



EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. NECDET OSAM PAID A VISIT TO PRESIDENT AKINCI

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam paid a visit to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) President Mustafa Akıncı in his office. The visit took place on November 6th 2018, Tuesday. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam provided President Akıncı with recent information on the university and higher-education; and the parties exchanged opinions. During the reception, alongside EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, the other attending officials were Meltem Onurkan, Special Advisor on Political Affairs and History for the TRNC Presidency, and Murat Aktuğrah, EMU Public Relations and Press Office Director.



EMU FACULTY OF DENTISTRY WAS INSPECTED BY YÖDAK

After giving the start to 2018 – 2019 academic year Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Dentistry was inspected by the Higher-education Planning, Inspection, Accreditation and Coordination Board (YÖDAK) on November 8th 2018, Thursday. The inspection took place at EMU Rector's Office Meeting Room and the participants were YÖDAK President Prof. Dr. Akile Büke, YÖDAK Board Members, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler (Vice Rector for Academic Affairs), Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova (Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion), Prof. Dr. Aydın



Karakuzu (Dean of EMU Faculty of Dentistry), Rector's Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş and Student Affairs

Director Hüseyin Ünsal Yetiner. The parties exchanged information concerning EMU Faculty of Dentistry.

EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. NECDET OSAM GAVE AN INTERVIEW TO BBC



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam gave an interview to England's national television

station BBC on November 8th 2018, Thursday (13:00). During the interview, Prof. Dr. Osam answered questions from BBC World

Service Radio Business and Economics News Correspondent Ivana Davidovic about the latest situation of higher education in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and education on the island. The BBC Team stayed on the island for one week and chose EMU to gather information about higher education in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and the situation of students from Africa and Asia. BBC World Service, BBC World News, bbc.com/news ve BBC Media Action has a 265 million of circulation per week.

EMU INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE COMPLETED



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication 5th International Communication and Media Studies Conference (International Peace Conference) commenced with the opening ceremony on the 8th of November 2018 Thursday, at 10:00, at Rauf Raif Denктаş Culture and Congress Center.

The conference organized by EMU Center of Research and Communication for Peace (BAİM) continued under the theme “Think, talk and breed peace” until 9th November 2018.

In his speech, EMU Faculty of Communication Vice Dean and BAİM President Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy thanked everyone for their participation at the conference and informed the audience that two successful speakers both of whom are specialists in their

areas would be making presentations. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy informed the attendees about the event and mentioned that approximately 60 participants from 12 countries would be delivering presentations in concurrent sessions.

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that important conclusions would be obtained from the conference and the event would contribute to the area of communication and media studies. Prof. Dr. Osam wished the participants a productive event. After the opening speeches, Prof. Dr. Osam presented the keynote speakers Prof. Dr. Nico Carpentier and Prof. Dr. Stuart Allan unique Cypriot Lefkara frames.

The conference continued with the presentation of Uppsala University Lecturer Prof. Dr. Nico Carpentier titled,

“Community Media, Participation and Agonism: A Natural Alliance?” Various subjects such as “Peace Communication”, “Political Communication”, “Crisis Management” and “Refugee and Minority Rights” were discussed at the simultaneous sessions after 12:00.

Second Day Sessions Completed

The second day sessions of the conference were completed on the 9th of November 2018 Friday. The second day began with Cardiff University Lecturer Prof. Dr. Stuart Allan and continued with the simultaneous sessions at “Salamis” and “Soli” conference halls. Covering subjects such as “Iran Cinema”, “Digital Democracy” and “New Media and Peace” The sessions were widely attended by EMU academic staff and students.



EMU HOSTS A SYMPOSIUM TITLED “ENGLISH AS A MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION AT UNIVERSITIES: AN INTEGRATED APPROACH”

Eastern Mediterranean University hosted the third series of a symposium titled “English as a Medium of Instruction at Universities: An Integrated Approach”. Held under the collaboration of Eastern Mediterranean University, Middle East Technical University North Cyprus Campus and Cambridge University Press, the event took place at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center at 09:00 a.m. on Friday, 9 November 2018.

Many universities operating within the TRNC participated in the symposium, which addressed the problems arising from the lack of adequate English proficiency in students for the use of English as a language of instruction as well as the problems arising from lecturers who are not sufficiently prepared for teaching English. The Symposium aimed to discuss the problems of the English-medium universities with the participation of all stakeholders in the TRNC, namely decision-making administrators, academic support units of the English Preparatory Schools and instructors teaching in undergraduate programs and students.

