

EMU Organises Symposium in Memory of Late Prof. Dr. Esin Konanç



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Law organized a symposium in memory of Prof. Dr. Esin Konanç titled "Comparative Nationality Law of Turkey-TRNC". The symposium that was organized in memory of the Late Faculty of Law Dean Prof. Dr. Esin Konanç who died in a tragic car accident on the 20th December 2009, took place at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall on Friday the 23rd December 2016 at 10:00.

The program commenced with a moment of silence and the Turkish national anthem. Next, Prof. Dr. Esin Konanç's biography was read. The opening addresses were made by Vice Dean of the Faculty of Law, Asst. Prof. Dr. Ulaş Gündüzler. Asst. Prof. Dr. Gündüzler thanked all in attendance and commemorated Esin Konanç. Providing information about the symposium Asst. Prof. Dr. Gündüzler noted that it will shed light on many important topics.

In a speech of his own EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam commemorated Esin Konanç saying that they greatly miss her and noting that it is very important not to forget such individuals. Addressing the students, Prof. Dr. Osam stated that he believes law should be used a universal guide in the chaotic times the world is going through. Prof. Dr. Osam noted that the road conditions leading to the passing of Konanç are yet to be fully rectified stating the need for state representatives to enforce certain

rules. Prof. Dr. Osam concluded by wishing everybody a useful symposium. Famagusta district governor Dürdane Acı was also present at the opening ceremony.

After the opening speeches, EMU Faculty of Law academic staff member Prof. Dr. Hasan İsgüzar shared his fond memories with Esin Konanç. The moderator of the first session of the symposium was Prof. Dr. Tuğrul Arat. The first session included the presentations "Commanding Principles of Nationality Law" by Prof. Dr. Feriha Bilge, "A glance at TRNC Nationality Law" by Prof. Dr. Turgut Turhan, "Voluntary Turkish Citizenship" by Prof. Dr. Esra Dardağan Kibar and "Obtaining Nationality in TRNC Law" by Asst. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba.

The moderator of the second session was Prof. Dr. Turgut Turhan. The second session included the presentations "The right to gain Turkish citizenship and how to lose it" by Prof. Dr. Bilgin Tiryakioğlu, "How to Gain Turkish citizenship exceptionally in Turkish Nationality Law" by Assist. Prof. Dr. Sedat Sirmen, "The cancellation of Turkish Citizenship and the Withdrawal of Citizenship Rights" by Asst. Prof. Dr. Aslı Bayata Canyaş and "Losing Citizenship in TRNC Law" by research assistant Ulvi Nail Gün. The symposium came to an end after the speakers were presented plaques of appreciation.



EMU Commemorates Martyrs

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Atatürk's Ideology Club organised a commemoration ceremony within the framework of 21 December Martyr's Week at Mustafa Afsin Conference Hall at 2:00 pm on 29 December 2016.

EMU Atatürk's Ideology Club Chair Cagatay Kir delivered a speech at the said event which commenced with a moment of silence and the national anthem. In his opening address, Cagatay Kir expressed his feelings as follows: "Our martyrs are the heroes who sacrificed their lives for the sake of their country. As the Turkish nation, it is our duty to maintain our struggle and preserve our great leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's legacy. May all our martyrs and war veterans rest in peace, the invincible Turkish nation will never collapse."

Prof. Dr. Osam: "I wholeheartedly commemorate all the lost lives."

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam delivered a speech at the ceremony and Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam commemorated the martyrs who have a significant place in Cyprus Turkish history and added that we all should learn from the past to have a bright future. Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Osam underlined that the support of mother land Turkey has always been felt by Turkish Cypriots and reminded that hostility has always been against the grain of the Turks.

Dr. Turgay Bulent Gokturk: "They have lost their lives for the sake of their countries and now we are living in peace on account of them."

Following the opening addresses, EMU Atatürk Research and Application Center academic staff member Turgay

Bülent mentioned the history of Turkish nation and delivered a presentation in memory of the martyrs. After the video screening Ertan Ersan made a speech and mentioned the history of Cyprus and reminded the brutal 1974 war period all the Turkish Cypriots have lived through. Ersan concluded his words with a poem about the martyrs and the universally renowned quotation of the great leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk "How Happy Is He Who Says I'm a Turk."

At the end of the conference, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. M. Yasar Ozden presented Ersan a gift made of traditional Lefkara lace. The event was attended by 28th Mechanised Division Commander Faruk Yildirim, Famagusta District Governor Durdane Acı, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Famagusta Mayor Ismail Arter, 4th Infantry Regiment Commander Akin Orsdemir, Famagusta Chief of Police Department Omer Tazeoglu, Vice Rectors, EMU Atatürk Research and Application Center Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Cicioglu, EMU Academic Staff Members and many students.



