



## EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY EARNS ITS PLACE AMONG TURKEY'S 10 BEST UNIVERSITIES FOR THE 3RD TIME



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) achieved 8th place among the universities of Turkey with 2.11 FC points (total 5 published) in Nature Index 2018 rankings that span over October 1st, 2017 and September 30th, 2018. EMU sustained its success as it has now achieved the top 10 in Nature Index for three consecutive years.

EMU's ranking in NATURE Index 2018 is due to the published works of EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Faculty Members Prof. Dr. Mustafa Halilsoy, Assoc. Prof. Dr. S. Habib Mazharimousavi, Assist. Prof. Dr. Tugce Karaderi, Assist. Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün and doctorate student S. Danial Forghani; and Faculty of Medicine Faculty Member Prof. Dr. Huriye Nursel Elçioglu.

The journals and published works that enabled EMU's place in Nature Index 2018 are "Protein-Altering Variants Associated With Body Mass Index Implicate Pathways That Control Energy Intake And Expenditure In Obesity", European Physical Journal C "A Note On Thin-Shell Wormholes With Charge In (-)Gravity, Asymmetric Thin-Shell Wormholes, Falsifying Cosmological Models Based On A Non-Linear Electrodynamics" American Journal of Human Genetics

"Recessive MYF5 Mutations Cause External Ophthalmoplegia, Rib, and Vertebral Anomalies"

### What is Nature Index?

Nature Index is a database that creates monthly and annual lists of articles published in the world's most prestigious 82 scientific journals of independently chosen fields; medicine, health, chemistry, physics, earth and environmental sciences. This database is compiled by Nature Research. Nature Index is a real time proxy for measuring the outputs and academic collaboration of high quality research that prepares institutional, national and regional level compilations. Nature index is updated monthly and the results are published after 12 months on [www.natureindex.com](http://www.natureindex.com) under the license of a non-commercial organization called Creative Commons. Nature Index published the regional, country and institution/university level annual outputs and an archive of the yearly tables published in the previous years (until 2016).

### How Are Nature Index Metrics Counted?

The simplest method is article count (AC). Every article, with at least one author, from a country or institution is given 1 AC. This

disregards the number of authors and means that the same article can contribute to the ACs of multiple countries or institutions. To know the article contribution of a country or university, Nature Index uses fractional count (FC) to determine the contribution of each author of the article. The total FC per article is the shared "1" by all authors under the assumption of equal contribution.

For example, an article with 10 authors means that each author receives 0.1 FC. For authors connected with multiple institutions, their FC is divided equally among those institutions. During the calculations, the total FC is taken for institutions whereas for individual authors, the FC is added.

### A Visit was Paid to Prof. Dr. Osam

The Faculty Members that enabled EMU's place in Nature Index's 2018 rankings, accompanied by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan, paid a visit to Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office. During the visit on January 3rd, 2019 (Thursday) Prof. Dr. Osam congratulated all faculty members for their achievements and noted that EMU's success would continue increasingly.

## EMU DELIVERED THE COLLECTED BENEFITS FOR FLOOD VICTIMS TO THE PRIME MINISTER



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam visited the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Prime Minister in his office on January 2nd 2019, Wednesday. Prof. Dr. Osam delivered the official document stating that the benefits for aid were collected by EMU for supporting the flood victims within the scope of the No More Floods campaign. The 13.160.37 TL worth benefits were collected under the 103041954 Vakıflar Bank account and the certifying document was presented to the Prime Minister. During the meeting, Prime Minister Erhürman stated the following: "Our togetherness in the face of distress is the biggest sign of our unity as a society; rather than 'a simple crowd'. We endured a disaster that cost us lives and gave many people serious grievances. We have to work together in overcoming such disasters. In this scope, this campaign organized by EMU is very important. I thank all of the EMU family for their sensitivity towards this matter".

