



EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. NECDET OSAM FEATURES AS A GUEST ON MASDER'S FAMAGUSTA TALKS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam featured as a guest on the Famagusta Walled City Association's (MASDER) "Famagusta Talks" event which took place at 10:30 on the 23rd of November 2019. A different "Famagusta Talks" event is held every Saturday. Speaking at the event which took place at MASDER's head office, MASDER President Rıfat Yalınç expressed that they are very happy to be hosting EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam whilst indicating that they are in collaboration with EMU on a number of different projects.

Provided Information about EMU

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam started the talk by providing the guests with information about EMU. Touching upon the stream of students, accommodation, academic achievements, mission and vision, financial affairs, international success and projects Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted the importance of the flow of students to the country. Indicating that the uncertain number is currently around 85 thousand students Prof. Dr. Osam stated that the students of every university are included in this number

"EMU Is Being Preferred More"

Prof. Dr. Osam went on to underline that especially in recent years EMU is being preferred by Turkish Cypriot students. Proving a reminder that EMU is an internationally successful university, Prof. Dr. Osam stated that in 2019 there was a decrease in the number students that were placed via the Assessment Selection and Placement Center (ÖSYM) for the other big four universities in the TRNC whilst there was a 12.8% increase from last year for EMU. Moving on to accommodation, Prof. Dr. Osam indicated that there are five EMU dormitories with



a total capacity of 1,331. Noting that there are some issues with some of the privately-owned campus dormitories Prof. Dr. Osam stated that the judicial process has started in order to terminate their contracts.

Prof. Dr. Osam also addressed the university's academic and scientific publications whilst

highlighting their importance. Clarifying the university's functional agreements and memberships Prof. Dr. Osam indicated that they have ongoing academic projects. Prof. Dr. Osam provided extensive information about these projects such as the joint project being ran with the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of Health.

EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. NECDET OSAM VISITS THE ISTANBUL PROVINCIAL DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL EDUCATION



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam visited the Republic of Turkey's Istanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education. On the 28th of November 2019, Prof. Dr. Osam visited Istanbul Provincial Director of National Education Levent Yazıcı in his office.

Within the scope of the protocol signed during the visit, ideas were exchanged about the vocational training of teachers in the İstanbul region. Emphasis was also laid on the preparation of support programs for students and parents.

EMU GRADUATES ARE EVERYWHERE!



of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design graduate Shaghayeeh Daneshnia. During their conversation, Prof. Dr. Osam listened to what the graduates have been up to after leaving the university and indicated he is very proud of their success.

In addition, Kourosh Jahani who obtained his master's degree from the EMU Tourism Faculty in 2014 and is now a Food and Beverages Manager at a hotel in Miami expressed his happiness regarding running into Prof. Dr. Osam. Indicating that graduates are representing EMU all over the world Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted that success is never coincidental. The students underlined that the education they received at EMU played an important role in their success, stating that it is a privilege to be an EMU graduate.



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) continues to be made proud by its graduates all over the world. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam was very happy to run into EMU graduates occupying important

positions during his visits abroad. During his recent visit to İstanbul, Prof. Dr. Osam run into 2012 Education Faculty, English Teaching graduate Ömer Faruk Erdoğan and 2012 Communication Faculty, Department

Finally, 2008 Business and Economics Faculty, Department of Banking and Finance graduate Hakkı Eyiip met with Prof. Dr. Osam during his visit to EMU, relaying his happiness and pride as a result of being an EMU graduate.

EMU TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT STUDENTS ARE GOING TO AMERICA



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism and Hospitality Management students will be receiving education in the United States of America (USA). As part of the agreements made within the scope of EMU's internationalization programs Tourism and Hospitality Management students Sina Vahedi and Taira Ibragimova will be completing the final year of their



education at Virginia Tech University, home of the USA's third best Hospitality and Tourism program.

