

Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam Meets with Serhat İncirli and BRTC Director Meryem Özyurt



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam attended the TV program "Kıbrıs'ta Bugün" presented by News Director of Kıbrıs Media Group, columnist and Kıbrıs TV programmer Serhat İncirli. The program took place on the 24th of March 2017 and was broadcasted on

Kıbrıs TV. At the program Prof. Dr. Osam provided statements about the topic of "Higher Education". During the program that was broadcasted live on Kıbrıs TV between 08:55 – 09:40 a.m. Prof. Dr. Osam provided information about EMU and the state of higher education in the

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC).

Prof. Dr. Osam Meets with BRTC Director

After the program Prof. Dr. Osam visited Bayrak Radio Television Corporation

(BRTC) Director Meryem Ç. Özyurt in her office providing information about the latest developments in EMU. During the meeting there was also an exchange of views regarding institutional collaboration in which BRTC would use EMU in live broadcasts from the Famagusta region.



EMU Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department Academic Staff Invited to Turkey's Culinary National Team

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department academic staff members Hakan Açıl and Pınar Barut received invitations to Turkey's Culinary National Team by the Cooks and Chefs Federation of Turkey (COCFED).

In a statement he released, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç indicated that the Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department's quality of education is constantly on the rise emphasizing that it has reached international standards which has been proven by their success in gastronomy competitions during the last two years. Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted "The invitations received by Hakan Açıl and Pınar Barut are substantial indicators of the

importance of the role of our academic staff member chefs who prepare our students for these competitions". Prof. Dr. Kılıç also expressed his pride in the two master chefs competing for the national team in the Hong Kong International Culinary Classic (HKICC) as part of HOFEX 2017. The competition will be taking place in Hong Kong from the 8th to the 11th of May 2017.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by stating that EMU Faculty of Tourism will continue to invest in academic and physical infrastructure in line with the vision of the Rector's Office, underlining that they will continue to create chefs educated in the ever more popular fields of gastronomy and tourism.

53rd Library Week at EMU Commences with a Caricature Exhibition



53rd Library Week is being celebrated in Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) from the 27th of March to the 2nd of April 2017. At Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), celebrations began with a caricature exhibition titled "A book is light". The opening of the said event took place at EMU Özay Oral Library, at 11:00 a.m., on Monday, the 27th of March 2017. Speaking at the opening, EMU Özay Oral Library Director Osman Soykan stated that he is very happy to be here, thanking everyone in attendance. Providing information about the library and librarianship Soykan highlighted the importance of reading stating "Knowledge is power, power is knowledge". Soykan also provided information about the activities that will be taking place as part of the 53rd Library Week. Indicating that caricatures like books contain strong messages, Soykan expressed his happiness in caricatures being used to explain the importance of libraries in the 53rd Library Week.

Speaking on behalf of the caricaturists Hüseyin Çakmak stated that a total of 50 caricatures from 8 caricaturists are being exhibited, expressing his belief that enough importance isn't placed on art, books and libraries in the TRNC. Thanking EMU for their interest Çakmak stated that with rising internet consumption, reading levels are

decreasing. He went on to indicate that caricaturists send messages via drawings and thanked all those who contributed to the exhibition. EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı also thanked everyone for their participation noting that EMU has been aware of the importance of its library since its establishment. Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı provided information about EMU Özay Oral Library indicating that it contains 200 thousand books, approximately 200 thousand electronic books and over 10 thousand academic journals. Thanking everyone who took part in the organization of the exhibition Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı wished everyone a productive Library Week. After the exhibition opening, Prof. Dr. Osam handed the caricaturists certificates of appreciation for their valuable contributions.

The caricature exhibition titled "Books and Libraries" was organized by Leyla Çınar Algül with the contributions of Cemal Tunceri, Hüseyin Çakmak, Leyla Çınar Algül, Serhan Gazioğlu, Musa Kayra, Mustafa Cemal Azizoğlu, Mustafa Tozakı, Serkan Sürek and Utku Karsu.

