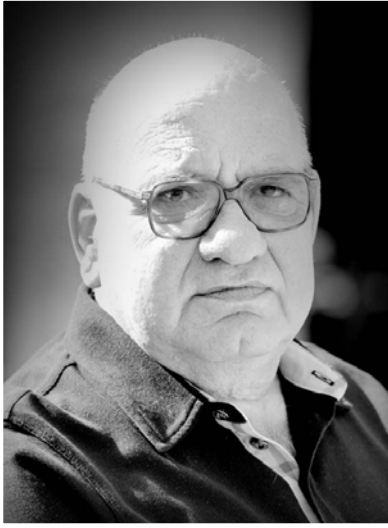


## EMU Mourning Sad Loss



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) announces with profound regret and sadness the passing of Dr. Turhan Korun who carried out his duty as the President of EMU Board of Trustees between 1994 – 1996 and as chief physician between 1996 – 2008 at EMU Health Center. Dr. Korun who has always been a significant value for EMU with his selfless work and contribution

for the university was buried following the noon prayer at İsmail Safa Mosque in the Nicosia graveyard. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rectors and a number of EMU workers were present at the funeral.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam expressed his deepest condolences to his family and his loved ones and emphasized that

Dr. Turan will always be commemorated with respect for his service and contributions to the university. Among notable attendees to the ceremony were the Korun family, President of TRNC Mustafa Akıncı, TRNC Parliamentary Speaker Dr. Sibel Siber, 2nd President of TRNC Mehmet Ali Talat and many members of the Turkish Parliament.



## Commander of The Cyprus Turkish Peace Forces Visited EMU

Commander of Cyprus Turkish Peace Forces Lieutenant General Ömer Paç paid a visit of courtesy to Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova was present at the said

visit which took place on 8 February 2017. Topics of discussion during the visit on Wednesday were universities and higher education in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). During the visit, Lt. Gen. Paç presented a plaque of appreciation to Prof. Dr. Osam.





## TV Programmer Ayhan Sicimoğlu Visits EMU Rector

Ayhan Sicimoğlu, prominent TV programmer, explorer, radio programmer, businessman and percussion artist from the Republic of Turkey, visited Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam.

During the said visit, Sicimoğlu noted his pleasure regarding being at EMU, highlighting that it is the best education institution in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Stating that he keeps up with EMU's success, Sicimoğlu stated his fascination with the faculties and infrastructural qualities of the university and wished the continuation of this success.

Speaking during the visit Prof. Dr. Osam provided extensive information about EMU, its student profile, education quality and accreditations. Stating that EMU greatly values quality education, Prof. Dr. Osam noted that EMU is the first and only university in TRNC to feature on the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings List. Stat-

ing that he always keeps up with EMU's success, Sicimoğlu noted that EMU is one of the most well-established educational institutions in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Receiving

detailed information about the departments, Sicimoğlu put forth his happiness for the joint collaborations with EMU Faculty of Tourism Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Program and Eastern Medi-

terranean Cultural Heritage Research Center (EMU – DAKMAR). At the end of visit, Prof. Dr. Osam handed Sicimoğlu a frame made of traditional Cypriot Lefkara lace.



## Another Achievement from EMU Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department Students

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department students continue to reap the rewards of their quality education by gaining success at international competitions. EMU Faculty of Tourism, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department students attended the 15th International İstanbul Gastronomy Festival which took place between the 2nd and 5th of February 2017. Under the coordination of EMU Tourism Faculty Master Chef Hakan Açıl and academic staff member Kurtuluş Özbaşar, the students completed the competition with important achievements just like the year before.

The team comprising of Damla Lisani, İbrahim Kızıltaç and Halil İbrahim Kalaoglu finished third, obtaining the bronze medal in the category of "Best University Team of the Year". Meanwhile in the individual competitions Derviş Adal and Buğçe Cesur obtained the silver medal by coming in second in the "University Level Main Course Dish Competition". İbrahim Kızıltaç who competed in the same category finished third obtaining the bronze medal. Finally, Efe Gencay was awarded the Special Merit Award for the "University Level Restaurant Plated Sweet Competition".

EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç noted that the festival was organized in line of the standards determined by The World Association of Chefs' Societies (WACS). The World Association of Chefs' Societies (WACS) is a global network of chefs' associations



containing associations from 86 different countries, dedicated to maintaining and improving of the culinary standards of global cuisine through education, training and professional development of its international membership. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also noted that the EMU's Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts was awarded WACS accreditation and that students will be presented with WACS certificates upon their graduations.

Noting that alongside the Tourism and Hospitality Management Department, the Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department is rapidly increasing its education quality and reaching international standards, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that the EMU Tourism Faculty will continue its investment to academic and physical in-



frastructure in accordance with the vision of the Rector's Office. Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by noting that they will con-

tinue to produce educated chefs for the tourism sector in line with the increasing popularity of the field of gastronomy.



# EMU Academic Staff Member Nominated As Lead Guest Editor

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Physics and Chemistry Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı has been nominated as Lead Guest Editor for the special issue of the Advances in Astronomy Journal indexed by Web of Science bound to Hindawi publishing. The special issue is titled "Theoretical Aspects of Black Holes".

