

Faculty of Medicine Makes it on to World Directory of Medical Schools

The International Joint Medicine Program offered as a result of the collaboration between the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Medicine and the Marmara University Faculty of Medicine was acknowledged by the World Federation of Medical Education and the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research on the 17th of February 2017 and added to the World Directory of Medical Schools (WDOMS). As a result, Medicine Faculty students will be eligible to take the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) which could allow them to specialise in the USA.

WDOMS is a joint World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) and Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education Research (FAIMER) initiative. WDOMS is comprised of FAIMER's International Medical Education Directory (IMED) database and WFME's Avicenna database. Institutional information such as faculty names, affiliations, acceptance criteria, duration of syllabus and program details are stored in WDOMS.

Those who completed their medicine education in a country other than USA or Canada and want to specialise in the USA, require an Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certificate. In order to obtain an ECFMG certificate students must be graduates of a school on the World Directory of Medical Schools.

In his statement EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, noted that they are very pleased about the achievement and that EMU Rector's Office will continue to proceed according to their vision and

goals. Prof. Dr. Osam also stated that they greatly value accreditations for all programs and that they are studiously carrying out the required work in order to add other programs to global literature. Providing a reminder of the fact that EMU is the first and only university from the TRNC appearing on the Times Higher Education World Rankings, Prof. Dr. Osam noted that they are very happy about the latest achievement from the Faculty of Medicine.

EMU Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora stated that they have been running the English-medium joint Medicine program with Marmara University Faculty of Medicine since 2012, going on to state that the faculty aims to raise competent, knowledgeable doctors with correct demeanours who can meet the requirements of global communities. Stating that modern medicine education should require students to obtain both national and international experience/education Prof. Dr. Gökçora noted that the recognition of medicine programs is important not only in terms of ensuring that the quality of education provided is at an



international level but also as it provides the opportunity for graduates to continue their education or careers internationally.

EMU Faculty of Medicine students expressed their satisfaction regarding the quality of education they receive at the faculty stating that they are proud to say that the faculty has proven its conformity to international standards. EMU Faculty of Medicine pre-clinical

student representative Buse Ataoğlu and clinical 5th year international student Whitney Onuorah thanked EMU and Marmara University Rectorate on behalf of all students for the recognition gained by the joint program describing this as 'wonderful' news. Stating that this achievement is very important for them, the students described the recognition as paying the way to their dream of specialising in the United States.



EMU Faculty Of Tourism Undergoing TedQual Accreditation Process For The Third Time



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism is undergoing the "Quality Assurance for Tourism Education" (TedQual) accreditation process. Known as one of the most prestigious accreditations, TedQual is the only United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) certificate given to education and research at an international level. Educational institutions that hold the certificate obtain the opportunity to collaborate with other global institutions and participate in projects supported by UNWTO.

EMU Faculty of Tourism that has had TedQual accreditation since 2002, is the first university in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) to hold this

certificate. EMU Faculty of Tourism is undergoing inspection for the third time and being evaluated according to six criteria (students, academic staff, administrative structure, global tourism ethic codes, infrastructure facilities and graduates). As part of the criteria TedQual inspector and World Tourism Ethics Committee member Dr. Hatough met with second and fourth year Tourism and Hospitality Management program students and took notes about education, faculty management, infrastructure, accommodation, food and beverage as well as sporting and social activities. In addition to students

Dr. Hatough met with academic staff speaking about the running of courses, assessments, the importance of updating course material and using new education

technologies as well as her satisfaction regarding the usage of applied education in Tourism. Coming together with faculty administration at the beginning and end of the inspection process Dr. Hatough expressed her satisfaction regarding the administrative structure and functioning of the faculty. Finally, noting that the subject of tourism ethics is new to the TedQual inspection, Dr. Hatough stated that EMU Tourism Faculty should undertake a role model mission in North Cyprus regarding global tourism ethics.

Visit to Prof. Dr. Osam

During the inspection TedQual representative Dr. Suzy Saleh Hatough visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam

in his office and received extensive information about the university. Prof. Dr. Osam talked about the significance of accreditation and quality, stating that EMU is the first and only university from the TRNC to feature on The Times Higher Education (THE) World Rankings. Noting that they are closely following the national and international success of the Tourism Faculty Prof. Dr. Osam expressed his happiness regarding this success and went on to say that support and contribution to the Tourism Faculty will increase. EMU Faculty of Tourism Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Özturan were also present at the visit.

