

## A Collaboration Protocol with Ministry of Health



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) signed a collaboration protocol with the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of Health. The protocol was signed on the 3rd of November

2016 at EMU Rector's office. The said agreement includes the affiliation regulations of research and educational activities on health problems which will be carried out by EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty

of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, Faculty of Pharmacy and TRNC Ministry of Health. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam signed the said protocol on behalf of the university and Minister of Health Dr. Faiz Sucuoğlu put his signature on behalf of the Ministry of Health. TRNC Ministry of Health Undersecretary, EMU Board of Trustees' Chair, Board Members, Vice Rectors, Deans of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Health Sciences were present at the signature ceremony.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam delivered a speech at the signature ceremony and quoted that the signed protocol will be a significant cooperation for both EMU and TRNC. Prof. Dr. Osam also stated that the collaboration is an important contribution to the academic studies of Faculty of Medicine students.

Dr. Sucuoğlu emphasized that the signed protocol will pave the way for the students and they will have the opportunity of putting their theoretical knowledge towards a successful career. Dr. Sucuoğlu added to his words that the hospitals will belong to the educational institutions and this will provide the students with an internship program for gaining more experience in their field.

## EMU Signs a Collaboration Protocol With Geçitkale Municipality



A collaboration protocol was signed between the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Geçitkale Municipality. As a result of the collaboration protocol, EMU will provide consultancy to Geçitkale Municipality, in order for the municipality to fulfill the necessary conditions in the application process of the international Cittaslow (Calm City) movement. Furthermore, the protocol aims to improve scientific, social, cultural and academic collaborations along with the improvement of awareness towards social issues and the encouragement of mutual projects. The collaboration protocol was signed on the 1st

of November 2016 at EMU Rector's Office by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Geçitkale Mayor Hasan Öztaş and Vice Dean of EMU Faculty of Architecture, Prof. Dr. Hıfısiye Pulhan.

Prof. Dr. Osam stated that EMU is a university that values society and that providing consultancy to the Geçitkale Municipality during the Cittaslow process would make them very happy. Prof. Dr. Osam also added to his words that there are 4 municipalities in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) that are members of Cittaslow whilst providing a reminder that

EMU provided consultancy for 3 of these municipalities. Geçitkale Mayor Öztaş stated his pleasure in collaborating with EMU whilst underlining that he is proud of having the chance to receive consultancy from EMU. Öztaş also stated that being in collaboration with EMU is a privilege and added to his words the belief he has for obtaining Cittaslow membership with the guidance of EMU. In the collaboration protocol signature ceremony; EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Ozden, Vice Rector for Financial Affairs Prof. Dr. Salih Katircioğlu, Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Interior Architecture Chair Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağlı and Faculty of Architecture staff members were present.

### What is Cittaslow?

Cittaslow, is a union of municipalities established in 1999, in Italy. The word is a combination of the Italian word "Citta(City)" and the English word "Slow". It has the meaning of "Calm City". It is known to be a part of the Slow Movement. The cities aiming to be a member of the union are expected to possess the necessary criteria and philosophy of Cittaslow. In TRNC the Yeniboğaziçi Municipality, Mehmetçik Municipality and Lefke Municipality have been found suitable for Cittaslow membership and the Geçitkale Municipality has started work to become the 4th Cittaslow region.



## EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Salih Katircioğlu Delivers a Training Workshop in Indonesia



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Vice Rector for Financial Affairs Prof. Dr. Salih Katircioğlu, completed an education workshop titled "Economic Modelling and Latest Innovations in Scientific Researches". The workshop was held in Jakarta, the capital city of Indonesia. Prof. Dr. Katircioğlu travelled to Jakarta upon a special invitation from

the Indonesia Universities Association. 50 academic staff members from 20 different private and state universities attended the event which took place between 26-27th of October 2016. The opening speech was delivered by Duta Wacana Christian University Rector Prof. Henry Feriadi. Dean of the University of Tarumanagara, Faculty of Economics, Prof. Wisnu Prajogo also delivered a speech at the opening ceremony. After the opening speeches, Prof. Dr. Salih Katircioğlu delivered his conference. During the conference Prof. Dr. Katircioğlu informed the attendees about the EMU and its existing programs. At the end of the educational workshop; Prof. Dr. Katircioğlu was presented a plaque of appreciation by Duta Wacana Christian University Rector Prof. Henry Feriadi and a conference photograph was taken.