3 Years at EMU, 1 Year at Virginia Tech University

The students will have completed the first three years of their education at EMU and their final year at Virginia Tech University. Iranian

Sina Vahedi and Turkmen Taira Ibragimova were selected from hundreds of candidates to continue their education at Virginia Tech University in the 2019-2020 Academic Year. After completing the Tourism and Hospitality Management undergraduate program Sina Vahedi and Taira Ibragimova will gain the opportunity to attend the Hospitality and Tourism Management master's program at Virginia Tech University.

Tourism Faculty Students can Benefit from this Opportunity

In a statement on the matter, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that this outcome has made EMU proud and that their quality education has once again been substantiated. Highlighting that Sina Vahedi and Taira Ibragimova's achievements have inspired other students Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that all successful EMU Tourism and Hospitality Management students can obtain this opportunity to attain new experiences in the international arena.

ALİ ÖZÇİL AND İHSAN EROL ÖZÇİL DELIVER A TALK AT THE EMU TOURISM FACULTY



A talk took place on Tuesday, the 26th of November 2019 aimed towards Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts program students. The talk

which took place at the Tourism Faculty was delivered by "Doyen Chef" Ali Özçil and Food Engineer, Wine and Gastronomy Expert İhsan Erol Özçil. At the talk also attended by EMU Tourism Faculty Vice-Dean Assoc.

Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Ali Özçil and İhsan Erol Özçil promoted their book titled "Adamızın Lezzetleri" (Flavors of Our Island).

They Provided Occupational Advice

Ali Özçil and İhsan Erol Özçil have contributed to Cyprus's rich and historic cuisine being promoted all over the world. During the talk, Chef Ali Özçil and Food Engineer, Wine and Gastronomy Expert İhsan Erol Özçil touched upon the work they are carrying out in the field of gastronomy and provided EMU Tourism Faculty students with occupational advice. The talk highlighted that a gastronomy education makes it easy for students to find work after graduation and that gastronomy is a financially attractive profession.

EMU-FLEPS CONTINUES IN-SERVICE TRAINING



The Eastern Mediterranean University Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (EMU-FLEPS) continues its in-service training with the EDMODO course. EDMODO is a classroom management

tool, designed for education with strong security settings and as a social network. This educational platform is specially designed for teachers-students-parents, where teachers can invite students to their

groups, write messages to them, share lesson documents, and create homework assignments and quizzes. The EDMODO course aims to contribute to English teachers' professional development as they will learn ways to integrate online training tools into their face-to-face instruction. The course will take 4 weeks and participants will receive an EDMODO certificate at the end of the course.

EMU senior instructor and EDMODO trainer Turan Değirmencioğlu and EMU-FLEPS instructor and professional development unit coordinator Asst. Professor Dr. Ayşegül Sallı are conducting the course. The trainers stated that they are pleased to be offering the course and that they are planning to offer the EDMODO course to English teachers working in other schools in the future.

EMU-FLEPS STARTS THE "AUTHENTIC LEARNING IN THE 21ST CENTURY" CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Eastern Mediterranean University Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (EMU-FLEPS) has started the certificate program titled "Authentic Learning in the 21st Century". The 9-week-long course, organized by the EMU-FLEPS Teacher Training and Professional Development Unit in collaboration with the 21st Century Skills Special Interest Group aims to engage language teachers at EMU-FLEPS in a practical and hands-on learning environment where technology and pedagogy are amalgamated.

First of its kind

Emphasizing the need for both teachers and learners to be ready for rapid changes brought about by developments in the 21st Century, course instructor Asst. Prof. Dr.



Ildeniz Özverir stated: "In order to meet these demands, our course highlights the importance of 21st Century skills, such as collaboration, problem solving, critical thinking and digital literacy, whilst aiming to build know-how and confidence. In short, we hope to encourage course

participants to reflect on the principles of authentic learning and to promote the active use of these skills in their own classroom contexts." The course is first certificate program organized within EMU-FLEPS using only its own resources since the early 2000's.