EMU Academic Staff Member Presents International Proceedings Book to Prof. Dr. Osam



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Ataturk Research and Application Center Academic Staff

member Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk, presented the proceedings book of the symposium titled "International

Symposium on the Cyprus Issue and Its Future with International Aspects" to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam. The

symposium was hosted by EMU and resulted from an EMU Ataturk Research and Application Center and Turkish Republic Atatürk Supreme Council of Culture, Language and History Atatürk Research Center Directorate collaboration.

During the visit Dr. Göktürk provided information about the proceedings book that also included the conference paper "Johnson Letter in the Turkish Grand National Assembly Records and After". Dr. Göktürk noted that the book includes 36 conference papers from the symposium that lasted for a period of two days and featured domestic and foreign academicians. Prof. Dr. Osam noted that they always support academic work from within the university and that they hope to see the continuation of such work in the future.

First Postgraduate Student Graduates from EMU Department of Nursing

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Health Sciences Faculty, Department of Nursing has given its first Postgraduate level graduate. The Health Sciences Faculty started accepting postgraduate students for the Department of Nursing in the 2015-2016 Academic Year.

In the statement she released, Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç noted that Health Sciences Faculty has been growing since the day of its formation and that by giving its first postgraduate level graduate, the Department of Nursing has taken its first step towards educating qualified academicians.

Meanwhile, Department of Nursing Chair, Prof. Dr. R. Selma Görgülü stated that they are very excited and happy to be giving their first graduate of the

postgraduate program, noting that they are very happy regarding the attention the program is receiving. Indicating that the program has been selected by more than 50 students in a very short period of time, Prof. Dr. Görgülü gave the good news that they are preparing to offer a Nursing Doctorate program in the near future.

Postgraduate student Gülcan Dürüst worked on her thesis titled "The Identification of Health Sciences Student Opinions Regarding Tissue/ Organ Transplantation and Donation" under the supervision of her advisor Asst. Prof. Dr. Gülten Sucu Dağ. Present at her thesis defense as part of the jury were EMU Department of Nursing Chair Prof. Dr. R. Selma Görgülü, academican Prof. Dr. Fethiye Erdil and advisor Asst. Prof. Dr. Gülten Sucu Dağ.



'Trainer Development Program' Completed at EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty carried out a "Trainer Development Program" for academic staff members of the Joint International Medicine Program with Marmara University and state hospital affiliated doctors who are interested in becoming part of the teaching staff. The program took place between the 16th and 18th of February 2017. During a ceremony that took place at the end of the program, participants were handed their participation certificates by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora.

The training was provided by, Marmara University Faculty of Medicine academic staff member and EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty-Marmara University Joint International Medicine Program Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Gülpınar and

Student Affairs Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Can Erzik. During the training, various topics including "Modern approaches in medicine education", "Interactive learning methods in large classes and small groups", "Latest global developments in assessment and evaluation" and "Instructive competency" were discussed. In addition, many learning and evaluation exercises were carried out in small groups.

The academic staff members and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of Health doctors who attended the training program stated that the 3-day training has been a very productive and entertaining experience. They also stated that they learned to look at education through the lens of students which is very important.

Doctors from the state hospital thanked the organizers of the event that was



made possible as part of the affiliation protocol signed between TRNC Ministry of Health and EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, for giving them the opportunity to think about how they can make use of their professional experiences in the field of education.

Participants noted that universities should carry out activities for the benefit of the community stating that they witnessed developments in university-sector collaborations. They also expressed that they witnessed the

importance of "polyphony", "individual differences between students", "different points of view" and "respecting differences" during the interactive learning group work. A doctor described the education he received as "advanced" noting "I just saw how scientific the education here is". The doctor went on to indicate that they learned a lot and carried out new exercises that led to a review of the education activities they previously witnessed, making them happy to see that they were on the correct path.