Delivering the opening address of the symposium, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam expressed his happiness in holding the panel with prominent institutions. Putting forth that the symposium would be covering important topics, Prof. Dr. Osam wished all participants a productive event. Following Prof. Dr. Osam, TRNC Minister of National Education and Culture Cemal Özyiğit delivered a presentation titled “Educational Policies in the TRNC” followed by another presentation titled “Place and Importance of

English in Cyprus: A Historical Outlook” by Education Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam. After Prof. Dr. Osam’s presentation, Cambridge University press representative Mustafa Akıncioğlu held a presentation titled “The Use of English in Universities as a Medium of Instruction: A General Outlook”.

The topic of providing education in English in TRNC universities which have a high rate of international student profile was extensively discussed in two panels titled, “Place and Importance of English as a Medium of Instruction in Institutions of Higher Education in TRNC” and “Problems Encountered in English-medium Programs”. The symposium continued with a workshop titled “Problems Encountered by Lecturers Teaching in English-medium Programs”. The symposium ended with workshop presentations, sum up and closing.



EMU STAFF MEMBER ABDÜLKADİR İKİNCİ RETIRES

Eastern Mediterranean University’s staff member who has served at the Technical Affairs Directorate operating under EMU Vice Rector’s Office for Administrative and Technical Affairs between February 1995 and October 2018 retired. On his retirement, İkinci was presented a plaque of appreciation by Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı at a ceremony which took place at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, 8 November 2018. Among those present at the said event were Administra-



tive Affairs Coordinator Mahmut Dağtekin, Technical Affairs Coordinator Assist. Prof.

Dr. Müge Rıza and Technical Affairs Director Ersin Özyaygın.

EMU COMMUNICATION FACULTY WELCOMES NEW COMPUTER LAB UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF NORTH CYPRUS TURKCELL

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty now offers a new computer laboratory for students' use under the sponsorship of North Cyprus Turkcell. Constructed within the scope of a collaboration protocol settled between the Eastern Mediterranean University and North Cyprus Turkcell, the said lab has officially been inaugurated at an opening ceremony. Among notable officials attending the ceremony were President of EMU Board of Trustees, Adv. Boysan Boyra, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, North Cyprus Turkcell General Director Harun Maden, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Communication Faculty Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Agah Gümüş, North Cyprus Turkcell officials, a crowded group of academic staff members and students.

Delivering a speech at the opening ceremony, North Cyprus Turkcell General Director Harun Maden stated that with its faculties and departments addressing both to the present day and the future, EMU offers a wide range of career opportunities for its students. Maden also expressed his happiness in contributing to education and academy through technology.



Dean of EMU Communication Faculty Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gümüş extended his appreciation to North Cyprus Turkcell for their valuable contributions towards education and added that the laboratory will be in use for 40 hours a week.

Thanking North Cyprus Turkcell for their valuable support, Prof. Dr. Osam added that like the Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus Turkcell is also a world brand. Prof. Dr. Osam also expressed his pride and

happiness in observing EMU's ongoing success in world university rankings and concluded his speech by stating that the university will continue to collaborate with North Cyprus Turkcell.

President of EMU Board of Trustees, Adv. Boyra thanked North Cyprus Turkcell and described the construction of the computer lab as a fruitful investment which will yield positive outcomes in terms of education.

EMU IEEE ROBOT TEAM IS READY FOR ROBOTEX 2018 COMPETITION



The EMU Student Branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), an organisation with over 430 thousand members in 160 countries including great scientists such as Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Edison among its founders, paid a visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. Accompanied by Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel, EMU Faculty of Engineering, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Chair, the students presented the mind controlled robot project they have recently developed. The EMU IEEE Robotics Team gave a presentation to Prof.

Dr. Osam about the robot they developed. About their visit, the EMU IEEE Robotics Team said: "With the support provided by our university this term, we designed a robot from scratch. Despite the greater complexity of the Muse brand brain sensor we used in our new robot, we managed to adjust its movements in accordance with Robotex 2018 Mind Control category standards".

