



## SECURITY FORCES COMMANDER VISITS EMU RECTOR'S OFFICE

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Security Forces Commander Brigadier General Altan Er, visited Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam on 18th De-cember 2019 Wednesday, at Prof. Dr. Osam's office. TRNC Security Forces Commander Brigadier General Altan Er presented a plaque to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in remembrance of the courtesy visit.



## EMU COMPLETES TSI OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SECURITY AUDIT



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) went through the Turkish Standards Institute's (TSI) ISO 45001 Occupational Health and Security External Audit between the 17th and 19th of December 2019. EMU holds an OHSAS18001 certificate of Labor Health and Security since 2018. Also holding ISO 9001-2015 Quality Management System and ISO 1002-2014 Student Satisfaction Management System certificates since 2015, EMU has now successfully completed its pursuit of quality assurance in the field of Occupational Health and Security. The closing meeting of the aforesaid inspections took place at 15:30 on Thursday, the 19th of December 2019 at the EMU Rector's Office Senate Meeting Room. The meeting was attended by EMU's Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı, TSI Chief Auditor Tuncay Çimen,

TSI Auditor Servet Atayeter, EMU Total Quality Management Center Director Hasan Kavaz and representatives of EMU Quality Units.

### **"EMU Personnel Have the Sufficient Knowledge to Raise Awareness"**

In the opening speech of the meeting, TSI Chief Auditor Tuncay Çimen thanked EMU personnel for embracing the audit and stated that EMU is beautiful campus on which people can walk around comfortably and peacefully. Underlining the importance of carrying out regular work relating to external threats Chief Auditor Çimen indicated that risks are reduced by field audits. TSI Auditor Servet Atayeter thanked EMU personnel for answering the questions asked during the audit candidly. Indicating that systems are being developed for constant improvement Auditor Atayeter

highlighted the importance of learning from and not repeating mistakes. Auditor Atayeter concluded by stating that EMU personnel have the necessary knowledge to raise awareness on occupational health amongst students, personnel and the community.

EMU Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı congratulated her team members for successfully completing the audit. Stating that EMU has always been the flagship of higher education in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Prof. Dr. Doratlı noted that they are always ready for accreditations and inspections. Prof. Dr. Doratlı concluded by stating that they are always trying to do the very best for EMU and its personnel.



## EMU TOURISM FACULTY HOSTS MASTERCHEF TURKEY'S JURY MEMBER SOMER SİVRİOĞLU



Within the scope of the 8th International Career Days organized by the Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate (MIKA) of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), the Tourism Faculty hosted Masterchef Turkey's jury member Somer Sivrioğlu who delivered a presentation on his "Career Journey" from Bilkent University to Sydney, Australia. The said presentation commenced at 14:30 on Monday, the 16th of December 2019 at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall.

The said event received a lot of interest from EMU Tourism Faculty, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts students and alumni. During his presentation, the experienced chef stated that he took his first steps into the restaurant business 25 years ago when he travelled to Australia for his MBA. Indicating that initially things didn't go as planned Sivrioğlu stated that he didn't give-up and now owns 2 successful restaurants. Sharing his experiences with the students in attendance Sivrioğlu emphasized that being a good chef and manager requires cost control and loss/profit calculation in addition to expertise, experience and kitchen knowledge. Chef Sivrioğlu advised that students pay close attention to these courses.

EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç voiced his satisfaction regarding their Career Days guest Master Chef Somer Sivrioğlu receiving a lot of attention. Prof. Dr. Kılıç went on to relay the good news that they obtained a promise from Sivrioğlu that he will be an instructor at their faculty next year. At the end of the conference, honour and high honour certificates were presented to students for the 2018-2019 Academic Year Spring

Semester. Students received their certificates from Chef Somer Sivrioğlu.

**Visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam**  
Chef Somer Sivrioğlu visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam before the event and received information about the university.

Prof. Dr. Osam stated that he is happy to be hosting Sivrioğlu at EMU. EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu, Prof. Dr. Hıfsiye Pulhan, Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Vice Dean Asst. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Güven Ardağan were also present at the meeting.





