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EMU RECTOR'S OFFICE CLARIFY IMPORTANT ISSUES AT PRESS CONFERENCE



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector's Office held a press conference on the current agenda. The press conference to which all members of the press were invited was held at the Cyprus Turkish Journalists Association Building and commenced at 10:00 on Wednesday. the 2nd of October 2019. EMU were represented at the press conference by Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler, Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu, Vice Rector for Financial Affairs Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural and Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Nacive Doratlı. The press conference touched upon EMU's achievements and emphasized that EMU is a world university.

The press conference also brought clarification about recent news articles concerning the establishment of the Joint Medicine and Joint Dentistry programs with the Iran University of Medical Sciences. The Rector's Office indicated that an application was made to the Higher Education, Planning, Accreditation and Coordination Council (YÖDAK) on the 27th of September 2018 to get the necessary permissions whilst indicating that all actions were in accordance with the Council of Higher Education's (YÖK) criteria for establishing international programs. However, it was underlined that they are still to reach a positive outcome and that the university has made an application for the fifth time.

"We Have Never Been Unsuccessful"

Speaking during the press conference EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam noted that they have reached their goals which were part of their 5 year strategic plan to bring academic quality to the highest level. Prof. Dr. Osam stated that EMU first featured on the UK based independent Times Higher Education University Rankings in 2016. For four years, EMU has been in the top 200 of both this list and THE's Under 50 Rankings which feature universities under the age of 50. Prof. Dr. Osam also stated that EMU featured amongst the top 300 universities on the UNESCO Sustainable Environment and Learning Space Design Evaluation highlighting that these achievements are not easy achievements which are obtained after simple one-off decisions but achievements that require strategic planning and good management based on academic missions.

"We Have Managed to Break Down Boundaries"

Touching upon EMU being included on the ShanghaiRanking, Academic Ranking of World Universities for the first time this year, Prof. Dr. Osam stated that the university placed within the top 200 in Business and Economics and within the top 100 in Tourism and Gastronomy. Prof. Dr. Osam went on to state that EMU was also ranked first amongst Cypriot universities on UK based ICU (uniRank) indicating that EMU doesn't make compromises when it comes to quality and academic parameters: "EMU also had positive outcomes from YÖK evaluations. YÖK inspectors indicated that EMU's education is of a quality as high as that provided by Boğaziçi University and its infrastructure is as good as the infrastructure of Koc University. EMU is running a joint project with Oxford University in the field of women's health and joint projects with UCL on DNA and kidney diseases in the TRNC. Therefore it seems that we have managed to break down boundaries. We value art as well as science. We have started to collect artwork from different artists as we believe in the value of recording pieces of art. The next stage will be the exhibition of this art. We have started work to create a museum for the university to exhibit artefacts that were found during excavations"

"We Are Having Problems With Some Institutions"

Stating that EMU signed Magna Charta Universitatum last year, Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted its importance as through this signature, each institution promises to the world that it will respect to academic peace and universal humanism. Prof. Dr. Osam also stated that EMU has signed 168 international agreements in 5 years.



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Prof. Dr. Osam stated that although EMU is at the forefront and prioritises international programs, it encounters problems with some institutions from time to time. Prof. Dr. Osam's comments on this read as follows "I believe the source of this problem is that they have not comprehend enough that the supreme works of our institution only contributes to the recognition of the TRNC." Prof. Dr. Osam added that the President of the Iranian Ministry of Health Education Commission came to the TRNC and that the Minister of National Education and Culture Nazım Çavuşoğlu received him and expressed his displeasure with this situation.

"The European University Association to Evaluate EMU" Stating that the official opening

of the academic year and the first

lesson will be held on October 14. Prof. Dr. Osam added that the first lesson of the academic year will be delivered by the Honorary President of the Community of Mediterranean Universities and former Rector of Istanbul Technical University Pof. Dr. Gülsün Sağlamer. Putting forth that the Eastern Mediterranean University will be hosting the Community of Mediterranean Universities' meeting in October as a result of their selfless efforts. Prof. Dr. Osam added that the elected president of the aforesaid community will come from Egypt to join the general assembly.