"We Are Ready to Compete"

The statement given by the EMU IEEE Robotics Team continued: "The electrical brain waves generated over Linux Robot Operating System during different brain

functions are detected by the Muse brain sensor, coded by Digital Signal Processing and classified with Artificial Intelligence algorithms. After the classification process, the electrical signals referring to different functions are wirelessly transmitted, enabling the robot to move. The setting we developed operates successfully in accordance with the Robotex 2018 Mind Control category standards. We are ready to compete and we continue our work with great determination".

"I am Proud of You"

Expressing his satisfaction in the work put through by the EMU IEEE Robotics Team, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam gave his full support for their participation in Robotex 2018, the biggest robotics competition in the world. After stating that he was proud of the team, Prof. Dr. Osam wished good luck to the EMU IEEE Robotics, whose members have forced the pace in preparing for Robotex 2018 (to be held between November 30th and December 2nd at University of Tartu, Estonia).

ACADEMICIANS FROM EMU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVAL FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN WITH WOODLE

The “A’ Design Award” receiving toy named “WOODLE”, designed for children with visual impairment by EMU Faculty of Communication, Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu and lecturer Hare Eminoğlu, is going to participate in the Festival for Visually Impaired Children.

Çavuşoğlu and Eminoğlu have been invited to deliver a workshop on “WOODLE” with visually impaired children at the Visually Impaired Children’s Festival during the World Children’s Books Week (November 14th, 2018). The festival will take place with the cooperation of Atatürk City Public Library (a branch of Republic of Turkey, İzmir Governorate, Atatürk Culture and Tourism Directorate), and Ministry of Education, Aşık Veysel Primary School for Visually Impaired Children. With the WOODLE prototypes prepared by the Folk Arts Institute (HASDER), it is aimed that the visually impaired kindergarten and primary school students are provided with



an entertaining and exciting experience. WOODLE allows children, visually impaired or not, to play together without discrimination. Designed for children over three years, the each set of WOODLE includes two animals. By its design, when the pieces are arranged in the correct order,

the correct shape of the animal is obtained. Being a simultaneously entertaining and educative toy, WOODLE is believed to aid in children’s cognitive, affective, lingual and motor development and activate their ability to see through playing, touching, reading and writing.

4TH MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND GENETICS CAREER DAY WAS HELD AT EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Biological Sciences held the “4th Molecular Biology and Genetics Career Day”. During

the event held at Mustafa Aşın Ersoy Hall, EMU Department of Biological Sciences Chair Prof. Dr. Bahar Taneri Güder thanked everyone for their attendance and provided information about the Molecular Biology and Genetics Undergraduate program that provides high quality study opportunities at international standards.

In his speech, Dean of EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan provided information about the staff of EMU Department of Biological Sciences and emphasised on the fact that the program’s graduates can easily find employment in the real sector. At the end of his speech, Prof. Dr. Özarslan wished for the 4th Molecular Biology and Genetics

Career Day to be a fruitful event.

Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu (EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs) stressed the importance of the field of Molecular Biology and Genetics and also expressed her belief that the career days would be very beneficial.

Following the opening speeches, participants delivered presentations on a range of topics including molecular diagnosis, forensic genetics, cancer biology, marine biology, stem cell applications, biological modelling and genetic epidemiology.

The event ended after the panel put through by 4 young scientists who are graduates of EMU Molecular Biology and Genetics program and are now continuing with their graduate studies.

PROF. DR. BRYANT GAVE A SEMINAR AT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Engineering, Department of Computer Engineering welcomed Prof. Dr. Barrett R. Bryant (University of North Texas, Department of Computer Science and Engineering Chair). Prof. Dr. Bryant gave a seminar on “Programming Languages in the Field of Application” at 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 7th of November 2018.

Prof. Dr. Bryant is a ‘senior’ member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) and a renowned scientist with over 150 published scientific articles. During the seminar, Prof. Dr. Bryant gave examples of program languages designed for a wide range of programs from HTML to Excel and



elaborated on what can be expected in the future. After the seminar, Prof. Dr. Bryant, Prof. Dr. H. Işık Aybay (EMU Department of Computer Engineering Chair) and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zeki Bayram (Chairperson

of the Departmental ABET Committee) discussed possible cooperation between the two universities. The parties agreed upon initiating the necessary procedures as soon as possible.

A SESSION ON THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN BREAST CANCER DIAGNOSIS WAS HELD AT EMU FACULTY OF DENTISTRY



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Dentistry held a session in scope of Breast Cancer Awareness Month on the use of artificial intelligence in diagnosing breast cancer. With the attendance of Faculty of Dentistry students, the session was organised by Prof. Dr. Aydın Karakuzu, Faculty of Dentistry Dean, and Software Expert Mehmet Erkan.