### RECTOR PROF. DR. OSAM MET MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ÖZERSAY



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam paid a visit to Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay at his office. At the meeting, EMU's agenda topics were discussed. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam thanked TRNC Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay for receiving them, and Minister Özersay returned the gratitude by thanking Prof. Dr. Osam for their visit.

### TRNC MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS AYŞEGÜL BAYBARS VISITED EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. NECDET OSAM



Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Minister of Internal Affairs Ayşegül Baybars paid a visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office. During the visit on January 2nd 2019, Wednesday (11:00), Minister of Internal Affairs and Rector of EMU exchanged opinions about possible collaborations.

It was emphasised that the relationship between the TRNC Ministry of Internal Affairs and EMU would be strengthened after signing collaboration protocols. EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural, Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı and Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu were also present during this visit.

## 2017 – 2018 ACADEMIC YEAR INFORMATIVE MEETING HELD AT EMU

Within the scope of democratic understanding, transparency and accountability principles, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector's Office shared information with all members of staff regarding the 2017 – 2018 Academic Year. The informative event in question was held on January 3rd, 2018 (Thursday at 14:30) at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. In addition to vice rectors, faculty deans, many academic and administrative personnel as well as workers attended the meeting during which EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam gave a speech. In his speech, Prof. Dr. Osam provided information about EMU's financial and academic structure during the 2017 – 2018 academic year; campus developments and international collaborations in detail. Prof. Dr. Osam underlined the importance of transparency and accountability; furthermore, he explained EMU's strategic plans and aims, and informed the participants about the accreditations and international memberships of the term. Prof. Dr. Osam also answered questions from the audience during the meeting.



## FAMAGUSTA NAVAL COMMANDER CAPTAIN OĞUZHAN AKSOY PAID A VISIT TO RECTOR PROF. DR. NECDET OSAM



Famagusta Naval Commander Captain Oğuzhan Aksoy paid a visit to Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office. During the visit on January 2nd, 2019 Prof. Dr. Osam extended his warm wishes to Capt. Aksoy as he was newly appointed to his position as naval commander.

During the visit, Prof. Dr. Osam provided extensive information about EMU and emphasised on EMU's progressive improvement and growth. Prof. Dr. Osam expressed EMU's importance for Famagusta with its student and staff profiles, campus and infrastructure, opportunities, faculties and departments.

## TRNC MANAMA BAHRAIN REPRESENTATIVE VISITED EMU



The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Manama Bahrain Representative Assoc. Prof. Dr. Umut Koldaş paid a visit to Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office. During the visit on January 3rd, 2019 opinions were exchanged about strengthening collaborations between EMU and Bahrain.

Prof. Dr. Osam provided information about EMU during the meeting and mentioned the university's achievements and accreditations by evaluating organisations such as Times Higher Education (THE) and QStars. EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural and Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova was also present during the meeting.

## EMU HOSTS A PANEL ON THE SOLUTION OF THE CAMEROON ANGLOPHONE CRISIS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Cyprus Policy Center (CPC) organized a panel titled 'Cameroon Anglophone Crisis Resolution Panel' in cooperation with the Department of Political Science and International Relations. The panel was participated by members of the 'Stop the War in Cameroon Coalition' Achiri Emmanuel, Tantoh Didimus, Nancy Achu, Asanga Fon and Formella Collins.

Chair of the panel, EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Political Science and International Relations Chair and President of the Cyprus Policy Center Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen delivered an opening speech during which he extended his gratitude to all those attending. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen also stated that during the panel possible policies that could be followed during the solution stage of the Anglophone Crisis of Cameroon will be examined from different perspectives.

Dating back to the colonial era, Cameroon's Francophone-Anglophone problem has been on the world agenda ever since the rebelling of 5 million people living in the northwestern and southwestern Anglophone districts against the Francophone administration, causing a sudden and rapid increase in the number of fatal violence. At the beginning of October 2017, the separatists, upon declaring that they had established a symbolic state called Ambazonia, started the armed phase of

the struggle after their declaration of independence had failed. As many civilians and security officers lost their lives during the incidents, many international organizations and countries, including the United Nations and the European Union, called on the Cameroon Government to take the initiative and to establish a sincere and constructive dialogue as a means of finding a solution to the Anglophone crisis.