## EMU DEPARTMENT OF GASTRONOMY AND CULINARY ARTS WINS SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS AT AN AEHT COMPETITION

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty attended the 32nd European Association of Hotel and Tourism Schools (AEHT) Conference in Split, Croatia. EMU's Tourism Faculty participated in different competitions coming second in the category of Culinary Art and third in the category of Hospitality Management.

Providing information about the gastronomy competitions, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that more than 600 competitors in 20 teams participated in 10 different categories. Prof. Dr. Kılıç went on to indicate that Derviş Adal and Xsenia Sumaneeva competed in the categories of Culinary Art and Hospitality Management respectively winning a bronze and silver medal. Highlighting that they are proud of their students' success, Prof. Dr. Kılıç, stated that participating in international competitions is important for the country and university's recognition. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also emphasized that Berk Akkaya's group came fourth out of 15 groups in the Decathlon competition.

Indicating that competing in the international arena adds a lot of confidence and vision to their students Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined the high quality of education provided by the EMU Tourism Faculty.

Indicating that they previously obtained bronze medals in 2016, 2017 and 2018, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that they raised the bar in 2019 by obtaining a silver medal. Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed that the EMU Tourism Faculty also attended AEHT's 32nd general assembly along with numerous other tourism and hospitality management schools from Europe with whom collaborative work between universities was discussed. Highlighting that their accreditations and international memberships reinforce educational

success Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that they are proud to see EMU Tourism Faculty academic staff member Senior Instructor Kurtuluş Özbaşar as a jury member at international gastronomy competitions. Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by stating that the EMU Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts will be competing in World Association of Chefs' Societies (WACS) competitions and that Özbaşar is an officially recognized WACS jury member.





## NTV Sports Director Nebil Evren and BRTK Football Program Producer and Presenter Osman Dinler Gave a Conference in EMU

Organised by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Sports Sciences, a panel titled "Explaining Sports Correctly" was held at EMU Faculty of Health Sciences Amphitheater at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2019. Moderated by Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, the panel hosted NTV Sports Director Nebil Evren and BRTK Football Program Producer and Presenter Osman Dinler as speakers.

The panel during which the speakers shared their valuable experiences with the audience was held in the form of question-answer format with the participation of EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Vice Deans Assist. Prof. Dr. Gülten Sucu Dağ and Assist. Prof. Dr. Seray Kabaran, Sports Sciences Department Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Berkiye Kırmızıgil, academic staff, research assistants, Sports Sciences Department students, sports lovers and sports writers. At the end of the panel, EMU Faculty of Health Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç presented plaques and certificates of appreciation to the speakers.

### Visit to EMU Rector

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam received NTV Sports Director Nebil Evren and BRTK Football Program Producer and Presenter Osman Dinler in his office. EMU Health Sciences Faculty, Sports Sciences Department Coordinator Assist.

Prof. Dr. Berkiye Kırmızıgil, Sen. Inst. Can Jeffry Roy Chauchat and Sen. Inst. Ahmet Özyaşar were also present at the said visit. At the end of the visit, Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam presented gifts to Nebil Evren and Osman Dinler for their contributions to the panel.





## OWNER OF CYPRUS ROBOTICS TEZEL ÇELEBİ GAVE A CONFERENCE IN EMU



methods or algorithms in automatic model creation through data.

### Machine Learning Explained

Stating that the machine learning system, unlike a system that performs certain tasks, performs its learning on the experiences it has gained, Çelebi emphasized that when the machine is given specific tasks, it accomplishes these tasks by choosing the same path each time. However, in machine learning with artificial intelligence, Çelebi emphasized that as the experience related to the task increased, the problem solving methods of the machine changed and developed.

Organised by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department, “Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Applications” event hosted the owner of Cyprus Robotics Company Tezel Çelebi as the speaker. The event was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 13:30 at EMU Faculty of

Engineering, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Amphitheatre. EMU Faculty of Engineering, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Chair Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel, lecturers, research assistants and students attended the event. Tezel Çelebi, owner of Cyprus Robotics, stated that machine learning is a branch of artificial intelligence which includes

The conference focused on what artificial intelligence machine learning is and how machines learn. Tezel Çelebi spoke about the software and hardware used to establish communication between the machine learning system and electronic devices. Tezel Çelebi also performed a demonstration with integrated circuits that accelerate artificial intelligence.