Architecture Department Award Successful Students



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Architecture Faculty, Department of Architecture celebrated its dynamism and success resulting from its steady and visible rise of the educational quality and student numbers with a colourful organization.

The event took place at the St. Peter and St. Paul Church (Sinan Paşa Mosque)

located in the old city of Famagusta and featured both student and academic staff participation. Students who demonstrated an outstanding academic performance during the 2015-2016 Academic Year Spring Semester were awarded their certificates. The organization aimed to increase student motivation before the exams and, at the same time, release stress.

At the event that started with a cocktail, Architecture Department Chair Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı noted that the enthusiasm of students and academic staff is pleasing for the department that has been strengthening its organizations each year in order appeal to a larger number of students. After Prof. Dr. Doratlı's speech, Architecture Faculty Dean Prof. Dr.

Özgür Dinçyürek and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam wished students luck not only in their academic life but in all walks of life.

The event ended after Architecture Department students were handed their honour and high-honour certificates by members of academic staff.

FLE & CEIT Award Successful Students



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Education Faculty, Department of Foreign Language Education and Department of Computer Education and Instructional Technologies held honour and high honour certificate ceremonies for their successful students of the 2015-2016 Academic Year Spring Semester.

During the Department of Foreign Language Education's award ceremony, honour and high honour students were awarded their certificates by the Education Faculty Dean, the Department Chair and members of academic staff. During his opening speech, Foreign Language Education Department Chair

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Javanshir Shibliyev thanked all in attendance and everybody that contributed to the organization of the event. Noting that they are always by the side of students, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Shibliyev noted that the department is committed to doing all it can to contribute to the development of

students. Next, Education Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam took to the floor, highlighting the importance of the success that these certificates symbolise. Prof. Dr. Osam wished that the students receiving certificates will provide inspiration for other students, noting that the road to success starts by identifying goals, determining how to reach these goals and consistently working hard.

Meanwhile, Department of Computer Education and Instructional Technologies students received their certificates from Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersun İşçioğlu and members of academic staff. Assoc. Prof. Dr. İşçioğlu stated "This certificate ceremony is a customary ceremony in our university, done to honour our successful students. I congratulate you for your wonderful achievements. We are trying to teach all of our students very well and believe that we are doing so. I believe that the certificates awarded to our most successful students tonight will motivate all other students as well. I believe that all of our students can be future teachers with the unique qualities they gain in our department."



EMU Visual Arts And Visual Communication Design Department Students' Day Of Honor

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication, Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Department organized a certificate awarding ceremony for the students who demonstrated outstanding success during the semester. EMU Communication Faculty's academic staff members attended the ceremony where many students were awarded with high honour and honour certificates.

Vice Chair of the Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Department Assoc. Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu delivered the opening speech of the ceremony. In his opening address, Vice Chair of the Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Department Assoc. Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu congratulated the students for their remarkable success and informed the

attendees about the upcoming t-shirt design and serigraphy workshops. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Çavuşoğlu put forth that EMU will have the honour of hosting successful artist Martin Baeyens for serigraphy workshops during EMU Spring Festivals. Furthermore, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Çavuşoğlu stated that department fieldwork is going to continue along with applied technical education such as the photograph and video exhibitions that took place at St. Hillarion Castle in Kyrenia.

Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design department students received their honour and high honour certificates from the academic staff members of the department. After the certificate awarding, students celebrated their success at a cocktail organisation.

Day of Honour for EMU Public Relations and Advertising Department Students

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Communication and Media Studies Faculty, Public Relations and Advertising Department organised a "New Year" themed certificate ceremony for honour and high honour students. The event was also attended by academic staff.

Relations and Advertising Department students being awarded their honour and high honour certificates by members of academic staff. The event ended with a group photograph and cocktail, following a musical performance from student Benjamin Simon.

The opening speech at the ceremony was given by Public Relations and Advertising Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anıl Kemal Kaya. During his speech Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kaya congratulated the successful students also wishing them an early 'happy new year'.

