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## EMU Once Again Appears on the Times Higher Education List



Times Higher Education, one of the most reputable publishers of the worldwide university rankings, announced "BRICS and Emerging Economies University Rankings" on 30 November 2016. Eastern Mediterranean University has achieved remarkable success after having been ranked the 173rd university on the said list featuring 300 institutions in 50 developing countries.

In the said evaluations, whilst Peking University ranks first, Koç University ranks first among Turkish universities. It is also worth mentioning that EMU is the

only university appearing under the heading "Northern Cyprus" and ranks within the best 10 regarding the universities of Turkey.

The Times Higher Education "BRICS and Emerging Economies University Rankings" only include universities in BRICS nations of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa as well as universities in countries classified as emerging by the Financial Times. This year both Croatia and Northern Cyprus appeared on the rankings for the first time with the inclusion of Zagreb University and Eastern Mediterranean University on the list. Two months ago, Eastern Mediterranean University also appeared among Turkish universities in World University Rankings 2016.

The rankings use the same 13 performance indicators (i.e., teaching, research, citations, international outlook, and industry income) employed in World University Rankings but are recalibrated to reflect the development priorities of universities in emerging economies including relations with industry and internalisation.

### Türkiye THE Sıralama Listesi

- 15 Koç University
- 18 Sabancı University
- 37 Bilkent University
- 39 Boğaziçi University
- 51 İstanbul Technical University
- 62 Atılım University
- 80 Middle East Technical University
- 138 İstanbul University
- 164 Hacettepe University
- 173 Eastern Mediterranean University
- 193 İzmir Institute of Technology
- 201-250 Erciyes University
- 201-250 TOBB University of Economics and Technology
- 201-250 Yıldız Technical University
- 251-300 Anadolu University
- 251-300 Ankara University
- 251-300 Gazi University

*\*Eastern Mediterranean University's position amongst Turkish universities in the general rankings.*

| Rank | Name   | No. of FTE Students | Student:Staff Ratio | International Students | Female:Male Ratio |
|------|--|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| =173 | Eastern Mediterranean University<br>Northern Cyprus<br>Famagusta | 16,053              | 31.5                | 34%                    | 37 : 63           |

## 8th EMU Symposium and Photography Exhibition of Turkish Cypriots Who Left a Trace Takes Place



The 8th Symposium and Photography Exhibition of Turkish Cypriots Who Left a Trace, was organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University Center for Cyprus Studies (EMU-CCS) on Friday, the 25th of November 2016. The event that took place at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall commenced at 09:30 with an opening ceremony. The event that takes place once every two years was comprised of three sessions in which Photo Deanna, Photo Kervan, Photo Atlas, Photo Ümit and Photo Şık were discussed.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, EMU-CCS Chair Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı stated that the Turkish Cypriots Who Left a Trace Symposium normally features individuals that are no longer among us, noting this

year for the first time this is not the case. Highlighting the importance of the symposium, Prof. Dr. Doratlı noted that information which will shed light for new generations will be shared and archived. Stating that the EMU-CCS aims to carry out every type of research about Cyprus, Prof. Dr. Doratlı thanked those in attendance for their participation.

In his speech EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam noted that the artists have witnessed numerous historical moment stating that he is very happy to be in the presence of individuals who have left a mark on Turkish Cypriot society. Prof. Dr. Osam underlined the importance of the event organized by EMU-CCS, stating that it is very important to appreciate and understand the value of such personalities whilst still alive.

After the opening speeches, the photograph exhibition comprising of the photographs taken by the symposium subject artists was launched. Famagusta District Governor Dürdane Acı, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova and Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Faculty Deans and academic staff members were present at the grand opening of the exhibition.

The first of three sessions at the symposium included presentations from researcher and writer Kadir Kaba, Cyprus Photography Association (FODER) Executive Board Member and Pharmacist Dr. Ayşe Gökyiğit as well as a joint presentation from Near East University

(NEU) Chair of Radio-TV and Film Studies Department Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fevzi Kasap and Çağlayan Dursun. The presentations were respectively titled "1948-1974 The Golden Age of Turkish Cypriot Photography", "Photography is a Journey-Photo Deanna" and "Photo Şık in Turkish Cypriot Photography".