EMU Gets Full Marks From ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 10002:2014 Inspection



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) successfully underwent inspections of the world renowned IQ Net member Turkish Standard Institute (TSE) ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management System and ISO 10002:2014 Student Satisfaction Management System. The said inspection process which took place with coordination from the EMU Total Quality Management Center finished with a closing meeting that took place at the EMU Rector's Office Senate Hall at 14:30 p.m. on the 23rd of February 2017. The meeting was attended by Turkish Standards Institute (TSE) TRNC

Director Kemal Kızıltan, TSE Chief Representative Rıza Buğra Alp Giray Okumuş, EMU Total Quality Management Center Director and Quality Management Representative Hasan Kavaz and academic/administrative unit representatives.

“EMU Maintains Student Satisfaction”

TSE TRNC Director Kemal Kızıltan delivered a speech at the closing meeting and thanked EMU for their hospitality throughout the 3 day inspection process. Stating that EMU has successfully passed

the ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 10002:2014 inspections, Kızıltan expressed their pride in certifying EMU as a prominent institution of higher education with high levels of student satisfaction. Kızıltan proceeded as follows: “I have no doubts that EMU will receive far more comprehensive certificates and will successfully pass the inspections to be conducted next year”.

TSE Chief Representative Okumuş wished the continuation of EMU's accomplishments while exchanging

opinions with unit representatives. EMU Total Quality Management Center Director and Quality Management Representative Hasan Kavaz also delivered a speech at the meeting and stressed the importance of receiving ISO certificates for the official registration of the quality education EMU offers to its students, thanking all TSE representatives for their efforts during the inspection process.

The Certificates are Recognized in 36 Countries

TSE representatives held meetings with unit managers and carried out inspection on documentation between the 21st and 24th of February 2017. The said representatives conducted field trips with the purpose of observing the functioning and operations of each unit within the university. Following the inspections, EMU gained ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management System and ISO 10002:2014 Student Satisfaction Management Center certificates which have recognition in 36 countries.

5th EMU International Career Week Soon To Commence



Organised by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Graduate Relations and Career Research Directorate (MIKA), in collaboration with academicians and experts in EMU, and in association with the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry and the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Commerce, the “5th International Career Week” and “Career Fair” is taking place between the 27th of February and the 3rd of March 2017. Creating a platform to bring together professionals with EMU students, the “5th International Career

Week” will commence with opening addresses taking place at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall at 10:00 a.m. on the 27th of February 2017. Following a moment of silence, the national anthem and opening speeches, Famagusta Medical Center Cardiovascular Surgery Specialist Dr. Çağın Zaim who graduated from the Ankara University Faculty of Medicine in 2004 within the framework of a protocol settled between EMU and Ankara Faculty of Medicine will be delivering a presentation entitled “Things To Do On Our Career Path”.

EMU MIKA Director Derviş Ekşici stated that they are witnessing the happiness and excitement of organising the 5th International Career Week in collaboration with prominent professionals and experts in their chosen fields. Ekşici also put forth that the said organisation is providing priceless advantages for EMU students and highlighted the increasing number of career professionals EMU is hosting each year.

Students will meet individuals with successful careers

On the first day of the International Career Week Erkan Özsağ, General Manager of the Tourism and Travel Agency BİSTUR, Serhat İncirli, News Director of Kıbrıs Media Group, Cem Başeskioglu, Screenwriter / Writer, Dr. Rezan Fahrioglu Yamaci, Regensburg University Experimental Medicine and Therapy Department Academician,

İlhan Hakverdi, Hakverdi Law Office Lawyer and EMU Graduate, Dr. Esra Arsa, İstanbul Bilgi University Social Sciences Institute Academician, Batuhan Aydagül, Education Specialist/ Political Analyst and Seval Yasak Dizerkonca, Antalya Commerce and Industry Director and EMU Graduate will be sharing their experience on the respective topics “New Trend: Gastronomy Tourism”, “Journalism and Cyprus”, “Standard Dreams Packaged Reality”, “How Early is Early Metastasis?”, “Advocacy in Turkey”, “Can The Press Sector and Journalism be a Gravitational Field in Undemocratic Countries”/“The Importance of Alternative Media in Political Crisis”, “Through the Window of Critical Creativity”, and “Success On The Road To a Career”

Career Fair will be held on the 1st of March

The official opening of the “5th Career Fair” taking place with the participation of over 120 firms offering numerous internship and career opportunities for students will be held at the Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Center at 10:00 a.m. on the 1st of March 2017. The said organisation for which a 30% increase in participation was observed this year will take place in collaboration with the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry and the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Commerce. TRNC Minister of Tourism and Environment Fikri Ataoğlu, TRNC Minister of Labour and Social Security Hamza Ersan Saner and Famagusta Mayor İsmail Arter are expected to participate in the said organisation and deliver opening speeches. The fair will open to members of the public as well as students until 17:00.

