. Selda Uygur titled "Mediterranean Love and Woman in Fikret Demirağ's Poems", by Prof. Dr. Ulvi Keser titled "A Cross-Sectional View of Fikret Demirağ's Poems in the Context of the Mediterranean" and by Mehmet Kansu titled "About Fikret Demirağ". The fourth session included Fatih Yalner's presentation titled "Filiz Naldöven's Memorized Texture in Poetry Books", Asst. Prof. Dr. Emel Kaya's presentation titled "Language as the Existence Area in Filiz Naldöven's Poetry" and Ulus Irkad's presentation titled "About Fikret Demirağ, Filiz Naldöven ve Kaya Çanca". A total of 26 presentations were delivered in 7 sessions.

## AWARD CEREMONY ORGANIZED FOR EMU INTERNATIONAL NURTEN AKSUGÜR BEST CONCEPT COMMUNICATION STUDENT COMPETITION

An award ceremony was organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture, Interior Architecture Department for the 3rd "International Nurten Aksugür Best Concept Communication Student Competition". Awards were presented to their owners during a ceremony took place in EMU Faculty of Architecture.

During the award ceremony, participating projects and projects which are qualified for an award were introduced and certificates were presented to the contributors of the competition. The ceremony received great interest from both the academic staff members and students of Architecture Faculty. A speech was delivered by the academic staff member of Interior Architecture Department, Assist. Prof. Dr. Gita Farivarsadri. During the speech, Farivarsadri stated that the organization became institutionalized and they receive a recompense for their hard work. Saying that the notions of concept possess a huge importance in the field of design, Assist. Prof. Dr. Farivarsadri also shared his gratitude by touching on the high level of participation including the first year students to the Post Graduate students studying in Interior Architecture Department. Competition jury gathered together on

the 2nd of March, 2018 to evaluate nearly 120 projects both from in and out of the country, and determined the winners for the top three awards and three jury special awards. The project winning the first place in the competition was Hasan Oğuzhan Bektaş from Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, the runner-up was Çisem Nur Yıldırım from Kadir Has University and the third place in the competition was determined as Silviya Zhivkova from Woodbury University. The Jury Special Awards were given to Özgenur Sarıçayır from Marmara University, Osman Canberk Çebi from Başkent University and Canan Hacıoğlu from İstanbul Technic University.

The mentioned competition is organized in memory of the founder of EMU Interior Architecture Department whom had acted as the head of Interior Architecture Department between the years of 1997-2001, Prof. Dr. Nurten Aksugür. Prof. Dr. Aksugür passed away on the 23rd of July, 2012. The competition is organized for Interior Architecture students from all over the world and aims to encourage students of this field to be creative and authentic as well as providing the motivation and support for them.





# EMU TOURISM FACULTY HOSTS YOUNGEST MICHELIN STAR AWARDED BRITISH CHEF TOM AIKENS

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts hosted world famous chef Tom Aikens who is also the owner of the double Michelin starred restaurant collection Tom's Kitchen. Tom's Kitchen group chef Richard O'Connell was also hosted by the university. The duo came together with students at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center where a workshop and talk took place.

EMU Faculty of Tourism Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that the Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts is carrying out another first by bringing together young chefs and one of their idols; Tom's Kitchen owner and chef Tom Aikens.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç indicated that 2 students have started working at Tom's Kitchen as a result of their hard work and desire to learn during their internship period at the restaurant. Another student has also received a job offer. Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that he is proud to see the students working at such an important restaurant chain right after their graduation, stating that they are beginning to reap the rewards of their good education. Prof. Dr. Kılıç relayed that during the two days Tom Aikens and Richard O'Connell stayed on the island, they visited historical monuments and touristic destinations, also trying Cypriot cuisine.