As the first speaker of the panel, Achiri Emmanuel introduced the 'Stop the War in Cameroon Coalition' and called on the other young Cameroonians to join the initiative. Emmanuel emphasized that the said initiative has not produced solutions for all the problems of Cameroon, but is one of the platforms aiming to contribute to the solution of the ongoing Anglophone crisis. Following Emmanuel's presentation, Tantoh Didimus described the Anglophone crisis in general terms by explaining the origins of the complex colonial history of Cameroon. After Didimus, who touched upon the four-phase solution process, the participants talked about the importance of the cease-fire, humanitarian aid, dialogue and an integrated approach.

In a speech of his own, Nancy Achu highlighted the importance of the ceasefire and stated that their initiative recommended a cease-fire to be secured the peacekeeping force and during which the African Union would appoint mediators

to launch a dialogue. Asanga Fon touched on the importance of humanitarian aid and dialogue.

Asanga Fon talked about the importance of humanitarian aid and dialogue. Fon said their initiative would be insistent to help victims of the ongoing war, and would channel these aids directly to individuals or through trusted humanitarian organizations. Emphasizing the importance of dialogue, Fon stated that in the mediation of the African Union, both sides of the dispute and other parties of interest extended a call for a solution-oriented national dialogue rather than a position-oriented one.

Emphasizing the importance of a comprehensive approach, Formella Collins stated that their initiative demands that the UN remove their blinkers and realize early warning signs and fulfill the responsibility of protection, which is a priority. Collins also suggested that the UN should propose concrete mechanisms, such as the International Commission of Justice, which will appoint a permanent commission of arbitrators who are experts in matters of self-determination.

During the last part of the panel, Prof. Dr. Sözen emphasized the importance of early warning and early intervention systems in which the existing UN system has not been very successful and closed the session by expressing the importance of the UN taking steps in these matters.

## MEANINGFUL CHARITY BAZAAR FROM EMU FLEPS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (FLEPS) held a charity bazaar, with the participation of both academicians and students, in scope of the 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Fall Semester Social Responsibility Projects. The students put their best foot forward to sell items at the charity bazaar. It was announced that the proceeds obtained from the charity sales would go towards 'Help Those with Cancer Association'.

Help Those with Cancer Association Representative Yıldız Yaman was also in

attendance during the charity bazaar held, thanks to the active participation of EMU-FLEPS Social Responsibility Projects Team Leader and academic staff member Mehşen Ercanlar, project instructors Pınar Hüdaoğlu, Pembe Tuna Karpazlı, Sevcan Tekhanlı Arabacıoğlu, Damla Simsaroglu Ürem, Şerife Hocanın Aşıksoy, Sena Bundak Topukcuoğlu, Şerife Nalbantoğlu and Eylem Akim. After the keenly participated event, project instructors and students expressed their happiness to have successfully completed another social responsibility project.

## EMU-CWS PARTICIPATED AT THE INTERCOLLEIGATE COLLABORATION FOR SUPPORT AND COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND ATTACK



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Center for Women's Studies (EMU-CWS) participated at the XIV. Intercollegiate Collaboration for Support and Communication Workshop against Sexual Harassment and Attack. During the workshop hosted by Erciyes University Women's

Studies and Application Center (ERÜ-KAÇAUM), EMU-CWS President Assoc. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilin, Executive Board Member Prof. Dr. Fatma Güven Lisaniler and Research Assistant Expert Bilcan Bladanlı represented EMU. The topic of the first session was the 'Institutionalisation of Social

Gender Equality at Universities'. During the following session, opinions were presented on the obstacles and improvement efforts of universities with their Sexual Harassment and Attack (SHA) Ethical Boards and Units still at the establishment phase. Relevant units of 40 universities, equality units of Kayseri and Nevşehir governorships and representatives from Provincial Women's Rights Coordination Boards were present at the workshop. Assoc. Dr. Erbilin also stated that EMU has achieved considerable progress regarding their efforts for achieving social gender quality.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erbilin added that as per the 'Higher Education Social Gender Equality Attitude Certificate', the works on Sexual Harassment and Attack Policies Certificate, related alterations on the Students and Academic Disciplinary Regulations and the Counteracting Unit had been completed.