Stating that EMU will be evaluated by the European University Association in the coming days, Prof. Dr. Osam added that EMU underwent the same institution's evaluation 15 years ago. Prof. Dr. Osam put forth that as a world university, EMU needs to be graded by an European association and receive feedback on its strengths and shortcomings.

Prof. Dr. Osam also provided information about the free bus service for the students and the financial support provided to the students in need. Prof. Dr. Osam emphasized that EMU is dedicated to raising moral, virtuous, knowledgeable, and professional individuals and it is not a commercial organization.

He also added that the university is in a much better condition compared to its position 5 years ago. Prof. Dr. Osam said that this year EMU has achieved a 12.8 percent increase in the number of students compared to last year. Prof. Dr. Osam said that the

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construction of 2 new buildings started this year, all the equipment of the Faculty of Dentistry came out of the budget of EMU and they added the mobile unit for dental care at home to the Faculty of Dentistry.

Explaining that the İskele unit of the Faculty of Dentistry will start patient care, Prof. Dr. Osam added that the same service will soon be available at Yenierenköy and Karpaz. Prof. Dr. Osam put forth that the academic staff at the Faculty of Dentistry are planning to meet with the patients at Famagusta State Hospital once necessary arrangements take place. Prof. Dr. Osam concluded his words by stating that EMU keeps taking firm steps towards a more successful future.

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EMU "L'APPRENTI" RESTAURANT OPENING ON MONDAY



"L'Apprenti" restaurant which is going to be run by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) is opening on Monday, the 7th of October 2019. "L'Apprenti" will be offering its customers a fantastic table d'hote menu. In addition to a daily a la carte menu, Tourism Faculty, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Program students will be preparing daily menus for customers. World-famous chefs such as Richard O'Connell, Claudio Chinali and Rene Klinkmüller deliver classes at the Tourism Faculty. "L'Apprenti", means

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apprentice in French. The restaurant is being opened in memory of EMU Revolving Funds Director Fırat Çırak, who passed away on Friday, the 9th of March 2018.

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BRT BROADCASTS LIVE FROM EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam was the guest of Channel BRT 3's morning program where he answered Ülkü Akın's questions at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday 3 October 2019. As well as discussing the opening of the 2019-2020 Academic Year, Prof. Dr. Osam also elaborated on the latest developments that have been completed prior to the commencement of teaching last week, including infrastructure, new faculty members and new laboratories. Prof. Dr. Osam stated that the first class of the academic year will be held on Monday, the 14th of October 2019, and that EMU would be hosting a very important guest. Prof. Dr. Osam added; "This year's official and traditional first lesson will be delivered by the President of the Community of Mediterranean Universities and Istanbul Technical University's legendary former Rector, Prof. Dr. Gülsün Sağlamer"

"EMU Plays an Important Role in the Promotion of Our Country"

Prof. Dr. Osam announced that this year, between 24and 26 October 2019, the Community of Mediterranean Universities' general conference would be held at EMU. "The Community of Mediterranean Universities is an organisation connected to UNESCO. Last year during the conference held in Malta, we worked hard to ensure the conference this year is held at our university. This was because there are countries that do not legally accept the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). We experienced many difficulties in bringing the conference here, yet, we are successful. During the meeting we had with the President of YÖK, he promised that a representative of the YÖK General Committee would attend the opening ceremony of the conference. EMU has displayed that we work harmoniously both with Turkey's higher education institutions and the Community of



Mediterranean Universities. Additionally, EMU has displayed an important role in our country's international promotion and visibility" explained Prof. Dr. Osam.