## AUTHOR OF SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER CHIMENE SULEYMAN DELIVERED A CONFERENCE IN EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University Communication Faculty hosted Chimene Suleyman, the Co-editor of Sunday Times Bestseller “The Good Immigrant”. Delivered by famous author Chimene Suleyman, the seminar took place at Communication Faculty Purple Hall at 2:45 p.m. on Monday,

16 December 2019. Chimene Suleyman, who was also born in Cyprus, talked about race politics, identity and migration in her seminar, which lasted about three hours. Suleyman also provided advice to participants about publishing and writing..

### Visit to EMU Rector

Before the seminar, Chimene Suleyman paid a visit of courtesy to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. EMU Communication Faculty Vice Dean Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy

and New Media and Journalism Department academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hanife Aliefendioğlu were also present at the said visit. Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Osam thanked famous author Chimene Suleyman, who lives in New York, for her seminar at EMU Faculty of Communication. During the visit, Suleyman’s book and journalism were discussed. At the end of the visit, Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam gave Chimene Suleyman a gift from EMU.





## EMU DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION HIGH HONOUR AND HONOUR CEREMONY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Education Faculty, Department of Foreign Language Education organized 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Spring Semester High Honour and Honour Certificate Ceremony. The traditionalized certificate ceremony organized with the intention of improving the quality of education as well as increasing the success rate of the students was attended by undergraduate students and academic staff members of the department. Total of 39 students received High Honour and Honour certificates during the ceremony. Certificates were presented by EMU Education Faculty, Foreign Language Education Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Javanshir Shibliyev and academic staff members.

### “We stand by Our Students”

During the ceremony, 19 students received High Honour Certificates and the remaining 20 students received Honour Certificates. The opening speech was delivered by Foreign Language Education Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Javanshir Shibliyev who thanked everyone participating or contributing to the event. Stating that the department will always stand by their students, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Shibliyev added that they are willing to participate in any kind of work or event which will contribute their students' academic development. A group photo was taken at the end of the event and a cocktail was held.





## EMU ORGANIZES COMMEMORATION PROGRAM FOR MARTYRS WEEK

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Atatürk Research and Application Centre (ATAUM) is collaborating with the Republic of Turkey's Atatürk Supreme Council for Culture, Language and History, Atatürk Research Centre to host a commemoration ceremony and the event titled "In Commemoration of Medical Major Nihat İlhan and His Martyred Family: Panel on the Struggle for Existence of Turkish Cypriots and the Kumsal Attack". A statement from the EMU Public Relations and Press Office Directorate stated: The Martyrs Week Commemoration Program will begin with the "In Commemoration of Medical Major Nihat İlhan and His Martyred Family: Panel on the Struggle for Existence of Turkish Cypriots and the Kumsal Attack" which will be broadcasted live from BRT on Monday, the 23rd of December 2019.

The EMU-ATAUM and the Republic of Turkey's Atatürk Supreme Council for Culture, Language and History started their preparations for the panel in June. The panel is set to commence with a moment of silence and the national anthem at 09:30. The opening speeches will be delivered by EMU-ATAUM President Asst. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk, Medical Major Nihat İlhan's son Prof. Dr. Mustafa Necmi İlhan, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Atatürk Research Centre President Prof. Dr. Adnan Sofuoğlu. The speeches will be followed by two sessions chaired by Prof. Dr. Sofuoğlu.

### The Ambassador will be in Attendance

The panel that will be attended by Nicosia's Turkish Ambassador Ali Murat Başçeri and top level military representatives will feature the following declarations:



Historical Massacres of Turkish People in Cyprus" by Asst. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk, "The Biography of Medical Major Nihat İlhan" by Academician Dr. Ayşe Şebnem İlhan, "Why the 21st of December 1963?" by Turkish Resistance Organisation (TMT) President Yılmaz Bora, "ENOSIS Genocide and the Turkish Cypriot Struggle for Existence" by Retired Ambassador Zeki Bulunç, "İzzetpaşa Foundation, Medical Major Nihat İlhan and His Services" by Prof. Dr. Necip İlhan, "A Critical Night" by Veteran Soldiers Association President Vural Türkmen and "A Visitor's Perspective of the Museum of Barbarism" by Senior Instructor Süheyla Göktürk.