Next, a speech was given by Banu Çalışkanlar on behalf of Public Relations and Advertising Department Turkish program students. In her speech that drew attention to the value of the university, Çalışkanlar stated "We thank you, our dear academicians for everything that you have done for us." A speech was also given by Norhene Ben Brahim in the name of Public Relations and Advertising Department English program students. The ceremony continued with Public



Gastronomy And Culinary Arts Department Graduates To Wacs Diploma



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department has successfully been awarded "World Association of Chefs' Societies" (WACS) accreditation. WACS is a highly reputable organization established in Paris in 1928. Graduates of EMU Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department will receive a WACS diploma. EMU Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department is also the first university to receive institutional membership accreditation of WACS.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç: EMU Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department is amongst the most Prestigious Academic Institutions

Dean of EMU Tourism Faculty Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed his pleasure regarding receiving an institutional membership award from one of the largest and most prominent associations in the world thus providing graduates of the department with a WACS diploma. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also expressed their pride in becoming the first university within the TRNC and Turkey to gain WACS accreditation. Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined

that in addition to WACS accreditation, EMU Tourism Faculty, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department, is the only approved City & Guilds Center within the TRNC. Backed by a Royal Charter, City & Guilds is one of the most reputable training and accreditation bodies in England. It was founded in 1878.

About WACS

The World Association of Chefs' Societies (WACS), is a global network of chefs' associations first founded in Paris in 1928. At the first congress there were 65 delegates from 17

countries. WACS is a non-political professional organization dedicated to maintaining and improving the culinary standards of global cuisine through education, training and professional development of its international membership. Today, this global body has 93 official chefs' associations as members that represent over 10 million professional chefs worldwide. Other missions of the community include supporting Gastronomy and Culinary Arts education, organizing various contests in order to prepare students for an international career and providing educational programs for contest juries.

They Are Being Trained For A Professional Career



The 9th Silver Screen Days featuring the screening of films translated by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Arts and Sciences Faculty, Translation and Interpretation Department final year students took place this week.

Within the framework of the "Silver Screen Days" event, EMU Department of Translation and Interpretation showed its difference once again. The event included informative presentations about audio-visual translation techniques and

revealed the significance of applied training for a professional career. Translation and Interpretation Department students Sibel Yurtsuz, Leyla Kilis, C. İlkin Özcanel, Kemale Adilova, Direnç Kuyucu, Elshad Muradxan, Afgan Balashlı, Kamil G. Çağlar, Hüseyin Takar, Sermin Denizli, Erdem Arslan, Tuygan Uygur, Meliz Yücedal, Mina Huseynli and Nezaket Şadırvan translated a number of historical, drama, comedy and animation movies.

Translation and Interpretation Department Academic Staff and Audio-Visual Translation Specialist Neslihan Binatlı Hekimoğlu stated that the event aims to make students aware of the important responsibility undertaken by translators also adding that there is a sectoral need for quality translation and expert translators in the field of subtitle translation (not only in the movie and TV series sector but also in the digital gaming sector). Hekimoğlu noted that to function as a high quality

translator, one must possess effective Translation Techniques, Intercultural Communication and General Knowledge. Since its establishment, EMU Department of Translation and Interpretation has been working towards the mission to provide experienced and quality translators for the translation sector and during the Silver Screen Days, it rightly prides itself for the achievement of these objectives.

"Make a Wish Project" from EMU Students

A social responsibility project was carried out by Tourism Faculty THRM 223 Social Responsibility Project class students at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU). The project titled "Make a Wish" was aimed towards children from Miray Special Education Centre. Under the coordination of EMU Community Involvement Centre Executive Board member Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso, a New Year ball was organized at Famagusta Flexiland.

Six weeks before the event, Miray Special Education Centre students listed their top three wishes for the New Year. With help from Zeytin Ağacı Education

and Mutual Aid Society Chair Rabia Özcömert, these wishes were granted by EMU students. EMU students made the Miray Special Education Centre students happy by giving them New Year gifts such as dolls, goalkeeper gloves and tracksuits. The event also included all sorts of fun activities such as National Azerbaijani dances, clown shows, face painting, games and cartoon characters.

At the end of the event EMU Faculty of Tourism Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç noted his satisfaction regarding the faculty supporting social responsibility projects each term.



EMU Industrial Engineering Organizes Case Study Competition



Eastern Mediterranean University Engineering Faculty, Industrial Engineering Department Student Club (IE – Club) successfully organized a "Case Study Competition", one of the most important organizations of the

Industrial Engineering Community Association (IECA). IECA Case Study Competition aims for Industrial Engineering students to face the difficulties of working by being introduced to the problems they are

likely to come across during work and to gain experience about projects they are likely to be involved in and crises they are likely to manage.

In the local eliminations of the Industrial Engineering Community Association Case Study Competition which took place in EMU, Industrial Engineering and Business Engineering 3rd and 4th year undergraduate students took part in the competition in groups consisting of 4 members.