After the opening ceremony of the caricature ceremony, a honorary lunch was held for the caricature artists and library employees at EMU Beach Club by EMU Rectorate.

Great Interest Shown to EMU Book Reading Activity



As part of Library Week which is celebrated in Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) from the 27th of March to the 2nd of April 2017, a book reading activity took place on Wednesday, the 29th of March 2017. The book reading activity that commenced at 12:30 took place at the EMU Özay Oral Library yard.

The 6th annual Turkish Librarians' Association annual book reading activity that lasted half an hour took place at the same time in Turkey and the TRNC with the slogan "Humans Read Everywhere". The event was attended by EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Vice Rector for International Relations and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Education Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam, Vice Rector's Office for Academic Affairs Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Orhan Korhan, Public Relations and Press Director (a.) Murat Aktuğralı, EMU Özay Oral Library

Director Osman Soykan, members of academic staff, administrative personnel and students.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the event EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı congratulated library officials for organizing and inviting children to such a meaningful event. Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı also thanked Şehit Hüseyin Akil Primary School for accepting the library's invitation and their sensibility shown towards instilling the love of reading to young minds.

EMU Özay Oral Library Director Osman Soykan expressed his happiness regarding the colorful and joyful nature of the annual activity. Stating that the aim of the activity is to emphasize the value of libraries and reading Soykan noted: "Reading is a very important culture and deed. We believe that reading must become a habit at a young age. It is for this reason that we knowingly target young age groups with such activities. We thank our university personnel and students as well as Şehit Hüseyin Akil Primary School for accepting our invitation". At the end of the event EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı presented Şehit Hüseyin Akil Primary School representatives a certificate of participation.



EMU – CWS Discuss Sexual Harassment and Assault



"The 6th International Conference on Gender Studies" organized by the Center for Women's Studies at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU - CWS) between 23 and 25 March 2017, hosted the "12th Network Meeting Against Sexual Harassment and Assault". Alongside with EMU, Koç, Hacettepe, Kemerburgaz, Çukurova, Near East, Çankaya and Özyeğin Universities were also represented at the meeting.

Firstly, the latest changes and progress of the participating universities considering the topic were discussed. According to the information provided, Çankaya and Özyeğin Universities were unable to form a Sexual Harassment and Assault (SHA) unit, however Çankaya University is applying the current disciplinary regulations. Özyeğin University Rector's Office on the other hand, is monitoring these kind of incidents with academicians

who are working in gender studies. In the meeting, it was advised to the universities that have not formed the necessary units or not started the gender classes to remind the authorities about the policy document from which Council of Higher Education (YÖK) have sent to the Rector's Offices of universities. It was also stated in the meeting that Hacettepe University is training its academicians, administrative personnel and students about sexual harassment and assault. It was discussed that the observation duty for these kind of incidents which used to be undertaken by an ethical council until today, is expected to be transferred to a new SHA unit in Hacettepe University.

It has also been noted in the meeting that the first women's workshop and action plan in North Cyprus have been completed and crisis centers are expected to be formed after the foundation of the Public Gender Office. Formation of a permanent SHA organism and availability of the participants that can add a legal

personality to this structure in becoming women and public gender research centers, were also points of discussion in the meeting.

It was decided to discuss the topic of permanent structure to be discussed in the next meeting to be held on the 29th of May 2017. Also, the Woman 2000 magazine declared a call for papers and notes considering the participants' SHA experiences for a special issue in the meeting. The editorship of the call for papers and notes is decided to be held by Dr. Hülya Şimşir and Dr. Gülriş Uygur. It was also decided that the topic of secure campus application for the universities which formed the mechanism of tracking and prevention of sexual harassment and assault, giving classes of public gender in the name of The Inter-university Initiative For Sexual Harassment and Assault and also the universities that passed a policy document through necessary disciplinary organs to be discussed in the next meeting.

