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COMMUNITY OF MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITIES ASSEMBLY TAKES PLACE AT EMU





Council The annual and Assembly of the Community of Mediterranean Universities (CMU) was held at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU). EMU is a member of CMU. The general assembly took place in Malta last year. There it was decided that this year's meeting would take place in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). The general assembly gathered at the EMU Rector's Office Senate Hall under the auspices of CMU President Prof. Dr. Mohamed Elaswad and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam at 09:00 on Friday, the 25th of October 2019. In his opening speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam thanked the representatives of the universities from the



Mediterranean for coming to the TRNC and wished everyone a fruitful meeting. In a speech of his own, CMU President Prof. Dr. Mohamed Elaswad thanked EMU for their warm welcome and hospitality.

Program Commenced with a Workshop

The program commenced with a workshop. The first presentation was delivered by Dr. Besma Fayech from Tunis University's National School of Engineering. the presentation titled "HOMERe Mobility Program", Dr. Fayech touched upon the organization HOMERe which was established to train qualified executives for companies operating in the Mediterranean long-term presenting



internship opportunities. Dr. Fayech noted that 417 interns have been taken on by companies within the scope of the program.

The next presentation was delivered by Prof. Dr. Massimo Guarascio from the University of Rome. The presentation titled "Accreditation of Study Programmes and Graduate Students Mobility in the Mediterranean and Europe" touched upon why accreditations are important. Next, Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova from EMU delivered the presentation titled "Developing an Internationalization Strategy without Sacrificing the Unique Identity" during which he described EMU's international journey. Providing information such as why students choose



education institutions abroad Prof. Dr. Tanova touched upon the risks and advantages during decision making processes. Prof. Dr. Tanova also highlighted that internationalization must occur without losing local identity.

EMU Rector was Chosen to be a Country Representative

The CMU Assembly continued with lunch at the EMU L'Apprenti Restaurant at 12:30 and the annual Council Meeting at 14:30. At the General Assembly, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam was elected to be a CMU Country Representative. The Community of Mediterranean Universities meeting came to an end after the General Assembly at 16:30 and dinner at 20:00.

EMU REWARDED ITS SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS WITH CASH CHECKS







Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) rewarded the students demonstrating outstanding success during the 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Spring Semester. Students who made it to the top 10 in faculties and schools were presented with cash checks in 3 different categories during a ceremony held at 2:30 p.m. on 23 October, 2019 at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler, Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu, faculty deans, school directors, department heads, academic staff members and students attended the ceremony.

"I Congratulate All Students"

At the beginning of the ceremony, Prof. Dr. Oğurlu welcomed all participants and added that a considerable number of

students demonstrated outstanding success in faculties and schools. Congratulating those students who made it to the top 10, Prof. Dr. Oğurlu added that the university supports the successful students with cash cheques. Thanking all those who contributed the students' success, Prof. Dr. Oğurlu wished that the students get their big reward in their careers after their graduation.

Following the address of Prof. Dr. Oğurlu, Prof. Dr. Besler and Prof. Dr. Oğurlu presented cheques to Faculty of Law student Aslı Özbayrak, Health Sciences Faculty student Ndey Penda Mboob and Business and Economics Faculty student Oğuz Faruk Haksever. The ceremony continued with students receiving their cash cheques from faculty deans, school

directors, department heads and academic staff members. The cash check awards were presented in 3 different categories: First place students were given three times the minimum wage, second place students were given two times the minimum wage and the third place students were presented with the minimum wage.

Laptops were Presented to Students

Laptops were also presented to 2 students who made it to the top 5000 at ÖSYM's university admission exam (YKS), and the top two achievers in the Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School's 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Spring Semester proficiency exam. Many faculty members also attended the ceremony to share the excitement of the students.



EMU FACULTY OF DENTISTRY HOLDS A WELCOMING CEREMONY FOR PROSPECTIVE DENTISTS WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF OĞUZHAN KOÇ



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Dentistry organized a Welcoming Ceremony for prospective dentists commencing their education in the 2019-2020 Academic Year. 14 students registered to the joint program that is going to be ran by the EMU Faculty of Dentistry and the University of Health Sciences in Turkey took their dentist's oath at the ceremony at which Turkey's popular artist Oğuzhan Koç was the guest of honour. The ceremony commenced at 10:00 on Tuesday, the 22nd of October 2019 at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Centre.