According to information provided by Industrial Engineering Department chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gökhan İzbırak, the competition jury was formed of Dağlı Trading Co-Director Dr. Orhan Dağlı, EMU Engineering Department academic staff members Assoc. Prof. Dr. Adham Mackieh and Asst. Prof. Dr. Sahand Daneshvar. Assoc. Prof. Dr. İzbırak noted that the team comprising of

Berru Sallabaşoğulları, Ali Yiğit Bilgin, Serdar Yılmaz and Osman Küçükakaya was awarded first place after careful deliberation. The winning team will represent EMU in the finals set to take place in Turkey, in May 2017.

The Industrial Engineering Community Association provides a platform bringing together the Industrial Engineering student clubs and communities both within the Republic of Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Having the quality of being the largest student community of Turkey, IECA houses the memberships of a total of 15 universities' Industrial Engineering student clubs.

EMU Industrial Engineering Student Club is the only organisation in Cyprus which holds membership in the European Students of Industrial Engineering and Management.

EMU Students Organize New Year Ball at Sınırüstü Community Foundation

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty THRM 223 students organized a New Year ball aimed towards 22 elderly citizens at the Sınırüstü Community Foundation. Under the coordination of EMU Community Involvement Centre Executive Board member Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso, students visited the retirement home, learning about present the elders would like both from themselves and director Melek Fahri Doğan.

Arriving at the Sınırüstü Community Foundation one day before the event, the students decorated chairs and tables

with colourful decorations and balloons. They also brought in a pine tree to place presents beneath. Learning about the favourite dishes of the elders, the students worked hard with Famagusta shopkeepers from especially Koton and Puzzle Travel to create a wonderful New Year feast. After the feast the students presented the elders their presents whilst also giving a live musical performance and dance show. The students had a joyful day with the elders also screening the film 'Şaban' that features actor Kemal Sunal. At the end of the event, students returned to the university receiving many thanks from those at the retirement home.



EMU Architecture Department Students Analyzed The City Of Yazd

Within the framework of the initiatives of Iranian Students Culture, Education and Science Association, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted Yazd University Faculty of Fine Arts and Architecture Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sayed Mohammed Hossein Ayatollahi and a seminar took place at EMU Faculty of Architecture Alpaz Ozdural Hall.

During the seminar that took place as part of the operations of ARCHIXTRA, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sayed Mohammed Hossein Ayatollahi informed the attendants about the city of Yazd which is one of the cities in UNESCO's World Heritage List. In his speech, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ayatollahi described the unique characteristics of ancient Yazd houses in terms of their passive solar design and thermal comfort in the circumstances of a desert climate. Yazd region is renowned for its "Badgir" wind towers cooling the lower parts of the housings and as a result creating a more liveable atmosphere. Ayatollahi stated that this is the only way Yazidi people can

adapt themselves to the geographical conditions of the region and added that the water requirement of the city has been fulfilled by the subsoil irrigation systems named "Qanat", which was also invented by the local people.

Furthermore, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ayatollahi expressed that along with the everchanging living conditions, the locals are preferably settling to modern housings leading to a decline of population in the ancient regions of the city and as Yazd Fine Arts and Architecture Faculty; their aim is to renovate the historical buildings by establishing research centers for the encouragement of scientific studies.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sayed Mohammed Hossein Ayatollahi has post-graduate and doctorate diplomas in the field of Architecture and still works as the Dean of Yazd Fine Arts and Architecture Faculty. The academician has a number of scientific publications in the area of Yazd wind towers.



Anti-Bullying Training Seminar



Upon the rise of violence in our country and violence becoming more visible at a primary school level the Famagusta Social Services Department and Eastern Mediterranean University collaborated to carry out a seminar titled "Peer Bullying" at the Karakol Primary School aimed towards the management and teachers.

Speaking at the opening of the seminar, Karakol Primary School Vice-Principal Hanife Zorba thanked EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Psychology Department academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fatih Bayraktar, Famagusta Social Services Department executive Vacide Cibo and project coordinator Bahar Özergin Boğaç, handing them flowers of appreciation.

"Bullying is the abuse of power"

The speaker at the event that aimed to help understand, deal with and prevent bullying was EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Psychology Department

academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fatih Bayraktar, who provided information about bullying, defining bullying as an abuse of power. "The person who holds the power uses this power negatively against the powerless. We see this at school, at home at work and in the army".

"Bullying is more common amongst members of the same sex"

During the seminar Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bayraktar also highlighted the fact that bullying is more common amongst individuals of the same sex. "Education in this field is of the utmost importance. I thank the Social Services Department and the Karakol Primary School Management for their sensitivity and support in organizing the event that aims to raise awareness in order to bring-up the next generation to reject bullying". At the end of the speeches, a question and answer session was held and a group photograph was taken.

This Week's Academic Publications

Source: Web of Science

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