KISMET'S ACHIEVEMENTS INCREASE



The short-film “Kismet” which was sponsored by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and directed by Doğuş Özokutan and Vasvi Çiftcioğlu has been accepted for the anthology of the “Certamen Internacional De Cortos Ciudad De Soria” (Soria International Short Film Fest – SOIFF) which is one of Spain’s most important short film festivals. Therefore, Kismet is one of 55 short films that will be featured at the 21st anniversary of the international festival which will be taking place in Soria, Spain between the 17th of November and 1st of December 2019. The said festival is of extra importance as it is accredited by “GOYA” which is Spain’s

most prestigious cinema award. Kismet will be the only film produced in North Cyprus to compete in a festival that acts as a preliminary round for “GOYA” which is known as Spain’s Academy Awards. In the beginning of November Kismet was also screened at the Spanish festival “Mostra de Curtas Vila de Noia” (Short Film Showcase Vila de Noia) which is also accredited by GOYA.

The Directors Were Invited to Spain

Since its world premiere on the 18th of October 2018, Kismet has been accepted on the anthology of 36 international festivals and it has been screened in 41 different countries.

Kismet’s directors Doğuş Özokutan and Vasvi Çiftcioğlu have been invited to Spain for the Soria International Short Film Fest where they will be participating in a range of activities. Exactly one year ago, Kismet achieved another first in Turkish Cypriot cinema, by being nominated for the Audience Award at the ‘Leeds International Film Festival’, which is a qualifying film festival for the OSCARS and BAFTA Awards. Kismet also won the Audience award at the 9th Brazil Cinefest International Film Festival in December 2018.

The Visual Effects Were Made at EMU

The short film portrays a dad whose will that asks for him to be cremated leaves his wife and son with an impossible mission. The visual effects of the film were handled by EMU Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design (VACD) Vice Chair Fırat Tüzünkan. The film’s scriptwriter and co-director Doğuş Özokutan is a master’s student at VACD whilst the film’s other co-director Vasvi Çiftcioğlu is a PhD student at the Communication Faculty.

ROMANTİZMA PERFORMED AT EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Social and Cultural Activities Directorate organized the performance of the two-act comedy play ‘Romantizma’. The play was performed at 19:30 on Thursday, the 28th of November 2019 at the Rauf Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. Janset and

Gökçe Özyol, who are well-known artists from theatre and television were the thespians of the play.

The play was attended by EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu, Famagusta Officer’s Club Director

Colonel Necati Dinç and Famagusta Naval Commander Colonel Bülent Köse. At the end of the play, Janset and Gökçe Özyol were presented plaques of appreciation by Prof. Dr. Oğurlu.

Romantizma is about a “marital illness” that emerged during the preparations for a wedding which a couple wanted to have years after their marriage. On the 20th anniversary of their marriage Yasemin and Uğur decided to hold wedding which they regretted not previously having. The husband and wife who dream of two different weddings, question their aging and worn out relationship, their secrets swept under the carpet, and their ties which lead to an unexpected end. The play is written by Murat Dişli, Alperen Atalan and Zeki Enes and directed by Oktay Şenol.

EMU VISITS MERSIN AND ADANA'S PROVINCIAL DIRECTORATES OF NATIONAL EDUCATION



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Vice Rector for Promotional Affairs Prof. Dr. Hıfıye Pulhan and Promotion Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Erkan Arkin travelled to Turkey between the 12th and 14th of November 2019 to attend a range of promotional activities within the scope of their visit to EMU's Turkish Liaison Offices. On the 12th of November 2019, EMU's Educational Consultant Süleyman Beledioğlu delivered a seminar titled "Effective Preparation for the University Exam". The seminar was organized by Niğde's Provincial Directorate of National Education and was attended by 1500 final year high school students from across the province.