"Love Your Profession"

The ceremony commenced with a moment of silence and the national anthem. A screening of the 40th year video was followed by a musical performance from an EMU Faculty of Dentistry student. Speaking at the opening of the ceremony, EMU Faculty of Dentistry Founding Dean Prof. Dr. Aydın Karakuzu stated that with EMU's experience of serving human health the university has completed the establishment of the Faculty of Dentistry in its 40th year. Providing information about the Faculty of Dentistry, Prof. Dr. Karakuzu underlined that the program is jointly ran with the University of Health Sciences. Addressing parents Prof. Dr. Karakuzu stated: "Rest assured that your children who you brought to where they are today with a thousand hopes and sacrifices will receive a good education. We are aware of our responsibility." Also welcoming the students to the university, Prof. Dr. Karakuzu stated that they are entering into a difficult profession whilst underlining that there is no greater happiness than being a remedy to someone's suffering: "Love your profession. Be honest, hardworking and patient."

"Our Primary Goal is to Provide Quality Education"

In a speech of his own, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler provided information about EMU and stated that their primary goal is to provide quality education. Stating that since 2010 EMU has gravitated towards the field of health in addition to technical fields Prof. Dr. Besler indicated that EMU has made an important breakthrough with its Faculty of Dentistry.

Guest speaker at the event was Zekai Yeşiladalı who has been a dentist for more than 50 years. In his speech Yeşiladalı



addressed students stating: "You have chosen a very important and valuable profession. There are many young people who want to be in your shoes. Work hard, I wish you all the best of luck."

"Be Amazing Dentists"

After the opening speeches the students wore their white coats with the help of the Vice Rectors, Faculty of Dentistry academic staff and Oğuzhan Koç who expressed that he is very happy to be in attendance. Koç went on to state: "Be amazing dentists. I wish you all the best of luck". Cyprus Turkish Dental Association President Dr. Ahmet Özant and students then read the Dentist's Oath. This was followed by the first lesson presentation of Faculty of Dentistry academic staff member Prof. Dr. Hikmet Solak on "Cavity Theories".

The ceremony was attended by EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu, Vice Rector for Promotional Affairs Prof. Dr. Hıfsiye Pulhan, Famagusta Sea Admiral Captain Bülent Köse and academic personnel. After plaques were delivered to those who made contributions the ceremony ended with an "Addiction" themed photography exhibition in memory of photographer Cem Cengiz's late father Mehmet Cengiz. The exhibition was organized by the Yeşilay Club formed the Faculty of Dentistry and Faculty of Engineering personnel.





EMU PROVIDES IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR ENGLISH TEACHERS IN ISTANBUL

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Education Faculty, Department of Foreign Language Education academic staff member Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam and Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School academic staff member Asst. Prof. Dr. İ. Erkan Arkın held a "Communicative Language Teaching and Modern Methods" in-service training seminar upon receiving an invitation from the İstanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education. The seminar which touched upon and discussed hot topics in English language teaching was attended by 200 secondary school English teachers from different regions of İstanbul. The seminar also provided examples of how technology can be used to improve the speaking skills of students.

The participants of the seminar which took place in a group format were actively engaged with their laptops and mobile phones. The participants gained experience on how students can be motivated to speak English with easily downloadable applications from the internet and how student participation can be increased. The seminar also touched upon other conveniences that this technology can

afford for teachers. At the end of the seminar, all teachers were delivered certificates of participation.

Technology in the Classroom

After delivering the seminar, EMU Education Faculty, Department of Foreign Language Education academic staff member Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam and Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School academic staff member Asst. Prof. Dr. İ. Erkan Arkın stated that they were happy to contribute to the "Believe in Yourself: Just Speak" themed project of the İstanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education which was aimed

towards state school English students. The academic staff members went onto highlight that it is inevitable that technology use in classrooms will become more widespread provided pedagogic and ethical sensibilities are accounted for. Indicating that the verbal and written feedback from participants indicates that the in-service training seminar had reached its objectives, the EMU academicians stated that they and İstanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education representatives were happy to receive this feedback from the English teachers who implemented the techniques they learned in the seminar, the next day in their classrooms.





The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Education Faculty, Department of Elementary Education was represented at the 6th International Early Childhood Education Congress in Turkey hosted by Kafkas University. The main theme of the congress that featured scientific contributions of approximately 400 participants from 7 different countries was "Childhood Construction". EMU Education Faculty, Department of Elementary Education Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eda Yazgın was invited to be a guest speaker at the 6th International Early Childhood Education Congress. In the panel titled "Early Childhood Education to Future from the Traditional", Assoc.