## EMU Cyprus Policy Center Head Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen Gives Presentation at Italian Senate



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Political Science and International Relations academician and Head of EMU Cyprus Policy Center, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen gave a presentation in the Italian Senate, titled "Regional Reconciliation in the Eastern Mediterranean and Development of Energy Resources".

The conference took place at the Senate of the Republic in Rome, as a result of collaboration between the Italian Center for Peace in the Middle East (CIPMO), the International Affairs Institute (IAI) and the National Hydrocarbon Company, Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi (ENI).

During the conference, the technical aspects of discovering and extracting energy from important sources were discussed. In addition, the conference focused on the relationship between regional stakeholders as well as possible geostrategic results and transformations.

The opening speech of the conference was given by ENI Executive Director Claudio Descalzi. After the themed speech from Miguel Arias Canete, Energy and Climate Change Delegate of the European Commission, a speech was given by Paolo Gentiloni, Minister of Foreign Affairs. A speech was also given by Head of the Ital-

ian Senate Foreign Affairs Committee. Prof. Dr. Sözen started his speech by stating that whether natural resources are used as sources of conflict or cooperation, will impact whether or not an agreement will be reached. Prof. Dr. Sözen noted that stakeholders must unite their wisdom and power within legal framework. Acknowledging that this will not be easy, Prof. Dr. Sözen highlighted the fact that numerous inspirational examples that can be used as reference do exist.

Prof. Dr. Sözen stated that there is potential for cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean region regarding hydrocarbon, before going on to note that maximum utilization is almost impossible because of the number, density and length disputes in the region.

Prof. Dr. Sözen emphasized at the Italian Senate that "The international community must strongly encourage the prevention of the 2017 hydrocarbon drillings until the negotiations are finalized as well as encouraging both leaders to swiftly find a solution to the Cyprus problem".

Providing detailed information about approaches regarding what needs to be done, Sözen stated that the most beneficial methods must be chosen in order to meet ideals such as regional agreements.

Specific to Cyprus, Sözen stated that potential risks should be eliminated and therefore hydrocarbon drillings be delayed until after the finalization of negotiations.





# Students from Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department Come Third in Europe



Under the guidance of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts academician Hüseyin Akbulut, students Cem Mengüllüoğlu and Hüseyin Akbulut made EMU proud by coming third in a European competition in the categories of pastry and decathlon.

The 29th Annual Conference, Competitions and General Assembly of the European Association of Hotel and Tourism Schools (AEHT) took place at the Docklands Academy London (DAL) and featured over 600 attendees from schools of hotel management and gastronomy. The event began with an opening ceremony that took place in the Church

House located inside the Westminster Cathedral in London. The opening speech was provided by Head of AEHT Ana Paula Pais and Director of the Docklands Academy London Ayşegül Yeşildağlar. Following the opening speeches, an art exhibition highlighting the multiculturalism of England was presented. At the end of the opening ceremony, informative meetings aimed towards students and educators took place. The winners of the competitions that took place on the 24th, 25th and

26th of October were announced during a gala night on the 27th of October.

AEHT aims to encourage communication between faculties of hotel management and tourism, in order to lay a bridge between faculties and institutions and to improve communication networks. 44 countries were represented in the tourism organization, which is a tourism organization with one of the widest scales in Europe.



# EMU Donates Blood to Raise Awareness During Red Cross Week



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Community Involvement Center continues carrying out social responsibility projects. Within the framework of the Red Cross Week (29th of October- 4th of November) a blood donation campaign was organized by the Agency Genesis IMC, EMU Psychological Guidance and Counseling Department staff member Barış Başel and department students.