Guest Appearance by Mehmet Harmancı on EMU “City and Architecture” Program



Nicosia Turkish Municipality Mayor Mehmet Harmancı appeared as a guest on Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) TV produced television program “City and Architecture”. The program was moderated by EMU Architecture Faculty, Department of Architecture academic staff member Asst. Prof. Dr. Ercan Hoşkara and EMU TV presenter Çiğdem Duvarcı. During the program, the collaboration protocol between EMU and the Nicosia Turkish Municipality

was addressed as well as the Nicosia Master Plan. Nicosia Turkish Municipality Mayor Mehmet Harmancı provided information about the content of the protocol that was signed on the 10th of February 2017 regarding academic, scientific, social and cultural collaboration as well as the revision of the Nicosia Master Plan. Harmancı explained that the Municipality has been in

contact with EMU for a long period of time, deliberating on what sort of collaborations could take place. Harmancı stated that both technical and physical support will be available if required as a result of the protocols signed, concluding by noting that work will be carried out regarding changing the Nicosia Master Plan. Highlighting the fact that Nicosia is

the only city in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus to be run with a Master Plan, Harmancı provided a reminder that this Master Plan must be revised once every 5 years. Expressing that the Nicosia Turkish Municipality has come to the end of a difficult period of economic troubles, Harmancı stated that they have now entered a period where projects can be implemented more easily and that they want to complete important urban design projects. Harmancı also expressed his opinion about EMU setting up a campus in Nicosia by noting that an institution like EMU would add value to the city. Harmancı went on to state that they will be in a struggle to create an area in the city where the community and the university will meet, indicating that he believes the theatre building in Nicosia can be transformed into a cultural centre where the performing arts can be practiced. In addition, he stated his belief that carrying out different models like vocational education in the Nicosia Walled City would be of great use.



EMU Attends 7th Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World General Conference

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) attended the 7th Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) General Conference in Morocco. At the conference EMU was represented by EMU Vice Rector for Financial Affairs Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural and Business & Economics Faculty, Department of Economics academic staff member Asst. Prof. Dr. Kemal Bağzıbağlı.

Education Staff Dr. Jamila El Moussali. The opening speech touched upon the educational and scientific sector and terrorism in Islamic nations as well as protection from extremism and fanaticism. The sessions touched upon increasing the collaboration and coordination between federation-membering universities and creating a sustainable mechanism for university financing.

Visit to Morocco’s Turkish Embassy
Prof. Dr. Uğural and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bağzıbağlı visited Morocco’s Turkish Embassy and had a meeting with Ambassador Ethem Barkan Öz. During the said visit, Prof. Dr. Uğural provided extensive information about EMU, the student profile and accreditations of the university. Possible future collaborations were also discussed during the visit.

This Week’s Academis Publications

Source: Web of Science

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

1.Mehraei, M., Bashirov, R., & Tüzmen, Ş. (2016). Target-based drug discovery for β -globin disorders: drug target prediction using quantitative modeling with hybrid functional Petri nets. *Journal of Bioinformatics and Computational Biology*, 14(05), 1650026.

Faculty of Engineering

1.Jough, F. K. G., & Şensoy, S. (2016). Prediction of seismic collapse risk of steel

moment frame mid-rise structures by meta-heuristic algorithms. *Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Vibration*, 15(4), 743-757.

Faculty of Communication and Media Studies

1.Ephraim, P. E., Akter, T., & Gansinger, M. (2017). New media–new voices: satirical representations of Nigeria’s socio-politics in Ogas at the top. *Critical Studies in Media Communication*, 34(1), 44-57.