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Prof. Dr. Yazgın delivered her talk titled "Creativity and Aesthetics in Pre-Schools in Seoul and Moscow".

Creative Skills are at the Forefront

Touching upon research carried out on the effects school environments have on the learning of children, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yazgın stated that the best school designs are those that provide the best service to learning. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yazgın also spoke about emotive materials supporting creativity and the functions of educational material that trigger imagination. Stating that new educational approaches that bring to prominence skills such as creative writing, entrepreneurship and social service are starting to draw attention, gain support and develop, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yazgın highlighted

the importance of early childhood education by providing the example of Leonardo Da Vinci who shaped his designs with the inspiration he received from nature in the mountain village where he lived until the age of 14. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yazgın emphasized the importance early childhood education whilst underlining that Da Vinci owed his creative genius to the experiences in his early life.Releasing a statement about the congress, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yazgın indicated that it was attended by a large number of academicians, school executives, nongovernmental entrepreneurs and students. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yazgın concluded by stating that the 7th International Early Childhood Education Congress will be taking place at Ege University in 2021.



THE EMU AND QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY JOINT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM PRODUCES NEW GRADUATES

Four more postgraduate and PhD students from the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Business and Economics Faculty, Department of Banking and Finance have been awarded Canada's Queen's University's Professional Certificate in Investment Appraisal and Project Finance.

Within the scope of the collaboration protocol signed with Queen's University, students who were successful in the courses delivered by EMU Business and Economics Faculty academic staff members Prof. Dr. Mustafa Besim, Prof. Dr. Glenn Jenkins and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Ulaş Altıok were presented their certificates at a ceremony.

Behzad Sanaei from Iran and Pascal Ezeh, David Shobowale and Jennifer Lekwa from Nigeria were presented their certificates by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Business and Economics Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Selcan Timur at the certificate ceremony which commenced at 14:00 on Thursday, the 24th of October 2019.

The students obtained this certification after successfully passing a comprehensive examination in this field. The Department of Banking and Finance at EMU offers the three graduate courses that prepare students for this professional examination that is held twice a year. Since 2007 a total of 64 EMU graduate students have successfully passed this comprehensive examination.







SUICIDE AND RISK ASSESSMENT TRAINING AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University
Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Psychology
Department and EMU Psychological
Counseling, Guidance and Research
Center (EMU-PDRAM) hosted the training
titled "Suicide and Risk Assessment" at
the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. Attendance
was high at the training organized with the
collaboration of the Turkish Psychologists
Association (TPD) and Cyprus Turkish
Psychologists Association (KTPD). The

training was conducted by Assoc. Dr. Prof. Okan Cem Çırakoğlu for psychologists in Northern Cyprus within the scope of the Vocational Support Program. During the training where colleagues had the opportunity to come together and share their experiences, risks related to suicidal behavior, research on the subject and intervention to suicidal behavior were discussed.



EMU ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER ASSOC. PROF. DR. METIN ERSOY ELECTED AS EUPRA GENERAL SECRETARY FOR THE FOURTH TIME



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy was elected as the General Secretary of the European Peace Research Association (EuPRA), operating under the regional constitution of International Peace Research Association (IPRA), for the fourth time. A statement from the EMU Public Relations and Press Office Directorate indicated that by being elected EuPRA General Secretary for the fourth time, EMU Communication Faculty, Department of New Media and Journalism academic

staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy has become the EuPRA General Secretary to have held this position for the longest period of time. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy also represented EMU at the 11th International EuPRA Conference hosted by the Italian University of Catania where he presented a paper.

The EuPRA General Assembly was also held during the conference. After an election to determine EuPRA's Board of Directors, University of Catania academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daniela Irrera was once again elected to be EuPRA President. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy was then unanimously elected to be EuPRA General Secretary for the fourth time.

2 New Faces on the Board of Directors

EuPRA's Board of Directors were also selected at the General Assembly. The Board of Directors is comprised of the following names for 2019-2020: Daniela Irrera (Italy), Metin Ersoy (TRNC), Vidar Vambheim

(Norway), Unto Vesa (Finland), Stephanie Thiel (Germany), Ilaria Tucci (Italy), Olga Vorkunova (Russia) and Craig Brown (England). Ilaria Tucci (Italy) and Craig Brown (England) are the two new members of the EuPRA Board of Directors.