The second session included presentations from Dr. Ayşe Gökyiğit, a joint presentation from American University of Cyprus Faculty of Political Sciences Chair, Prof. Dr. Ulvi Keser and Selçuk University Faculty of Fine Arts academician Kübra Müezzinoğlu as well as photographer Buket Özatay. The seminars were respectively titled "Foto Şık, A Lifetime Devoted to Photography", "Unknown Facts and Interesting Characteristics of Foto Şık" and "69 Years with Photography- Faik Atlas".

The third and final session included presentations from EMU-CCS Visual Arts Archive Project Manager Zehra Şonya and writer Kadir Kaba, NEU Culture Center Director and photographer Ceyhan Özyıldız as well as researcher and writer Hüseyin Kaba. The seminars were respectively titled "Ümit Ali (Esinler): A 75 year story", "Tracing Ümit Ali Esinler's (Foto Ümit) photography in Turkish Cypriot History from the 1950s to the 2000s: An analysis of critical sociopolitical photographs" and "Zeki Kervan". The symposium comprising of a total of 9 presentations ended after the closing and evaluation sessions.



# EMU Students Contributed to "Universal Day of Children's Rights"



Another series of community involvement projects within the operations of Eastern Mediterranean University Community Involvement Center along with EMU Faculty of Communication, Department of Public Relations and Advertising Chair Assoc. Dr. Anıl Kemal Kaya's Campaign Course, students Banu Çalışkanlar, Rumeysa Yıldırım, Mert Koç, Murat Şahin and Genesis IMC Agency students delivered a seminar about "Children's Rights" with the sponsorship of Gazimağusa Municipality.

EMU Academic Staff and Social Services Specialist Barış Başel delivered a speech at the seminar which took place within the framework of "20 November Universal Day of Children's Rights" at Famagusta Development Academy in Maraş region.

The seminar was organized with the aim of emphasizing the significance of efficient communication between parents and children. Parents from Şehit Zeki Salih and Osman Ahmet Elementary Schools were also present at the event.

Barış Başel talked about children's rights and child psychology and highlighted the importance of establishing strong bonds with the children. Informations about parents' attitudes towards their children were also given during the seminar which lasted for one and a half hours.

At the end of the seminar, parents congratulated EMU Communication Faculty for the social responsibility project.

## Meaningful "World Children's Book Week" Donation from EMU Students



Another social responsibility project was organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Community Involvement Center. Resulting from collaboration between the Genesis IMC Agency (under the coordination of EMU Community Involvement Center and Communication Faculty, Department of Public Relations and Advertising Chair Assoc. Dr. Anıl Kemal Kaya) and Eastern Mediterranean Doğa Primary School, a book donation for "World Children's

Book Week" took place. Books that were gathered and purchased for the event with the slogan "Leave no book in dusty caves, share adventures" were given to students at the Şehit Zeki Salih Primary School in Famagusta.

During the donation that took place on Wednesday the 23rd of November 2016 between 11:00 and 12:00, EMU Community Involvement Center and Public Relations and Advertising

Department Chair Assoc. Dr. Anıl Kemal Kaya, Eastern Mediterranean Doğa Primary School teachers and principal Şansel Firtinaer and voluntary Genesis IMC Agency students were present at the Şehit Zeki Salih Primary School.

As a result of the project sponsored by Coffemania and Yemen Kahvecisi located in Famagusta, which included donations from kind individuals approximately 700 books were placed in Şehit Zeki Salih Primary School library.

Şehit Zeki Salih Primary School Head Yılmaz Erdelhan, noted that the donation is very important as it highlights the importance and benefits of reading for children. In addition, Erdelhan stated that reading a book provides an option apart from being on the internet for children to be happy and improve themselves. Erdelhan thanked everyone that participated in the event that ended after photographs were taken.



# EMU Research Assistant Undertakes Two Duties in Derviş Zaim’s Latest Movie “Dream”



Famous Turkish Cypriot Film Producer and Director Derviş Zaim’s 9th movie Dream’s gala took place in Nicosia. With its unique language and editing as well as its in-depth meaning presented in an experimental way, the movie received full points from the audience.