## EMU PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING STUDENTS ENDED THE FALL SEMESTER WITH COLOURFUL EVENTS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication, Public Relations and Advertising Department hosted colourful events during the last days of 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Fall Semester. In scope of the Campaign Design Course, given by EMU Public Relations and Advertising Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anil Kemal Kaya and Vice-Chair Asst. Prof. Dr. Umut Ayman, the launching event of the students' services was held.

During the event, held at the front yard of the Faculty of Communication, the students set up stands and presented the services they developed. Young communicators prepared promotion prospectuses and leaflets to introduce their services to the academicians and students who visited their stands; and also offered complimentary food and drink to the visitors.

The aforesaid course, during which the students develop the services of certain firms and prepare their marketing



communication campaigns, aims to prepare them for the sector and help them gain experience.

## EMU INTRODUCES A PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION TITLED 'ANIMAL FRIENDS ON CAMPUS'



Introducing the firsts on the island with its animal friendly campus, Eastern Mediterranean University continues to support our animal friends. Within the scope of civic involvement activities, EMU Faculty of Communication re-opened a photography exhibition titled "Animal Friends on Campus". The said exhibition formerly met animal lovers for the first time with its inauguration on 4 October 2018. Organised under the supervision of EMU Communication

Faculty academic staff member Mert Yusuf Özlük and within the scope of Basic Photography course, the exhibition is comprised of photos of campus animals taken by students taking the aforesaid course. 36 photos selected from 250 shots taken as part of the students' mid-term and final projects are ready to meet animal-lovers at the exhibition at EMU Faculty of Communication.

### The Exhibition will be Open until 5 January

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Communication Faculty Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Agah Gümüş and Polatpaşa Elementary School instructor Şirin Zaferyıldız, faculty members and many students attended the exhibition opening. Proceeds of the photography exhibition launched within the scope of EMU KAY (Neuter, Vaccinate and Let Live) Project will be used towards stray animals. The exhibition opened in memory of the late photography doyenne Ara Güler also hosted a certificate ceremony during which participating students were presented with certificates of appreciation.

## IRANIAN STUDENTS CELEBRATED THE LOPNGEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Iranian Student Society celebrated the year's longest night; named as 'Yalda Night', with keen participation. There was a large turnout at the event held on December 21st, 2018 at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. Iranian students, joined by Tajikistani, Azerbaijani, and Afghan students attended the evening. Iranian singer Farzad Farzin entertained all with a colourful music performance.

Among the important attendees of the night were Islamic Republic of Iran's Ambassador in Cyprus Hossein Aminian Tousi, Consul General Babak Jahandideh and representatives of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Also, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof Dr. Cem Tanova were among those who attended the evening.

### Prof. Dr. Osam: "EMU and Famagusta are Your Home"

During his opening speech, Prof. Dr. Osam expressed his excitement and pride about the evening and thanked all who attended. Prof. Dr. Osam

underlined that EMU is an international level university and emphasized that it is ranked within the global standards. Addressing all the students in the audience, Prof. Dr. Osam told them that EMU and Famagusta are their home. Prof. Dr. Osam also stated that he visited Iran several times and during each visit, he felt the sensation of being at home. In his speech, Prof. Dr. Osam said Iranians are very warm-blooded people and that our cultures have many similar features. He said "I believe you feel similarly about TRNC" and wished everyone an enjoyable night.