Among the world renowned referees in Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sakallı's team are Prof. Dr. Douglas Singleton from California State University (California, USA) and Prof. Dr. Sharmanthie Fernando from Northern Kentucky University (Kentucky, USA). Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sakallı expressed his pleasure in representing EMU as well as the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Physics and Chemistry Department emphasizing that the success of the department in recent years has been acknowledged by the Hindawi Editorial Board (<https://www.hindawi.com/journals/aa/si/878970/cfp/>).



# EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Welcomed Prof. Dr. Dietmar Fuchs

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Pharmacy welcomed Deputy Director of the Medical University of Innsbruck, Department of Biological Chemistry and Honorary Member of the Medical and Clinical Chemistry Association, Prof. Dr. Dietmar Fuchs. Prof. Dr. Fuchs came together with EMU Pharmacy students and academic staff, presenting a series of seminars.

Prof. Dr. Fuchs who has acted as editor and editor in chief for a number of scientific journals has over 800 scientific publications and over 26 thousand references regarding tryptophan metabolism and Pteridines. Prof. Dr. Fuchs who added important knowledge to Immunology and Biochemistry literature provided information about "Neopterin in Immunopathologies", "Tryptophan Breakdown in Immunopathologies", "Phenylalanine Metabolism And Immune Activation", "In Vitro Testing For Immunomodulatory Drugs" and "Medication And Food Compounds" at the seminars he presented whilst at EMU. As well as the informative seminars he presented whilst at EMU, Prof. Dr. Fuchs

who focused on Pteridines that can lead to early diagnosis of heavy infections such as HIV (AIDS) and autoimmune diseases started a collaboration with the EMU Faculty of Pharmacy. In this regard, one of the scientific studies that took place at the EMU Faculty of Pharmacy will be invited to the symposium titled "36th International Winter-Workshop on Clinical, Chemical and Biochemical Aspects of Pteridines and Related Topics" set to take place in Innsbruck in February 2017.





## 3<sup>rd</sup> International Silk Road Music Conference is Discussed at EMU "Light of The Island" TV Program

Taking place under the moderatorship of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Education, Fine Arts Education Department, Music Teaching Program academic staff member and chorus conductor Erkan Dağlı; "Light of the Island" television program hosted Abant İzzet Baysal University, Fine Arts Education Department Chair Prof. Dr. Uğur Alpagut and EMU Faculty of Education, Fine Arts Education Department Chair Prof. Dr. Memduh Özdemir.

3<sup>rd</sup> International Silk Road Music Conference which will be hosted by EMU between 17 – 19 July 2017 was discussed during the said program. 3<sup>rd</sup> International Silk Road Music Conference will be organised for the first time in TRNC within the collaborations of Music Trainers Association (MÜZED), Turkish World Music Education Society (TÜRKMEB), International Turkish Culture Organisation (TÜRKSOY) and EMU.

Expressing his pleasure and in hosting the third of International Silk Road Conferences in EMU; EMU Faculty of Education, Fine Arts Department Chair Prof. Dr. Memduh Özdemir put forth that such an organisation is a source of pride



for the university. Prof. Dr. Özdemir stated that 3 panels, 5 workshops and many concerts consisting of the performances of both local and foreign artists will take place during the program and expressed his wish that the said conference will be a turning point for the musical life in Cyprus. Abant İzzet Baysal University,

Fine Arts Education Department Chair and conference Co- Chair Prof. Dr. Uğur Alpagut provided extensive information about the prominent organisations during 3<sup>rd</sup> International Silk Road Conference. In addition, Prof. Dr. Alpagut stated that the theme of this year's conference is determined as "Children" and expressed

his happiness in organising "Children Songs Contest with the theme TRNC and Cyprus Nature".

The said episode of "Light of the Island" television program will be broadcasted on 11 Şubat 2017 Saturday, between 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

## EMU Athlete Ese Brume Continues Training in Istanbul

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) athlete Ese Brume and coach Hasan Maydon recently travelled to Istanbul for a training camp. By participating Turkey Adults Athletics Championship which was organised in Istanbul on 9 February 2017; Ese Brume put her name under another successful achievement with a score of 6.79 in long jump category and outdistanced Turkey's long jump champion Nimet Karakuş. Ese Brume will also participate the long jump competition that will take place on 10 February 2017.

Training with her coach at Aslı Alptekin Sports Hall twice a day, Ese Brume is preparing for the "University Athletics Competition" that is organized with the contributions of EMU and the "World Championships" set to take place from 5 to 13 August in London.

Ese Brume is also preparing for the "2020 Tokyo Olympics". Brume finished the 2016 Rio Olympics in fifth place

with a jump of 6.81 m. She is also the 2015 African Long Jump Champion and the 2014 Commonwealth Champion.

The Nigerian athlete is being shown a lot of interest in Istanbul both by the media and other athletes. Ese Brume and

Hasan Maydon are expected to continue their training in Istanbul until the 13<sup>th</sup> of February.



### This Week's Academic Publications

Source: Web of Science

#### Faculty of Arts & Sciences

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