The blood donation organized in collaboration with the TRNC Ministry of Health took place between the 28th of October and the 2nd of November and included health professionals from the Dr. Burhan Nalbantoğlu State Hospital. The blood donations took place between 10:00 - 14:00 at the Atatürk Square (CL Square). During the organization statements were provided by Ministry of Health represen-

tatives. Blood Bank chemist Suat Keskin highlighted the importance of blood donations, stating that approximately 135 thalassemia patients are active blood receivers. Keskin noted that blood donations are of the utmost importance both for these patients and in the case of unexpected incidents.

Abdullah Peynir who was amongst the sensitive group of EMU students, participating in the blood donation campaign, noted that he provided a donation because of a car accident he was involved

in a few years ago. After his accident he realized the difficulty faced by individuals who require donations stating that providing a donation is of vital importance.

At the end of the organization, TRNC Ministry of Health representatives noted that they were very pleased with the number of donations received whilst stating that such donation events should be carried out frequently to help raise awareness about the importance of the matter.





## EMU Honors Retiring Staff Member Hasan Haksayar



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hands retired personnel Hasan Haksayar a plaque of appreciation to thank him for years of hard work and devotion to the university.

The plaque was handed to Haksayar at the Rector's Office, by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden, Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren, Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, and Rector's Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş were also present. Prof. Dr. Osam thanked Haksayar for his contributions and services wishing him healthy and happy days in retirement.

## Prof. Dr. Özay Oral and Prof. Dr. Feray Gökdoğan Visit EMU

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) welcomes Cyprus Science University Board of Trustees' Chairman Prof. Dr. Özay Oral and Cyprus Science University Rector (A.) Prof. Dr. Feray Gökdoğan. Visiting EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Prof. Dr. Oral and Prof. Dr. Gökdoğan received extensive information about EMU.

Prof. Dr. Oral who served as EMU Rector from 1992 to 2003, received information about the current state of the university and noted his pleasure regarding the state it is in. Prof. Dr. Osam provided information about the student population and accreditations, stating that EMU will continue to be a university that values quality. Prof. Dr. Osam also wished Prof. Dr. Oral and Prof. Dr. Gökdoğan luck in their duties whilst conveying his hope that the Cyprus Science University will develop and grow.



## Head of Mağusa Kale Lions Club Visits EMU Rector



Head of Mağusa Kale Lions Club, Dr. Suna Hasipoğlu and Chair of Eastern Mediterranean University Center for Women's Studies (EMU-CWS), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilin visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office.

During the visit Dr. Hasipoğlu provided Prof. Dr. Osam with information about the activities and projects of the Mağusa Kale Lions Club. Prof. Dr. Osam stated that he is very happy about the visit and that he is closely following Mağusa Kale Lions Club projects. Prof. Dr. Osam also indicated that EMU is always ready to support projects as such.



# EMU Was Represented in Lebanon

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) was represented in Academia Education Fair organised in the capital city of Lebanon, Beirut by EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren and International Promotion Office staff Ülfe Çoban. EMU graduates Jessica Gemayel and Hussein Ghandour visited EMU booth at the fair and contributed to the promotion of the university. Our committee also visited Director of Higher Education Prof. Dr. Ahmad Jammal in his office and shared information about our university.



# EMU Dr.Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Introduces Robot Patient Simulator



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine informed EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam about robot patient simulators which play an important role in medicine education. Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora, Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mevhibe Banu Hocaoglu and academic member Dr. Berfu Çerçi Ongün delivered a presentation with company representatives at EMU Rector's Office for the possession of a robot patient

simulator at the university. During the introductory presentation, information about the role and purpose of educational robot patient simulators was provided. The said patient robots are humanized and due to the system used it is possible to diagnose health problems at any time and provide treatment for these medical problems. The new born model of the robots "Baby Tory" was demonstrated as an example during the presentation.

## This Week's Academic Publications

Kaynak: Web of Science

### Faculty of Arts & Sciences

Zare-Harofteh, A., Saber-Samandari, S., & Saber-Samandari, S. (2016). The effective role of akermanite on the apatite-forming ability of gelatin scaffold as a bone graft substitute. *Ceramics International*, 42(15), 17781-17791

### Faculty of Health Sciences

Ayaz, A., Akyol, A., Cetin, C., & Besler, H. T. (2016). Effect of plate size on meal energy intake in normal weight women. *Nutrition Research and Practice*, 10(5), 524-529