During the session, it was stated that one in every 8 women are diagnosed

with breast cancer at some point in their lives and that breast cancer has the highest mortality rate after lung cancer. The importance of early diagnosis was emphasised for this common, yet fatal disease and self-examination was suggested as the simplest method for early diagnosis. The possible existence of masses or calcifications detected via self-examination are differentiated and classified as either benign or malignant by artificial intelligence based support systems, which were exemplified

during this session.

While the traditional methods can give an approximately 70% accurate result without an interventional biopsy, artificial intelligence based support systems’ sensitivity and precision were determined as 90%. During the session, it was mentioned that the use of artificial intelligence would increase in clinical environments and it was predicted that we would come across promising developments in the future.

EMU FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS HONOURS ITS STUDENTS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Business and Economics held a Certificate Ceremony at Prof. Dr. Mehmet Tahiroğlu Hall for the 2017 – 2018 Spring Term honour and high honour students qualified for receiving certificates. 372 students of the faculty, 203 high-honour

and 169 honour students, earned the right to receive their certificates during the ceremony. The ceremony, to which Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova (Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion) also attended, commenced with Dean of Faculty of Business and Economics Prof. Dr. Eralp

Bektaş's opening speech. Following the opening speech, certificates were presented to students from the following departments: Business Administration, Economics, Banking and Finance and Political Sciences and International Relations. The ceremony finished with a cocktail organisation.

AMERICAN DIPLOMAT AMELIA VANDER LAAN GAVE A SEMINAR AT EMU ON CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted a seminar on "Citizenship Rights Movement" with the cooperation of the Cyprus Policy Center (CPC) and the Department of Political Science and International Relations. Assist. Prof. Dr. Umut Bozkurt, Faculty Member at EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Political Science and International Relations, thanked the audience for a high level of participation and introduced the seminar's speaker;

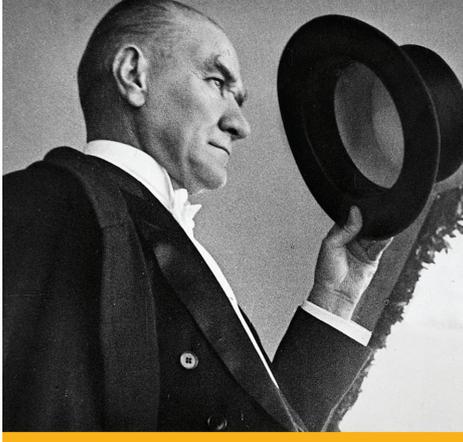
Public Relations Expert Amelia Vander Laan (Supervisor for exchange and cultural programmes and social aid initiatives at the U.S. Embassy in Cyprus).

Following Assist. Prof. Dr. Bozkurt's speech, Public Relations Expert for the Embassy of USA Amelia Vander Laan explained the Citizenship Rights Movement and its history as the American official source. Laan, beginning her speech by stating that diplomacy is regarded as inter-governmental policies, said that power was transferred to

the people in the last century. Laan pointed to the 25 million Africans who were brought to the Americas in the early 1500s for forced labour. Laan tried to shed a light on the hardships endured by the African people such as slavery, discrimination, the struggle they went through and their achievements during that period. Laan pointed to the fact that citizenship rights in America are less than perfect however; they try to maintain contact with all regions to achieve this goal and that all citizens attained their political and social rights to education and equality.

The majority of the participants at the seminar were the students from the EMU Department of Political Science and International Relations. Achiri Emmanuel, founding member of VOİS Students' Union (aims to find solutions to the problems of students from foreign countries) stated that the seminar was very beneficial for their own efforts for rights.

GREAT LEADER MUSTAFA KEMAL ATATÜRK WILL BE COMMEMORATED IN EMU



Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk will be commemorated at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) for the 80th anniversary of his passing.

With the participation of EMU academicians, personnel and students, the commemoration ceremony will take place in front of EMU Atatürk Monument on November 10th 2018, Saturday (08:45 a.m.). The ceremony will continue with EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam laying a wreath under the Atatürk Monument. At 09:05, a Moment of Silence will take place followed by the Turkish National Anthem. After Prof. Dr. Osam's speech, the ceremony will continue with a choir performance from the EMU Faculty of Fine Arts, Department of Fine Arts

Education, Music Teaching Program students to emphasise the meaning and importance of the day.