Speaking during the workshop, Aikens stated that he helped his mum in the kitchen when he was six years old, expressing his belief that this played an important part in his development as a chef: "After cakes and deserts, I started cooking main courses. I enrolled in catering college at the age of 12. I received an education there for two years. After graduating I worked in

some of England's best restaurants." Chef Aikens indicated that he worked in David Cavalier's Michelin starred restaurant in Battersea, London and Pierre Koffman's restaurant in Chelsea, London. He also worked in La Tante Claire which earned its third Michelin star during the period he was working there. Chef Aikens also stated that he worked under Philip Britten and Richard Neat at Capital Hotel as well as at Pied à Terre on Charlotte Street. Aikens is the youngest Michelin Star Awarded British Chef with two stars at the age of 26. In 2003, he opened a restaurant carrying his name in Chelsea. During the workshop Richard O'Connell along with Aikens presented the "Salt Cod Brandade" found on Tom's Kitchen's menu. During the second part of the presentation, Aikens showed how to cut a whole lamb carcass. Answering student questions Tom Aikens stated "If you want to be successful you must have good ideas. You must be very familiar with your market. Never compromise quality. Service and prices must also be considered. You need to concentrate on

what you are doing and make educated guesses based on your instincts about people's expectations. The restaurant industry isn't at all easy. Your team and employees are vital, you must train them well. The combination of many elements will carry you to success."

### Visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam

Tom Aikens and Richard O'Connell

visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office and indicated that they are very happy to be at EMU. Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted that they will continue to support the Faculty of Tourism, inviting chef Tom Aikens and Richard O'Connell to provide education at the university. At the end of the visit, Prof. Dr. Osam presented the duo a board with traditional Cypriot Lefkara lace.





## 8<sup>TH</sup> EMU INTERNATIONAL DESIGN WEEK COMPLETED

The 8th annual Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture International Design Week took place between the 2nd and 4th of May 2018. The opening ceremony of the 8th EMU International Design Week took place at the Faculty of Architecture yard on Wednesday, the 2nd of May 2018 at 10:00. Speaking at the opening ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam drew attention to the "existHence" theme of the event stating that all people should be happy about diversity and live together in solidarity. Indicating that EMU values diversity Prof. Dr. Osam stated that the EMU family is comprised of people from 106 different countries. Prof. Dr. Osam concluded by stating "We are an international university recognized by institutions such as Times Higher Education and QSTAR"

EMU Faculty of Architecture Dean Prof. Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek thanked all participants from the TRNC and abroad. Providing information about the 8th EMU International Design Week Prof. Dr. Dinçyürek stated that the goal of the event which will be bringing together many architecture professionals, artists, academicians and design students is to encourage the exchange of ideas

and production at an international platform. Prof. Dr. Dinçyürek stated that the "existHence" themed event emphasizes that everyone is special, unique and important whilst underlining that we can only exist together. Prof. Dr. Dinçyürek continued to highlight that design uses liveliness and ontology as tools for a better world, indicating that people's differences can be abolished via design.

### Different Universities Participated in the Event

Students and academic staff members from over 15 Architecture Schools (Yıldız Technical University, Middle East Technical University, TOBB University of Economics and Technology, İstanbul Technical University, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Başkent University, Polytechnic University of Tirana, Holy Spirit University of Kaslik-Lebanon, Özyeğin University, Fıncal International University, Cyprus International University, Bilecik Şeyh Edibali University, Mustafa Kemal University, Medipol University and Near East University) attended the 8th EMU International Design Week. In addition to approximately 20 workshops, important designers from Turkey and Europe delivered seminars and participated as



speakers at panels. After workshops that commenced following the opening speeches, prominent and successful Turkish architect Gürhan Bakırküre delivered the opening speech of the event taking place at 14:30 at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall, sponsored by Kalebodur group.

### Presentations Delivered by Important Architects

On Thursday, the 3rd of May 2018, the second day of the 8th International Design Week Dana Behrman from

Europe's respected and successful architecture office UN STUDIO delivered a presentation at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall. The week then continued with a range of workshops and presentations by successful academicians and award winning architects Dr. Kerem Yazgan and Dr. Devrim Çimen. The presentations that took place at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall on Friday, the 4th of May 2018 were moderated by Prof. Dr. Güven Arif Sargın.

## EMU HOSTED A PANEL TITLED "GLOBAL CHAOS AND ITS REFLECTIONS ON THE PROFESSION OF NURSING"

Eastern Mediterranean University Health Sciences Faculty hosted a panel titled "Global Chaos and Its Reflections on the Profession of Nursing". The event which took place at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall attracted interest from students and academic staff.