EuPRA General Secretary Elected from EMU for the Third Time



European Peace Research Association (EuPRA), which is operating under the regional constitution of the International Peace Research Association (IPRA), elected its new President, General Secretary and Board of Directors in the General Assembly that was held in

Germany. According to the news release of EMU Public Relations and Press Office Directorate, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daniela Irrera from Catania University has been elected as the new President and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy from Eastern Mediterranean University

(EMU) has been elected as the General Secretary of EuPRA. New Board of Directors will be in duty between 2017 and 2019. The Board of Directors consists of the following members: Daniela Irrera (Italy), Metin Ersoy (TRNC), Vidar Vambheim (Norway), Unto Vesa (Finland), Stephanie Thiel (Germany), Hendrik Bullens (Germany), Olga Vorkunova (Russia), and Enika Abazi (France).

Ersoy for the Third Time...

Assist. Prof. Dr. İtir Toksöz from Doğu University, who has served as the President of EuPRA for two terms, handed over the duty to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daniela Irrera. After the election of the new Board of Directors, EMU Faculty of Communication and Media Studies, Journalism Department academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy has been elected as the General Secretary upon vote. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy, who was carrying out duties as the General Secretary of the Association,

will represent EMU in the international academic arena by serving another term. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy, who presented a paper at the conference which was organized by the Germany Peace and Conflict Studies Association and European Peace Research Association, had the opportunity to share his work in peace journalism with a large academic crowd.

Sustainable World Peace...

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy declared his pleasure about the election and stated that he is aware of the responsibilities of his duty as the General Secretary of EuPRA. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy reminded that EuPRA is a sister organization of IPRA and that this non-profit organization which was formed in 1990 organizes conferences every two years in order to contribute to peace studies academically. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy added that EuPRA will continue its research in order to accomplish world peace.



Retiring EMU Personnel Tevfik Yoldaş Honored

Retiring personnel Tevfik Yoldaş was presented a silver plate by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) for his selfless contributions to the University.

The plate was presented by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office. Also present were EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden

and Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren as well as Student Affairs Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Uygur Garip and Public Relations and Press Office Director (a.) Murat Aktuğralı.

Prof. Dr. Osam thanked Yoldaş for his contributions to EMU where he has carried out various important duties since 1 February 1995.



EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Represented at Important Workshop

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Pharmacy 2015-2016 Academic Year graduate Yelin Subaşı and Faculty of Pharmacy student Marianna Najjar successfully represented EMU at the "36th International Winter-Workshop on Clinical, Chemical and Biochemical Aspects of Pteridines and Related Topics" which they attended upon invitation. Yelin Subaşı and Marianna Najjar travelled to Innsbruck, Austria to present their scientific work carried out under the coordination of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy academic staff members Prof. Dr. Gönül Şahin and Assoc. Prof. Dr. İmge Kunter. They were invited to the congress by 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 in February 2017 when he was visiting EMU upon invitation. At the scientific meeting they attended with a scholarship, Yelin Subaşı and Marianna Najjar presented their work on neopterin and liver cancer fortifying their research collaboration with Prof. Dr. Dietmar Fuchs that began at the Faculty of Pharmacy.

The students that gained the opportunity to meet top level scientists received a range of offers relating to work groups as well as postgraduate and doctorate level programs. In addition, at the end of the meeting they received positive feedback from the regulatory board and other participants regarding their project.

Communication Specialist Dr. Gamze Göker was at EMU for Career Week



Ankara University Social Sciences Institute Academic Staff Member and Communication Specialist Dr. Gamze Göker was the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication and Media Studies Faculty for the 5th International Career Week. Göker shared her knowledge and experience with students at the talk titled "Social Movements and Digital Activism" organized by the EMU Journalism Department. The opening speech of the talk was delivered by Communication and Media Studies Faculty Academic Staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hanife Aliefendioğlu.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aliefendioğlu noted that Göker is one of the few people who can integrate communication and women's studies, stating her satisfaction regarding Göker's participation.