"For Four Years We Have Maintained Our Place in the World Rankings"

In response to the question, EMU is a highly preferred institution, what are the reasons for this? Prof Dr. Osam provided the following answer: "EMU is preferred initially because it is a state university. This doesn't mean that private universities are different. When we say state, the university's institutional identity is on the foreground. Secondly, from the day EMU was established, it has had an important mission, which is to develop well qualified staff while simultaneously contributing to the society with highly qualified individuals. In order to achieve this, EMU has worked very hard for years and as a result, we have maintained our place in the world rankings for the past 4 years. Out of 25 thousand universities, EMU has taken its well-deserved place among 1,200 universities. This is a universal value. For that reason when we say that we are a world university, nobody should find this strange. At the same time we are local in the sense that we integrate society's values within us and we attempt to unite these with universal values. From the TRNC, only we can be located on the Times Higher Education list. From this year we have also taken place on the Shanghai List, with the Faculty of Business and Economics placed within the top 200, and our Tourism Faculty within the top 100. These are important achievements. I believe these achievements should be adopted by the society and should be a source of happiness for them."



EMU RECTOR VISITS NEW COMMANDERS





Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam visited new Cyprus Turkish Peace Forces Major General Sezai Öztürk and new Security Forces Brigadier General Altan Er in their offices. The commanders were appointed on Tuesday, the 1st of October 2019. EMU Atatürk Research Centre President Asst. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk was also present during the said visit. During the courtesy visit, Prof. Dr. Osam and Asst. Prof. Dr. Göktürk wished the commanders the best of luck in their new positions and took a group photo.

EMU'S NEW STUDENTS HAVE A GREAT TIME AT "WELCOMING NIGHT"



A "Welcoming Night" was organized within the scope of the 22nd Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Orientation and Welcoming Days which took place under the sponsorship of North Cyprus Turkcell. The said event took place on Friday, the 27th of September 2019 at the EMU Atatürk Square. The Welcoming Night featured the stands of different student clubs operating under the EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate. Students obtained the opportunity receive information and become members of clubs that caught their interest. New students and their families also had

the opportunity to try traditional Cypriot dishes. In addition, the night featured the promotion of different faculties and schools as well as various sports competitions, stage performances and recreational activities.

Concerts from Ahmet Evan and The Healers

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu visited the stands and conversed with students. In his speech, Prof. Dr. Osam welcomed new students to the university and wished everyone a successful academic year. Concerts by Ahmet Evan and The Healers were thoroughly enjoyed by students who also had the opportunity to meet and socialize with other new students during the colourful night.



EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK FACULTY OF MEDICINE WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS





The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine's 2019-2020 Academic Year Opening Ceremony and First Lecture took place on Monday, the 30th of September 2019 at 08:30.

The ceremony commenced with a moment of silence and the national anthem. This was followed by the screening of EMU and the Faculty of Medicine's promotional films. The screening was followed by a speech delivered by Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine student representative Özde Buda. Buda welcomed all new students to the faculty and provided advice about academic and social activities.

In a speech of his own, EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Dean (a.) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emre Hamurtekin indicated that students will be learning new things throughout their university education and beyond underlining that



they will be witnessing people's pain and happiness whilst learning how to listen, be patient, adapt to changes and feel empathy. Welcoming new students to the Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine family, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emre Hamurtekin wished them the best of luck in their studies. Following the opening speeches, a musical recital was delivered by EMU Faculty of Edcuation, Department of Fine Arts Education students.

Dr. Fazil Küçük Faculty of Medicine founding Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora underlined that the white coat is symbol of responsibility, emphasizing that wearing the white coat means promising to reduce the pain of people and to be a student for life. Prof. Dr. Gökçora indicated that the white coat symbolizes helping people without discrimination based on religion, language, nationality or gender, never compromising the proffesion's honour, honesty and not sharing confidential information. Prof. Dr.



Gökçora advised students to allocate time to their families, sport, art and children before concluding by stating: "I wish you a healtyh, honourable and happy life in your white coats. May you have a fantastic journey!"

49 Students Wear White Coats

After the opening speeches, 49 students were presented their white coats by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emre Hamurtekin, Prof. Dr. Gökçora and EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Facutly of Medicine's new academic staff. After a cocktail which was held for the new students and academicians to socialize, the ceremony continued with the first lecture delivered by Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics academic staff member Prof. Dr. Şükrü Tüzmen. The first lecture was titled "Molecular Diagnostic Findings in Rare Diseases: Beta – Thalassemia".