Commencing with a moment of silence and the national anthem, the panel's opening address was delivered by EMU Department of Nursing Chair Prof. Dr. R. Selma Görgülü, who provided information about the International Council of Nurses. Stating that the theme of this year's International Nurses Day is "Health is a Human Right", Görgülü

added that the profession of nursing is a human-targeted profession. Prof. Dr. Görgülü also provided information on the importance and requirements of the profession. At the end of her speech, Prof. Dr. Görgülü addressed the students and stated that "You are the future of the profession and we are obliged to prepare you for this future in the best way possible."

President of the Cyprus Turkish Nurses and Midwives Association Gülcem Sala Razi expressed her happiness in participating in this organisation in EMU and highlighted the importance of bringing up highly qualified nurses who have the

skills to express themselves. Sala Razi also put forth that the nursing profession not only touches the lives of patients but also their families, the community and health of the future generations. Sala Razi also provided information on their association and their mission.

Also delivering a speech, Vice Dean of EMU Health Sciences Faculty Assist. Prof. Dr. Seray Kabaran provided information on the International Nurses Day. Assist. Prof. Dr. Kabaran also added that EMU Nursing Department is committed to bring up ethical and conscious health professionals who act in line with science and professional principles.

Following the opening addresses, EMU Political Science and International Relations Department Chair Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen, Lefke European University academic staff member Prof. Dr. Sevgi Hatipoğlu, expert nurse from Dr. Burhan Nalbantoğlu State Hospital Fatma Çeki and Military Nurse Emel Akgönül participated in the panel titled "Global Chaos and Its Reflections on Nursing".

Following the panel, various activities by the students of the Nursing Program took place. The panel came to an end following the presentation of awards to students who won a competition titled Nursevivor and a cocktail.





# 19 MAYIS TURKISH MAARIF COLLEGE WINS THE 24<sup>TH</sup> EMU HIGH SCHOOLS MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

*19 Mayıs Turkish Maarif College team consisting of Emre Güvensoy, Gülişan Şengün ve Umut Zengin came first.*

The finals of the '24th High Schools Mathematics Competition', organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Arts and Sciences Faculty, Mathematics Department with the support of the Onay Fadıl Demirciler Education and Science Foundation, were completed at the EMU Prof. Dr. Mehmet Tahiroğlu Hall in front of a large crowd. Competing in the final were the teams of the 19 Mayıs Turkish Maarif College, Famagusta Turkish Maarif College, Nicosia Turkish Maarif College and Güzelyurt Turkish Maarif College. Speaking before the competition commenced EMU Department of Mathematics Chair Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov provided information about the history of the competition, congratulating all teams and thanking the Onay Fadıl Demirciler Education and Science Foundation for their financial contributions to the competition. Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan spoke about EMU and their international accreditations wishing all the teams the best of luck. Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı thanked the Mathematics Department for successfully organizing the competition for the last 24 years. Also touching upon the scientific work carried out by the Mathematics Department Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı noted that it is an important department of the university. Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı concluded by wishing all competitors good luck.

As for the results of an exciting and competitive final;

► The 19 Mayıs Turkish Maarif College team consisting of Emre Güvensoy, Gülişan Şengün ve Umut Zengin finished first with their teachers Eser Özyalçın and Niyazi Nasıfoğlu.

► The Famagusta Turkish Maarif College team consisting of Alper Sönmez, Begüm Cura and Bengin Kurtoğlu finished second with their teachers Gülây Aksoy and İpek İldeniz.

► The Nicosia Turkish Maarif College team consisting of Ecem Teralı, Esra Mehmetoğlu ve Sezgin Kaçmaz finished

third with their teachers Deniz Ahçıhoca Çobanoğlu and Zehra Kavuklu Tokkan.

► The Güzelyurt Turkish Maarif College team consisting of Tecelli Eriz Akıntuğ, Seval Ağırbaş and Veli Bozan came fourth with their teachers Polat Çakıroğlu and Umut Yolsal being awarded the 'Onay Fadıl Demirciler Special Award'.

The Namık Kemal High School team consisting of Nilayda Hopurcuoğlu, Mahmut Elmasry and Merve Tuğrul were awarded the 24th Year Special Award with their teachers Aygül Köklüoğlu, Tahir Tuncergil and Yıldız Barkırıcı after coming second in the semi-final competition.