### Tousi: "I am Happy to be among Iranian Students"

In his speech, Islamic Republic of Iran's Ambassador in Cyprus Hossein Aminian Tousi included that he was very pleased to be at EMU and was excited to be among Iranian students from many different countries. Tousi addressed the students and said that he would convey their wishes about 'specialized foreign currency rates for students' to the Iranian Government. He wished everyone an enjoyable evening.



## EMU AND AFIK ORGANISED A NEW YEAR PARTY FOR SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE



Targeted towards the residents of the SOS Children's Village, a New Year's Party organised by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty took place at EMU Beach Club under the sponsorship of AFIK group for the 13th time.

Participated by 140 people, the event started with Group Frequency's musical performance. Then, Dean of the Faculty of Tourism Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç presented a plaque of appreciation to AFIK group manager Özkan Karaağaç and SOS Children's Village Director Ahmet Akarsu. Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç also thanked all EMU students who undertook duties during the organisation.

SOS Children's Village Director Ahmet Akarsu also presented a certificate of appreciation to AFIK group and EMU

Tourism Faculty. AFIK representative Özkan Özçınar expressed his appreciation for these events that took place with the joint efforts of AFIK and EMU and wished that organisations as such would continue to take place during the upcoming years.

The colorful organisation hosted dance shows from the Black Sea region, Cypriot folklore, crazy clowns dance show, mini club, rum sum sum, and dance performances, and Santa Claus shows. The children were also given surprise gifts. During the event where intercultural interaction was also prioritised, students from Urfa region presented local delicacies including 'çiğ köfte' to participating children.

Children of SOS Village also participated in dance performances and sang songs during the party.

### This Week's Academic Publications

Source: Web of Science

#### Faculty of Business and Economics

1- Boren Sargon, and **Salih Katircioğlu**. "The role of innovation in venture capital: empirical evidence from European Union and EFTA countries." *Applied Economics Letters* 26, no.4 (2019): 335-340.

2- **Mehmet Balcilar**, Rangan Gupta, Won Joong Kim, and Clement Kyei. "The role of economic policy uncertainties in predicting stock returns and their volatility for Hong Kong, Malaysia and South Korea." *International Review of Economics & Finance* 59 (2019): 150-163.

3- **Andrew Adewale Alola**, and **Uju Violet Alola**. "Agricultural land usage and tourism impact on renewable energy consumption among Coastline Mediterranean Countries." *Energy & Environment* 29, no. 8 (2018): 1438-1454.

#### Faculty of Arts and Sciences

1- Akeem Adeyemi Oladipo, **Ayodeji Olugbenga Ifebajo**, and **Mustafa Gazi**. "Magnetic LDH-based CoO-NiFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> catalyst with enhanced performance

and recyclability for efficient decolorization of azo dye via Fenton-like reactions." *Applied Catalysis B: Environmental* 243 (2019): 243-252.

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3- Murat Ateş, Sinan Caliskan, and **Mustafa Gazi**. "A ternary nanocomposites of graphene/TiO<sub>2</sub>/polypyrrole for energy storage applications." *Fullerenes, Nanotubes and Carbon Nanostructures* 26, no. 10 (2018): 631-642.

#### Faculty of Engineering

1- Necmi Altin, Saban Ozdemir, **Hasan Komurcugil**, and Ibrahim Sefa. "Sliding-Mode Control in Natural Frame With Reduced Number of Sensors for Three-Phase Grid-Tied LCL-Interfaced Inverters." *IEEE Transactions on Industrial Electronics* 66, no. 4 (2019): 2903-2913.

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#### Faculty of Tourism

1- Adewale S. Oladipo, Olusegun A. Ajayi, Akeem A. Oladipo, **Solmaz L. Azarmi**, Yusuf Nurudeen, Abdulazeez Y. Atta, and Shola S. Ogunyemi. "Magnetic recyclable eggshell-based mesoporous catalyst for biodiesel production from crude neem oil: Process optimization by central composite design and artificial neural network." *Comptes Rendus Chimie* 21. No. 7 (2018) 684-695.

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