The afternoon's special session will feature National Artist Mustafa Turan, Elazığ Bizim Külliye Magazine Chief

Editor Nazım Payan and Caricaturist Osman Suroğlu. A group of 40 people from the Elazığ İzzet Paşa Foundation established by Medical Major Nihat İlhan, the Municipality of Elazığ and Bizim Külliye Magazine representatives will be travelling to the TRNC to participate in the event. Bizim Külliye Magazine's 82. Issue was dedicated to "Turkish Cypriot Literature in Commemoration of Medical Major Nihat İlhan and His Martyred Family" and featured the writing of numerous Turkish Cypriot literary figures and historians. The special issue will be distributed at the panel. Osman Suroğlu's caricatures on the Cyprus problem will be exhibited on photo blocks at the EMU CL Building. Participants will also be presented with a project of EMU students that introduces museums and martyrs' cemeteries of the Turkish Cypriot National Struggle.

### Commemorative Ceremony at the Museum of Barbarism

Within the scope of EMU's program for Martyrs Week a Commemorative Ceremony will be taking place at the Museum of Barbarism in Nicosia. The ceremony will commence at 10:30 on Tuesday, the 24th of December 2019. In addition to top level government officials, the commemorative ceremony will be attended by Medical Major Nihat İlhan's family members, children (Academician Dr. Ayşe Şebnem İlhan, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Necmi İlhan and Prof. Dr. Necip İlhan), Atatürk Research Centre President Prof. Dr. Adnan Sofuoğlu, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, EMU-ATAUM President Asst. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk and guests from Turkey.



## EMU-FLEPS ORGANIZES EVENT TO RAISE BICYCLE AWARENESS

Within the scope of their social responsibility projects, Eastern Mediterranean University Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (EMU-FLEPS) organized an event with “The Biking Club” comprised of elementary level students to raise awareness about cycling. The said event took place on Friday, the 13th of December 2019. EMU-FLEPS students and academicians stopped at the EMU and Famagusta roundabouts to draw attention to the fact that bicycles are a part of traffic too. Brochures on increasing the usage of bicycles were handed out and slogans chanted.

### Positive Feedback from the Community

Members of “The Biking Club” received positive feedback from the community during their 10 kilometer ride. In the Famagusta Old City, the team chanted slogans such as “More bicycles, less cars” and received support from the shopkeepers. After the colorful and enjoyable event, “The Biking Club” members stated that they are going start working on establishing a club to operate under the EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate in order to be able organize events that can be attended by larger numbers of people.

### Mayor Arter will be Visited

The Biking Club’s second event to raise awareness will be taking place on Friday, the 27th of December 2019. During their ride, a visit will be carried out to Famagusta Mayor İsmail Arter. Mayor Arter will be relayed problems faced by the cyclists who will also suggest solutions to these problems.



### This Week's Academic Publications

Source: Web of Science

#### Faculty of Arts & Sciences

1. Oladipo, Akeem Adeyemi, Edith Odinaka Ahaka, and Mustafa Gazi. “High adsorptive potential of calcined magnetic biochar derived from banana peels for Cu 2+, Hg 2+, and Zn 2+ ions removal in single and ternary systems.” *Environmental Science and Pollution Research* 26, no. 31 (2019): 31887-31899.

#### Faculty of Engineering

1. Ibrahim, Mustapha D., Diogo Cunha Ferreira, Sahand Daneshvar, and Rui Cunha Marques.

“Transnational resource generativity: Efficiency analysis and target setting of water, energy, land, and food nexus for OECD countries.” *Science of The Total Environment* 697 (2019): 134017.

2. Dinçer, Samet, and Yiltan Bitirim. “A Smart Hydroponics-Based System for Child Education.” *Journal of Universal Computer Science* 25, no. 10 (2019): 1279-1300.

#### Faculty of Business & Economics

1. Ike, George N., Ojonugwa Usman, and Samuel

Asumadu Sarkodie. “Fiscal policy and CO2 emissions from heterogeneous fuel sources in Thailand: Evidence from multiple structural breaks cointegration test.” *Science of the Total Environment* 702 (2020): 134711.

#### Faculty of Architecture

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