During an award ceremony that took place at the end of the competition the winning 19 Mayıs Turkish Maarif College team was presented their award by Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. The Famagusta Turkish Maarif College team that finished second received their award from Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı. The Nicosia Turkish Maarif College team that finished third received their award from Vice Rector for Financial Affairs Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural.

The Güzelyurt Turkish Maarif College team that finished fourth was presented the Onay Fadıl Demirciler Special Award by Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan. The Namık Kemal High School team that finished second in the semi-final competition was presented the 24th Year Special Award by Mathematics Department Chair Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov.

## Individual Awards Also Presented

In addition, following the individual category of the competition that took place on the 12th of April 2018 winner Bengin Kurtoğlu (Famagusta Turkish Maarif College), second place Gülişan Şengün (19 Mayıs Turkish Maarif College), third place Ecem Teralı and

Esra Mehmetoğlu (Nicosia Turkish Maarif College), 24th Year Special Award Winner Sezgin Kaçmaz (Nicosia Turkish Maarif College) and Onay Fadıl Demirciler Special Award Winner Begüm Cura (Famagusta Turkish Maarif College) were presented their awards by Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı and Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural, Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Mehmet Ali Özarslan, Faculty of Arts and Sciences Founding Dean Prof. Dr. Ayhan Bilsel and Mathematics Department Chair Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov.

## Students That Qualified for Scholarships Presented Their Awards

Bengin Kurtoğlu from the Famagusta Turkish Maarif College, Gülişan Şengün from the 19 Mayıs Turkish Maarif College and, both Ecem Teralı and Esra Mehmetoğlu from the Nicosia Turkish Maarif College who were listed in top three of the Individual Category, respectively, were granted 100% scholarship if they choose to study at EMU. The successful students were delivered their symbolic scholarship cheques by Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. In his speech, Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam expressed that EMU is a world university, congratulated the successful students and relayed his wish to see all competing students at EMU.



Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam

## Nicosia Turkish Maarif College Becomes Permanent Owner of the Onay Fadıl Demirciler Shield

The Onay Fadıl Demirciler Shield was set up in 2014, to last for a period of five years. The shield was won by the Nicosia Turkish Maarif College twice; in 2014 and 2016. Bülent Ecevit Anatolian High School won the shield in 2015 and the Famagusta Turkish Maarif College in 2017. After this year's competition won by the 19 Mayıs Turkish Maarif College, the Nicosia Turkish Maarif College earned the right to be the permanent owner of the shield by winning it more than any other school during the five year period.





## EMU DONATES ENGLISH TRAFFIC SAFETY THEMED PROJECTS TO YENI ERENKOY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Education, Department of Foreign Language Education ELTE 301/ ELTE 302 Teaching English to Young Learners I and II students donated their traffic safety themed projects and 3 dimensional language learning material made under the counselling of EMU Traffic Education and Research Center President Asst. Prof. Dr. Mehmet M. Kunt to the Yeni Erenköy Primary School operating under the TRNC Ministry of Education and Culture.

EMU Department of Foreign Language Education academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Naciye Kunt stated that the aim of the joint project carried out with the Traffic Education and Research Center was for children to internalize traffic safety concepts at an early age with lan-

guage acquisition (English). Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kunt indicated that they donated their projects to schools operating under the TRNC Ministry of Education and Culture with the aim of contributing to traffic education. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kunt highlighted their satisfaction regarding the projects that were met positively by the Yeni Erenköy Primary School Head Mistress, English teacher and students being donated to the school.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Naciye Kunt and the prospective teachers provided information to the Yeni Erenköy Primary School English teacher about the usage of the projects in class. During an observation trip to the Yeni Erenköy Primary School prospective English teachers gained the opportunity to come together with primary school students in a classroom



environment, adding to their practical experience. The prospective English teachers underlined that with the practical knowledge and motivation gained,

they want to promptly graduate and start sharing Traffic Security knowledge with their own students at schools in the TRNC, Turkey or other regions.

## CERTIFICATE CEREMONY "CHILDREN'S TRAFFIC SECURITY AWARENESS" PROJECT TAKES PLACE AT EMU

A certificate ceremony was held for the "Children's Traffic Security Awareness" project jointly organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Traffic Education and Research Center and EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Foreign Language Education. The certificate ceremony was attended by Faculty of Education Dean Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam, Department of Foreign Language Education Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Javanshir Shibliyev, Traffic Education and Research Center President Asst. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Metin Kunt, project coordinator Department of Foreign Language Education academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Naciye Kunt, Department of Foreign Language Education academic staff members Asst. Prof. Dr. Fatoş Erozan and Asst. Prof. Dr. İlkyay Gilanlıoğlu as well as students.