12th EuPRA Conference Will be Taking Place in Finland

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy who has been EuPRA's General Secretary since 2013 will continue to represent EMU in an international environment in his fourth term as General Secretary. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy provided a reminder 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. Indicating that the next EuPRA conference is going to take place in Finland in 2020, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy noted that they have started work to organize a well-attended, top quality conference that will contribute to world peace.

EMU ALUMNI REUNITE AT "EMU NETWORK"



Eastern Mediterranean University Alumni Communications and Career Research Directorate (EMU MİKA) has introduced new EMU alumni platform titled "EMU Network" (http://emu.network) developed with the aim of bringing together EMU graduates and enhancing their communication. The platform has started to accept members.

According to EMU – MİKA Director Derviş Ekşici, "EMU Network" is a member of a platform developed by Graduway software company for universities, international schools and official institutions from 43

countries. It helps institutions engage with graduates who are difficult to reach, reach the most current data of their graduates through integrating with LinkedIn and Facebook, and establish a network and communication among graduates with their personalized system, which is now a brand.

"Provides Many Opportunities"

The same platform also makes institutions' communication with the alumni more effective and, at the same time, increases the donations to the institution. Through the same network, institutions may provide better career guidance, mentoring and consultancy services to the alumni. Additionally, Graduway easily integrates with the institution's existing customer relationship management system (CRM).

Director of EMU-MİKA Derviş Ekşici provided the following information: "EMU Network System is a platform created in 2018 especially for EMU Alumni to maintain communication between each other and with their school and faculty. Developed

by Graduway software company, these platforms are used by many international universities. EMU Network provides many opportunities for graduates. It is designed to make communication with graduates more widespread and effective as well as to encourage guidance, career and activities. Our alumni can update their academic and career information in connection with Facebook and linkedIn. The platform also provides career guidance services to students. We invite all members of EMU Alumni to become members of the platform via https://emu.network

Used by Prominent Institutions

Some notable members of the platform are as follows: University of Oxford, UCLA, Zeppelin University, Munich Business Faculty, ESMT, Universitat Oldenburg ST Gallen, Maastricht School of Management and Bucerius Law School in Europe and Bosphorus University, Robert College, İstanbul Technical University, Middle East Technical University, and International Community School in Turkey.



EMU SENIOR INSTRUCTOR BOĞAÇ BECOMES A SCRIPT CONSULTANT FOR THE FILM "MÜSTAKBEL AİLE"

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, Department of Cinema and Television instructor Barcin senior Boğaç acted as a script consultant for producer, director, actor and presenter İlker Ayrık's film "Müstakbel Aile". Filming is currently continuing in Cyprus. The new film of one of Turkey's most prestigious production companies Pervasız Yapım features famous names such as İlker Ayrık, Erdal Özyağcılar, Zerrin Tekindor, Aslıhan Gürbüz and Demet Evgar. The film will be in theatres in Cyprus, Turkey, Holland, France, England, Azerbaijan and numerous other countries on the 14th of February.

It Will Reflect the Beauty of Cyprus

The filming of "Müstakbel Aile" is continuing locations numerous Cyprus. In the film, İlker Ayrık plays the role of the groom whose path leads him to North Cyprus after falling in love with a Cypriot girl. Müstakbel Aile focuses on the comical relationship between the groom and his father-in-law and aims to include Cypriot culture and the beauty of Cyprus. The team of production company Pervasız Yapım used the expertise of script consultant Barçın Boğaç to accurately reflect the fabric of Cyprus. In a statement İlker Ayrık and the Pervasiz Yapım team indicated that they love all aspects of Cyprus, that they see this as an opportunity to

reflect true Cypriot culture and that they are very happy to be making a film on the island.

"It Will Contribute to the Promotion of the Country"

Barçın Boğaç expressed his belief that the film important will make contributions to tourism on the island by promoting its culture: "When one of the scriptwriters Serhat Sarı first sent me the film's script in the summer I became a part of the team because I thought that it is going to be a unique project. It is a very successful script made with great attention. It is my opinion that the characters, their relationships and the themes examined will be positively received."

Indicating that the experience of the production crew brought the film to a whole other level Boğaç stated: "Being on set and watching professionals such as İlker Ayrık and Erdal Özyağcılar who have devoted their lives to cinema was an extremely enjoyable experience".