Eastern Mediterranean University Communication and Media Studies Faculty Research Assistant and short film director Mert Yusuf Özlük undertook responsibilities at the back stage and front stage of the said film. Having been working with Derviş Zaim both in academy and the cinema sector since 2010, Özlük stated that he took part in many projects and that he finds working with Zaim delightful. Putting forth that Derviş Zaim’s film set operates as a movie academy, Özlük

added that working in the said set has largely contributed to his academic studies as well as other projects (documentary-experimental-short films). Özlük also highlighted the important place Derviş Zaim has in his professional life. Özlük added that :

“As proven by the movie “Dream”, Derviş Zaim’s cinema will always seek new pursuits and different horizons. His latest film Rüya will show the audience how Derviş Zaim is heading towards new approaches in cinema, different from his past movies (triology – human-nature relationship) which employed an inquisitive approach in content. I wish him every success “.

Dream has been on Lemar Cineplex since last Friday.





# TRNC Universities Meet at EMU Sports Festival

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted a Sports Festival under the aegis of Turkey's Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ambassador Derya Kanbay, featuring the participation of TRNC universities. The Sports Festival that aimed to strengthen university communication and collaboration via sporting activities took place on Sunday the 27th of November 2016, starting at the EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex at 09:30 and continuing

throughout the day. Athletes from Cyprus International University, University of Mediterranean Karpasia, Cyprus Health and Social Sciences University, Cyprus Science University, American University of Cyprus and Final International University competed at the Sports Festival in tennis, futsal and athletics categories.

In his opening speech, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden noted that the aim of the Sports

Festival is to strengthen TRNC university communication, collaboration and relations via sporting activities. Prof. Dr. Özden also thanked the attending universities for their participation and wished them an enjoyable sportsmanlike competition.

During the day-long event both singles and doubles tennis matches were played. The futsal competition comprised of two groups in the male category and one

group in the female category. The athletics included long-jump, javelin throw, 800 meters, 100 metres and 4x100 relay competitions. At the end of the competition the attending universities were presented with plaques and certificates of appreciation as well as the event t-shirt by EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Özden, Rector's Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Derviş Subaşı and Sport Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu.





# EMU "Cup Of Nation Basketball" Tournament Begins



Organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Sports Affairs Directorate the "Cup of Nation Basketball" tournament commenced at the Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex with opening addresses followed by the Jordan – Palestine match at 5:00 pm on Monday, the 28th of November 2016.

In his opening address at the tournament opening ceremony, EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, extended his best wishes to the students. Prof. Dr. Tanova highlighted the importance of sports in reinforcing the transnational friendships among individuals and wished them success in their matches.

This year's tournament will continue

until the 8th December 2016 at EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex and will include 13 men's and 8 women's teams in two separate groups. Men's Category Group A will be formed by four teams including Syria, TRNC, Lebanon and Turkey. Men's Category Group B will be formed by Rwanda, Palestine and Jordan. Men's Category Group C will be formed by Zimbabwe, Cameroon and Egypt and Men's Category Group D will be formed by teams from Iran, Nigeria and Sri Lanka. As for the Women's Category, teams from Palestine, Zimbabwe, Russia and TRNC will be playing in Group A, while Turkey, Syria, Iran and Nigeria will compete in group B.

## This Week's Academic Publications

Source: Web of Science

### Faculty of Arts & Sciences

1.Sakalli, I. (2016). Analytical solutions in rotating linear dilaton black holes: Resonant frequencies, quantization, greybody factor, and Hawking radiation. *Physical Review D*, 94(8), 084040.  
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### Faculty of Education

1.Mertkan, S., Mertkan, S., Gilanlioglu, I., Gilanlioglu, I., McGrath, S., & McGrath, S. (2016). Internationalizing higher education: from grand plans to evolving responses. *Journal of Organizational Change Management*, 29(6), 889-902.

### Faculty of Architecture

1.Nia, H. A., & Atun, R. A. (2016). Aesthetic design thinking model for urban environments: A survey based on a review of the literature. *Urban Design International*, 21(3), 195-212.

### Faculty of Business & Economics

1.Aye, G. C., Miller, S. M., Gupta, R., & Balcilar, M. (2016). Forecasting US real private residential fixed investment using a large number of predictors. *Empirical Economics*, 51(4), 1557-15801.