### "Traffic Education is Inadequate"

Speaking at the opening of the ceremony, EMU Traffic Education and Research Center President Asst. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Metin Kunt touched upon the importance of "Children's Traffic Security Awareness". Asst. Prof. Dr. Kunt stated "Within the scope of this project, Department of Foreign Language Education students prepared traffic safety themed course content and 3 dimensional traffic education materials. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) traffic accidents are one of the world's most common causes of death. One way of decreasing fatal accidents is to internalize traffic safety language in English lessons. We have started this project as the current traffic education in pre-school

and primary school curricula is inadequate."

### "We thank everyone for their contributions"

EMU Faculty of Education Dean Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam stated that information learned at a young age sticks with people throughout their lives, highlighting the importance of the correct timing of the project regarding children's traffic safety awareness. Indicating that the children will grow up with increased awareness Prof. Dr. Osam stated that they will be more responsible in traffic. Prof. Dr. Osam extended her gratitude to Traffic Education and Research Center President Asst. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Kunt and project coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Naciye Kunt. The ceremony ended with a certificate ceremony and cocktail.

### INTERVIEWS:

#### Sibel Soybir

(EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Foreign Language Education, English Language Teaching Undergraduate Program 4th Year Student)  
I don't like the traffic accidents in Cyprus and this is a big problem because traffic rules are neglected. Learning begins at a young age. Therefore, the things that are learned at a young age become more memorable, especially if they are provided with visuals. The project that we prepared took our time but we enjoyed it a lot. Our students were 8 years old and our topic included traffic rules, colors, and direction concepts. For my future career,



I think we can support these materials which we prepared as well as handouts and videos for reinforcement.

#### Mustafa Leblebicioğlu

(EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Foreign Language Education, English Language Teaching Undergraduate Program 4th Year Student)

Both for us and for the students themselves the education was very beneficial. Using materials other than books makes itself catchier among the young learners. The subject we taught to the children was the 'Traffic Rules' and thanks to the material we prepared, I was happy that their awareness of the subject increased and that they learned the rules' importance. I do not want to be attached to only the books in my teaching-life. Using a variety of sources in lessons is always catchy and I will use them, as well.

#### Mehmet Kalaç

(EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Foreign Language Education, English Language Teaching Undergraduate Program 3rd Year Student)

I think this activity was beneficial and eye-catching. Our goal should not provide education based on memorization, but on the contrary, we should make it

visually clear with our materials that we prepared and I believe that we have achieved this. Although we were exhausted during the preparation time of our projects, we had so much fun. Once upon a time we were also children, too. Now, it is our duty to make our materials colorful as teachers. For my future life, I will not teach a simple or just book-based education. Therefore, I think this activity will contribute and help to my lessons which I will prepare in my future life.

#### Çisil Küçük

(EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Foreign Language Education, English Language Teaching Undergraduate Program 4th Year Student)

Although we had difficulties during the preparation of our lesson planning, we enjoyed a lot in the project preparation stage; I mean the model stage of traffic lamp. I made a traffic light. My aim was to teach the rules and colors. Teaching becomes more memorable when visual materials are used. Because of that, I think we should put ourselves in place of young learners while we are teaching. I will certainly use visual material in the future because it will be boring to stay connected only to the book both for teachers and students.



## EMU FACULTY OF TOURISM ORGANIZES TOURISM DAY ACTIVITY

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism held a "Protecting Cultural Heritage" themed Tourism Day. The annual EMU International Tourism Day took place in front of the Faculty of Tourism and featured different music and dance performances.

The opening speech of Tourism Day was delivered by EMU Faculty of Tourism Vice-Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren. Extending his gratitude to everyone who

contributed to the organization of the event Assoc. Prof. Dr. Öztüren stated that tourism resources must be protected and passed down to future generations. Highlighting that cultural heritage should be protected Assoc. Prof. Dr. Öztüren noted that this is important in order to understand our differences and similarities. Indicating that protecting our culture doesn't equate to disrespecting other cultures, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Öztüren underlined that the Tourism Day is an opportunity

to strengthen the relationship between different cultures and celebrate their interaction.