Indicating that top quality gear and equipment were used to present Cyprus's geographical beauty without skipping any detail Barçın Boğaç continued: "During my conversations with director İlker Avrık scriptwriter and Serhat Sarı they indicated that Cyprus's natural, historical and cultural beauty will be at the forefront of the film,

especially during outdoor scenes. They noted that the latest technology and camera equipment will be used to capture the beauty in manner not done before." relaying his experiences from set Boğaç stated: "The visual presentation adds a great deal to the content of the film. İlker Ayrık deserves admiration for doing a lot more than just sitting on the director's chair. With great energy, Ayrık examined every corner of the set and his communication and direction were also worthy commendation. examines every scene and doesn't make compromises when it comes to obtaining the best results. The film will be premiered on the 14th of February 2020. I recommend that you don't miss it!" Boğaç thanked Pervasız Yapım and the scriptwriters

Serhat Sarı and M. Serdar Firat for including him in this project. Boğaç has previously worked in many national and international cinema and film productions. Last year, Boğaç worked with producer Polly Fryer and director Justin Hawkes in the documentary series project of Razor Films which is one of New Zealand's most prestigious production companies. That year, Boğaç was also part of the same crew with Italian journalist and documentary makers Gilberto film Mastromatteo and Massimo Lauria for a documentary project being made for RSI Swiss. Since 2016, Boğaç has been working as a senior instructor at the EMU Communication Faculty. Department of Cinema and Television.

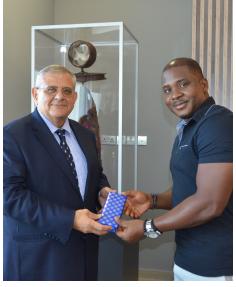




EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. OSAM HOLDS A MEAL FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BRONZE MEDAL WINNING ATHLETE ESE BRUME



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam held a meal for EMU Tourism Faculty student Ese Brume who won a Bronze medal at the 2019 Doha World Athletics Championship long-jump competition. In addition to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Ese Brume, the meal which took place on Friday, the 18th of October 2019 at the EMU L'Apprenti



Restaurant was also attended by Brume's coaches Hasan Maydon and Yaya Kayode. Prof. Dr. Osam expressed his pride in a world class university like EMU having a world class athlete like Brume highlighting that he is expecting a gold medal in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. Brume and her coaches indicated that their aim is also to obtain an Olympic gold medal underlining their



belief that this will become a reality with the support of the EMU Rector's Office. Despite her young age, Brume won the Bronze medal at the 2019 Doha World Athletics Championship long-jump competition with a jump of 6.91 metres. At the end of the meal, Prof. Dr. Osam presented Ese Brume with a crow statue that symbolizes Famagusta and presented the coaches with gifts.

This Week's Academic Publications

Faculty of Business & Economics

1- A. Mohammed Abubakar, Elaheh Behravesh, Hamed Rezapouraghdam, and Selim Baha Yildiz. "Applying artificial intelligence technique to predict knowledge hiding behavior." International Journal of Information Management 49 (2019): 45-57.

2- Korhan K. Gokmenoglu, and Bezhan Rustamov. "Examining the World Bank Group lending and natural resource abundance induced financial development in KART countries." Resources Policy 63 (2019): 101433.

Faculty of Engineering

1- Seyed Mahdi Shavarani, Mahmoud Golabi, and Gokhan Izbirak. "A capacitated biobjective location problem with uniformly distributed demands in the UAV-supported delivery operation." International Transactions in Operational Research. (Early Access)

Faculty of Pharmacy

1- Sengiil Akkartal, and Ceren Gezer. "Is Nutrition Knowledge Related to Diet Quality and Obesity?." Ecology of food and nutrition (2019): 1-11 (Early Access)

Source: Web of Science

Faculty of Architecture

1- Patrick Chukwuemeke Uwajeh, Timothy Onosahwo Iyendo, and Mukaddes Polay. "Therapeutic gardens as a design approach for optimising the healing environment of patients with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias: A narrative review." Explore- The Journal of Science and Healing 15, 54 (2019):352-362.

Faculty of Health Sciences

1- Şengül Akkartal, and Ceren Gezer. "Is Nutrition Knowledge Related to Diet Quality and Obesity?." Ecology of food and nutrition (2019): 1-11 (Early Access)



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