EMU PHARMACY FACULTY DEAN PROF. DR. MUSTAFA F. ŞAHİN RECEIVES AN HONOUR AWARD

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Pharmacy Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin has been granted the 2019 Science, Service and Incentive Award which has been issued by the Turkish Pharmacists' Association, Academy of Pharmacy since 2005.

Prof. Dr. Şahin who received the award for his contributions to science and the profession was delivered his award at a ceremony organized for Pharmacists' Day on the 25th of September 2019. The Academy of Pharmacy was established to contribute to scientific development and pharmacy education in collaboration with academic institutions. Prof. Dr. Şahin played a role in the foundation of the academy which has been serving pharmacists and delivering science, service and incentive awards since its establishment.



EMU WAS REPRESENTED AT THE "FUTURE OF JOURNALISM" CONFERENCE



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, Department of New Media and Journalism academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy attended the "Future of Journalism" conference in Wales. The conference was also attended by world renowned communication professors and researchers.

"Community Media and Standards"

According to information released by the EMU Public Relations and Press Directorate, the conference held by Cardiff University's School of Journalism, Media and Culture once every two years was attended by academicians from many different countries and universities. During the conference Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy presented the article he wrote with Asst. Prof. Dr. Aysu Arsoy titled "Community Media and Standards: The Example of CCMC".

Reader-Centered Media

Providing information about the article Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy stated that their study on community media had important findings for Cyprus. The study's findings revealed that traditional media is continuing to lose power and that reader-centered media such as community based media and alternative media are becoming more prevalent in this century. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy also highlighted that community media acts as a voice for the voiceless.

"Cyprus Needs Community Media"

Emphasizing that Cyprus needs community media, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy continued as follows: "The Cyprus Community Media Centre (CCMC) has served individuals, groups, media members and civil society for 10 years. The present situation is that the functions of CCMC have unofficially been halted. However, we have been informed that the community media functions started by CCMC will be continuing under different names. It is important that formations which allow democracy, human rights and different voices to develop continue their operations.

Mobile Journalism

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy, who also evaluated the conference in Cardiff about 'The Future of Journalism', said that different types of journalism were tried in the world and concepts such as mobile journalism have emerged. With the help of mobile journalism and portable electronic devices Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy stated that journalists have begun to serve society more quickly and examples of mobile journalism have started to emerge in Cyprus. Making assessments about the future of journalism, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy stated that journalism will not disappear, and that it will increase its power with an understanding that is constantly developing and centred on society by responding to the needs of the era. Assoc. Dr. Metin Ersoy attended the conference and had the opportunity to discuss the future of journalism and joint projects with one of the world-renowned peace journalism professors Jake Lynch. Assoc. Dr. Metin Ersoy invited Jake Lynch to Cyprus and EMU as well as proposing a workshop on peace journalism for journalists.



EMU – CWS 7TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GENDER STUDIES STARTS ON 10 OCTOBER



Eastern Mediterranean University Center for Women's Studies (EMU – CWS) will host the "7th International Conference on Gender Studies", which will be held at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Centre between 10 and 12 October, 2019. As the first and only academic gender research and training center at the Northern Cyprus, EMU-CWS has been working towards raising awareness about gender equality and women's problems by bringing these issues to the attention of the society.

Keynote speakers of the conference to be chaired by EMU-CWS Director and EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Turkish and Social Sciences Education Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilen are the Honorary President of the Community of the Mediterranean Universities and former rector of Istanbul Technical University Prof. Dr. Gülsün Sağlamer and Ankara University, Faculty of Language, History and Geography, Geography Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. M. Murat Yücesahin.

Deadline for Application for Paper Presentations

Participants are required to submit fulltext papers by October 15, 2019. Papers presented at the conference will be published by EMU Publications. The conference proceedings will be available shortly after the conference. Papers can be submitted in the Microsoft Word file format as e-mail attachments via gspc@ emu.edu.tr or cws-kaem@emu.edu.tr. Detailed information about the conference is available at https://gspc.emu.edu.tr.