### Donations to Syrian and Palestinian Children:

The Tourism Day event which garnered a great deal of attention was organized by EMU Faculty of Tourism academic staff members Asst. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso, Nafia Akdeniz and Turan Değirmencioğlu. The proceeds of stand sales

were used to buy Syrian and Palestinian children shoes, clothes and stationaries. The three stands that generated the most income were presented certificates of achievement. At the stands, EMU Tourism students sold food, posters and promotional items of a country of their choice. The students showed great awareness by preparing everything with their own budget. A musical performance from Kulturel Akbay and his orchestra also took place at the event.



## GREAT INTEREST SHOWN TOWARDS "BE A PARTY TO HOPE WITH EMU" CHARITY EVENT

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) organized its annual charity event in aid of children. The first activity of the "Be a party to hope with EMU" project took place outside of the CL Building on Tuesday, the 8th of May 2018 between 10:00-13:00 with the volunteer participation of EMU personnel. Homemade food and beverages were sold at stands set up with the contribution of all EMU faculties, directorates and units. There was great interest towards the colorful charity event at which proceeds will be donated to children. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam also attended and contributed to the charity event where he visited all stands talking with EMU

personnel and students. The proceeds of the charity event aim to meet the needs of primary school level students for the 2018-2019 Academic Year.

The "Be a party to hope with EMU" project organized by the EMU Personnel Office Directorate will provide income for disadvantaged groups and children with a different activity each month. The project aims to lead to an increase in social cohesion and awareness as a result of university and community collaboration. The said project is also an example of the importance EMU shows to its values.





# EMU'S OLYMPIC ATHLETE ESE BRUME OBTAINS NEW CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eastern Mediterranean University's (EMU) Nigerian athlete Ese Brume who came fifth at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games Long Jump competition and first at the 2014 Commonwealth Games returned from the Turkey Koç Fest Universities Sports Games with two first place titles. The competition took place at Adana Çukurova University between the 7th and 10th of May 2018.

At the said competition, EMU's Olympic athlete didn't give opposition a chance. Winning the long jump with a 6.50 meter jump, Brume also set a personal best of 24.20 to win the 200 Metre race and become double Turkish champion. Ese Brume is continuing training for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games with her coaches Hasan Maydon and Yaya Kayode.

### Ese Brume Jumps To A World Lead

In addition, Ese Brume took this year's world lead with a 6.82 jump at the first leg of the IAAF World Challenge Series 2018 long jump competition. At the competition that took place on Saturday, the 19th of May 2018 at Kingston, Ja-

maica Ese Brume jumped 16 centimeters further than Olympic and World Champion American athlete Shakeelah Saunders to claim first place. Ese Brume who is only 21 years of age is being shown as the favorite for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. Ese Brume who is continuing her training with coaches Hasan Maydon and Yaya Kayode made the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and EMU proud by obtaining a world leading jump in 2018.

EMU's athlete Ese Brume had recently become double Turkish champion in Long Jump and 200 meters. The standing of the latest long jump competition at which Ese Brume jumped further than any athlete this year is as follows:

1. Ese Brume, Nijerya: 6.82
2. Shakeelah Saunders, ABD: 6.65
3. Tisanna Hickling, Jamaika: 6.60
4. Lorraine Ugen, İngiltere: 6.57
5. Christabel Nettey, Canada: 6.54
6. Tianna Bartoletta, ABD: 6.51
7. Chanice Porter, Jamaika: 6.44
8. Jasmine Todd, ABD: 6.26



POS	ATHLETE	COUNTRY	MARK	WIND
1	Ese BRUME	NGR	6.82	+0.2
2	Shakeelah SAUNDERS	USA	6.65	+0.1
3	Tisanna HICKLING	JAM	6.60	+0.1
4	Lorraine UGEN	GBR	6.57	-0.2
5	Christabel NETTEY	CAN	6.54	-0.7
6	Tianna BARTOLETTA	USA	6.51	-0.3
7	Chanice PORTER	JAM	6.44	-0.1
8	Jasmine TODD	USA	6.26	-0.4