Touching upon the network society that came to existence with the internet as well as new media and social

movements, Göker indicated that new social movements are identity based rather than class based and that they are established trying to understand differences and meet needs.

"Somebody is watching us"
Göker touched upon governments using new communication technologies to create surveillance societies. "Anonymous internet usage is important for both political and private purposes in undeveloped countries in terms of individual privacy and safe opposition".

"Digital activism is forming its own media"

Göker stated that digital activism at times forms its own media when mainstream media ignores oppositional social movements noting "The voice of the TEKEL and Gezi Park resistance is social media." The talk came to an end with a question and answer session and a group photo.



World Down Syndrome Day Activity by EMU Psychology Students Club

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Psychology Students Club hosted the students of the Special Education Centre on the occasion of the 21st of March World Down Syndrome Day. At the event which took place at EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty car park, excitement was high with face

painting, dancing and live music which took place after a short introductory session. Food and beverage were also on offer at the activity which called attention to Down Syndrome Day whilst providing students with enjoyable moments.



Meaningful Event for Cancer Patients

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) is preparing to hold a charity bazaar to support the TRNC Help Those with Cancer Association as part of 1 – 7 April Cancer Week. Organized by EMU Personnel Affairs Directorate, the bazaar is going to be held on Monday the 3rd of April 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in front of the CL Building on campus.

Money will be raised for cancer patients from food and beverage sales for which faculties, directorates and units will be

setting up stands. Funds raised from the sales of the 37 stands will be donated to the TRNC Help Those with Cancer Association. At the event with the slogan "EMU Cares", EMU personnel will be selling homemade food and beverages. Each product will be sold for 2 TL. In a statement released by EMU Rector's Office, the importance of civic involvement projects was highlighted and the general public was invited to the bazaar to support cancer patients in the country.

Choral Concert Took Place at EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Education organized a Choral Concert at Rauf Raif Denктаş Culture and Congress Centre at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, the 24th of March 2017. EMU Faculty of Education, Fine Arts Education Department, Music Teaching Program Choir, EMU Continuing Education Centre (EMU-CEC) 'Ada Işığı Children's Choir' and Cyprus Polyphonic Choirs Association, and Othello Choir performed at the event.

Speaking at the opening of the concert that drew a large attendance, EMU Education Faculty Dean Prof.

Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam drew attention to the fact that the importance given to choir music is constantly on the rise stating that she is happy about the attention EMU has been paying to choirs in recent years. At the end of the concert, the piece "I'm the Earth" was performed by three choruses and received grand applause. The choirs were conducted by Erkan Dağılı and Rana Uluçay, while Deniz Amcazade featured on piano. The event was also attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, CTP Famagusta Members of Parliament Teberrüken Uluçay and Erkut Şahali.



This Week's Academic Publications

Source: Web of Science

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

1. Ali Övgün, and İzzet Sakallı. "A particular thin-shell wormhole." *Theoretical and Mathematical Physics* 190, no. 1 (2017): 120-129.

Faculty of Engineering

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Technology and Engineering 56, no. 4 (2017): 391-399.

Faculty of Business and Economics

1. Setareh Sodeyfi and Salih Katircioglu. "Interactions between business conditions, economic growth and crude oil prices." *Ekonomika istraživanja* 29, no. 1 (2016): 980-990.

2. Abubakar Mohammed Abubakar and Belal Hamed Taher Shneikat. "eLancing

motivations." *Online Information Review* 41, no. 1 (2017): 53-69.

Faculty of Pharmacy

1. Burcu Kılıç, Hayrettin Ozan Gulcan, Mertcan Yalcın, Fatma Aksakal, Anatoli Dimoglo, Mustafa Fethi Sahin and Deniz Songul Dogruer. "Synthesis of Some New 1 (2H)-Phthalazinone Derivatives and Evaluation of Their Acetylcholinesterase and Butyrylcholinesterase Inhibitory Activities."

Letters in Drug Design & Discovery 14, no. 2 (2017): 159-166.

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