EMU XIII SAND SCULPTURE FESTIVAL AND CONTEST TO TAKE PLACE ON 13 OCTOBER

Traditionally held annually Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Sand Sculpture Festival and Contest, organized by EMU Department of Architecture, Department of Interior Architecture and EMU Design Club, will take place at EMU Beach Club on the 13th of October 2019, Sunday between 10:00 and 18:00.

Anyone who is interested in this event, which has become traditional and to which members of the Cypriot community is looking forward, can participate in groups. The event will prosper even more with the participation of students from all universities around the island. The festival brings a different excitement to the unique beauty of the beaches of Famagusta. The main

goal of the event is to make use of the natural beauties of our country and create alternative activities. It also provides a suitable platform for the youngsters to present their creativity by having fun in a healthy environment. Hereby, the event will be a warm welcome for all the new coming students. The Sand Sculpture Festival and Contest awaits everyone who would like to participate or observe. Individuals who would like to participate in the event may visit the page titled "EMU Sand Festival" on Facebook or call 630 11 39.

For more information, Facebook: EMU Sand Festival

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This Week's Academic Publications Source: Web of Science

Faculty of Business & Economics

1- Muhammad Yusuf Amin, Mustafa Besim, and Zahoor Ul Haq. "Does state ownership really matter for capital structure in selected G-20 economies?." Economic Research-Ekonomska Istrazivanja 32, no. 1 (2019): 3144-3161.

Faculty of Engineering

1- Devrim Aydin, Shedrach E. Ezenwali, Mohamed Y. Alibar, and Xiangjie Chen. "Novel modular mixed-mode dryer for enhanced solar energy utilization in agricultural crop drying applications." Energy Sources, Part A: Recovery, Utilization, and Environmental Effects (2019): 1-17. (Early Access)

Faculty of Architecture

1- Ikenna Stephen Ezennia, and Sebnem Onal Hoskara. "Methodological weaknesses in the measurement approaches and concept of housing affordability used in housing research: A qualitative study." PloS one 14, no. 8 (2019): e0221246.

2- Ali Tanrıkul, and Şebnem Hoşkara. "A New Framework for the Regeneration Process of Mediterranean Historic City Centres." Sustainability 11, no. 16 (2019): 4483.

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

1- Jalil Heydaripour, Mustafa Gazi, Akeem Adeyemi Oladipo, and Hayrettin Ozan Gulcan. "A novel magnetic mesoporous resorcinol-melamine-formaldehyde resin for removal of phenols from aqueous solution." Journal of Porous Materials 26, no.5 (2019): 1249-1258.

Faculty of Pharmacy

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Faculty of Health Sciences

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School of Computing and Technology 1- Ali Yuce, A. Mohammed Abubakar, and Mustafa Ilkan. "Intelligent tutoring systems and learning performance." Online Information Review 43, no.4 (2019):600-616.







Psikolojik Danışmanlık Rehberlik ve Araştırma Merkezi



The Eastern Mediterranean University Psychological Counseling, Guidance & Research Centre (EMU-PDRAM) is establishing a work group for students to carry out effective time management training. The free training is comprised of three modules. The first module will be delivered on Wednesday, the 9th of October 2019 between 10:00 and 12:00. The second module will be delivered on Wednesday, the 16th of October 2019 between 10:00 and 12:00. The third and final module will be delivered on Wednesday, the 23rd of October

2019 between 10:00 – 12:00. The education will be provided by Expert Psychologist Sıla Berfin Saklıca. EMU students who want to attend the courses need to register at the EMU-PDRAM Secretariat by 16:00 on Monday, the 7th of October 2019. The work groups have a quota of eight students. Students who complete the program will be given certificates of participation. Attendance is compulsory for group continuity. EMU-PDRAM is located on the ground floor of the Health Centre's building.

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