Photography Exhibition

On the same day, a photography exhibition organised by EMU ATAUM will take place at Özyay Oral Library Exhibition Hall. The exhibition will be titled "Atatürk in 1938 Press and Pictures of Atatürk". Personal collection of Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk (President of DAÜ ATAUM), including Atatürk's pictures obtained from the Republic of Turkey (TR) Vice-Presidency, Atatürk Research Center and the newspaper clippings from 1938 about Atatürk's death, will be displayed during this exhibition.

EMU HOSTS AN ARABESQUE MUSICAL



The two-act Arabesque Musical organised by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Social and Cultural Activities Directorate was held on October 30th 2018, Tuesday (19:30) at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. Many students and locals of Famagusta were among the audience of this musical written by İrfan Kangı and directed by Dost Elver. The musical portraying the middle of a ghetto in a time when people,

instead of looking at their phones, talked face-to-face and poverty dominated most. In the Kumkum Neighbourhood, 'the small people' of the ghetto encounter the small stories of 'bigger people'. Lives moulded by pain and suffering; and the hopeless struggle in pursuit of happiness are portrayed. The Arabesque Musical stands out as the story of a generation wasted away.

"Serves as a 'Minute of Silence'"

The informative text about the musical included the following: "The episode that the visual arts department worked for two years with great diligence, Arabesque Musical, reminds us of who we really are and sheds light on a page of everyone's past. The songs of the musical belong to important artists in our lives and the musical itself serves as a minute of silence in respect of these artists; such as Ahmet Kaya, İbrahim Tatlıses, Müslüm Gürses, Orhan Gencebay, Ferdi Tayfur, Sezen Aksu, Hakan Altun and

many others who helped us grow up and shaped our emotions with their songs. The Arabesque Musical, presented by a cast of 17 after 4 months of rehearsing, portrays the shunned, alienated part of people which we can all relate to at some point. Furthermore, by portraying the arabesque concept that is hidden in the deepest parts of our being in a theatre hall with an audience and combined with modern dance, this musical brings in something completely new. The choreography of the play is done by Bahadır Efe and the music director is renowned musician Olcay Demirci. In short terms, prepare for a musical that will appeal to all our emotions, make us want to join in and sing and even remind us to be grateful for what we have; and that we can be happy simply because we can afford to dream. In the end, who said that we could find justice in a world where laughing and crying walk hand in hand?"

This Week's Academic Publications

Source: *Web of Science*

Faculty of Arts and Science

1 - Xiao-Mei Kuang, Bo Liu, and Ali Övgün. "Nonlinear electrostatics AdS black hole and related phenomena in the extended thermodynamics." *The European Physical Journal C* 78, no. 10 (2018): 840.

2 - Ali Övgün, İzzet Sakallı, and Joel Saavedra. "Shadow cast and deflection angle of Kerr-Newman-Kasuya spacetime." *Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics* 2018, no. 10 (2018): 041.

Faculty of Business and Economics

1 - Amin Fahimi, Seyi Saint Akadiri, Mehdi Seraj, and Ada Chigozie Akadiri. "Testing the role of tourism and human capital development in economic growth. A panel causality study of micro states." *Tourism management perspectives* 28 (2018): 62-70.

Faculty of Engineering

1- Arian Bahrami, and Chiemeka Onyeka Okoye. "The performance and ranking pattern of PV systems incorporated with solar trackers in the northern hemisphere." *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews* 97 (2018): 138-151.

Faculty of Tourism

1 - Reza Bahman Teimouri, Hüseyin Arasli, Hasan Kiliç, and Iman Aghaei. "Service, politics, and engagement: A multi-level analysis." *Tourism management perspectives* 28 (2018): 10-19.

Faculty of Medicine

1 - Askin Esen Hasturk, Erdal Resit Yilmaz, Nazli Hayirli, Ali Erhan Kayalar, Seda Akyıldız, Emre Cemal Gökce, Ilke Akcay, Oya Evirgen, and Abdurrahman Bakir. "Stereologic and ultrastructural comparison of human and rat amniotic membrane wrapping for rat sciatic nerve repair." *Journal of Clinical Neuroscience* 57 (2018): 157-161.



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