In-Service Training Collaborations Were Discussed

Prof. Dr. Pulhan and Asst. Prof. Dr. Arkin held meetings with Mersin and Adana's Provincial Directors of National Education on the 13th and 14th of November 2019. During the said meetings, collaborations between EMU and the Directorates of National Education were discussed concerning EMU providing in-service training to counsellors and teachers in the provinces. A consensus was built regarding the possibility of signing a memorandum of understanding similar to that signed with the İstanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education.



THIS WEEK IN TURKEY'S PROMOTION



The Eket Eskişehir Fair was held on November 26, 2019 and our university was represented by Ankara Liasion Office personnel Ahmet Ümit Ünal.



The Unilook Konya Fair was held on November 26-27, 2019 and our university was represented by Ankara Liasion Office personnel Fatma Erçelik.



The Unilook Karaman Fair was held on November 28, 2019 and our university was represented by Antalya Liasion Office personnel Tufan Otuzaltı.

CERTIFICATES ARE PRESENTED TO THOSE WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE EMU-CEC SUMMER COURSES



The first Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Continuing Education Center (CEC) “Pre-Med Summer School” was held for high school students who wanted to study medicine between the 1st and 14th of July 2019. In addition, Greek and

beginner level English courses were held during the last 2 weeks of July. Participants who successfully completed the courses were presented certificates at a ceremony which commenced at 17:00 at the EMU Beach Club on Tuesday, the 26th of November

2019. The ceremony was attended by EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. H. Tanju Besler.

In addition to Prof. Dr. Besler, the participants were delivered their certificates by EMU-CEC President Assoc. Prof. Dr. Orhan Korhan, EMU-CEC Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Aybike Yektaoğlu, EMU-CEC Board of Directors member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sitkiye Kuter and former EMU-CEC President Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağı. Plaques of appreciation were presented to EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty academic staff for their contributions to the “Pre-Med Summer School”, Orestis Agisilaou for delivering the Greek course and EMU English Preparatory School Assistant Director İpek Meneviş for delivering the English course.

FAMOUS GUITARIST OKAN ERSAN DELIVERS A TALK AT EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Education Faculty, Department of Fine Arts Education hosted Turkish Cypriot jazz

fusion guitarist and composer Okan Ersan. The event attended by EMU Education Faculty Vice Dean Asst. Prof. Dr. Hatice Nilay took place at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall on Thursday the 28th November 2019. During his talk that commenced at 14:30, Okan Ersan touched upon rhythm, melody and harmony. Relaying his opinions regarding how to be a good musician, Ersan spoke about the difficulties of becoming a musician. Highlighting that being a good listeners is just as important as being a good musician, Ersan touched upon his own career. During the talk, Ersan also carried out guitar performance.

This Week's Academic Publications Source: Web of Science

Faculty of Business & Economics

1- Seyi Saint Akadari, Andrew Adewale Alola, and **Gizem Uzuner**. “Economic policy uncertainty and tourism: evidence from the heterogeneous panel.” *Current Issues in Tourism* (2019): 1-8. (Early Access)

Faculty of Engineering

1- **Mohammad Reza Golhashem**, and **Eris Uygur**. “Improvement of Internal Stability of Alluvial Clay from Famagusta Bay, Cyprus, Using Copolymer of Butyl Acrylate and Styrene.” *Environmental & Engineering Geoscience* 25, no. 4 (2019): 289-300.

2- **Ehsan Abrari**, **Mustafa Ergil**, and **Mohammad Karim Beirami**. “Flow measurement using free over-fall in generalized trapezoidal channels based on one velocity point method.” *Flow Measurement and Instrumentation* 69 (2019): 101615.

Faculty of Tourism

1- Emel Yarimoglu, and **Tugrul Gunay**. “The extended theory of planned behavior in Turkish customers’ intentions to visit green hotels.” *Business Strategy and the Environment*. (2019)(Early Access)



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