

COMMEMORATION PROGRAM FOR MARTYRS WEEK REALIZED IN EMU



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Atatürk Research and Application Centre (ATAUM) collaborating with the Republic of Turkey's Atatürk Supreme Council for Culture,

Language and History, Atatürk Research Centre hosted a panel and commemoration ceremony 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" on Monday 23rd December 2019 at 9:30, at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy amphitheatre.

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COLLECTIVE LABOUR AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH ACADEMIC PERSONNEL IN EMU



A Collective Labour Agreement concerning the academic staff working at the Eastern Mediterranean University has been signed as a result of the work carried out by EMU Academic Personnel Union and Board of Trustees. On 27 December 2019, the Collective Labour Agreement was signed at the Board of Trustees' Meeting Room at 10:30 a.m. by the President of the EMU Board of Trustees Erdal Özçenk, EMU Board of Trustees member Gülsün Korun, EMU Academic Personnel Union's Secretary General Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hamit Caner and by Sen. Inst. Mustafa Ipekcioglu as a witness. Among those present at the ceremony were members of the Board of Trustees Halil İbrahim Orun and Ersun Kutup and President of the EMU Academic Personnel Union Sen. Inst. Ulaş Gökçe and union representatives. The validity period of the said agreement will be

two years.

"We Exist If EMU Exists"

Speaking at the signing ceremony, President of EMU Board of Trustees Erdal Özçenk stated that the Collective Labour Agreement has reached to the point of signing after their collaborative efforts with EMU Academic Personnel Union for two months. President Özçenk added "Both EMU Board of Trustees and EMU Academic Personnel Union continued our work on the collaborative agreement with an awareness that 'We, as all stakeholders, exist if EMU exists'. We have never ignored the fact that if the employees are happy, the current work motivation will be at the highest level, which will further improve the quality of our university. I would like to thank all colleagues at EMU Board of Trustees and EMU Academic

Personnel Union's Executive Board for their constructive attitude during the Collective Labour Agreement discussions and all administrative staff who helped with the writing of the text. I hope this agreement brings utmost benefit to the EMU Family."

"EMU is a Modern Institution of Higher Education"

President of EMU Academic Personnel Union Sen. Inst. Ulaş Gökçe said "Today, a collective labour agreement has been signed for the fourth time between our union and EMU Board of Trustees. A Collective Labour Agreement is a contract signed by civilized people. Civilized people sign and adhere to this agreement. In a modern educational institution, the relations between the employer and the employee are defined and carried out through legal texts. For this reason, today we are once again announcing to the whole country what a modern university EMU is. There are many universities in our country. We hear that the payment of social insurance and provident fund premiums and even salaries of our colleagues working at these institutions are not done regularly. As the employees of an institution who has the only collective bargaining agreement system in our country, we are well aware of the value of our university in this context." The ceremony ended after the signing of the Collective Labour Agreement.

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Attending the ceremony was Nicosia's Turkish Ambassador Ali Murat Başçeri, 28th Commander Brigadier of Mechanism Division Taner Uysal, President of the Atatürk Research Centre Prof. Dr. Adnan Sofuoğlu, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Gazimağusa Chief of Police Ahmet Beşerler, as well as society representatives, representatives of non-governmental organizations, Elazığ İzzet Paşa Foundation established by Medical Major Nihat İlhan, the Municipality of Elazığ, Bizim Külliye Magazine representatives, students and members of the press. The ceremony which was broadcast live on channels BRT 3 and DAÜ TV were viewed in Turkey and Azerbaijan.

“It Is The Symbol Of Our Struggle To Exist”

Republic of Turkey's Atatürk Supreme Council for Culture, Language and History, Atatürk Research Centre's central presidency and EMU-ATAUM since June, who together have been making preparations, began the panel by standing in silence and singing the Turkish National Anthem. The panels opening speech was made by EMU-ATAUM president, Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk, who stated that 21-25 December has a special meaning for Turkish Cypriots, elaborating that “These dates, that are defined as the National Struggle and Martyrs' Week, are the symbol of the Turkish Cypriot struggle for equality and sovereignty, in other words, the struggle for existence. These are the dates

where the price was paid for us to live here freely, peacefully and prosperously today.”

“We Have No Intention in Allowing The Genocide To Be Forgotten”

In his speech, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Necmi İlhan, the son of Medical Major Nihat İlhan, whom was murdered along with his family during the Kumsal raids, stated “Today we are together to understand the struggle of existence of Turkish Cypriots once again and to explain this to the future generations. We have not forgotten the torture and genocide of our fellow citizens in the face of my father, martyred family and the Turkish Cypriots, and we have no intention of allowing it to be forgotten. Malazgirt to Çanakkale, the fight against terrorism in Cyprus, the many veterans and martyrs that they gave, Anatolia and Cyprus are the only homelands they have ever known. We have no other place to go, and we have no intention of leaving this land.”

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that he doesn't like the month of December, however this has nothing to do with the cold weather. He explained it is because during this month that the Turkish Cypriot people were subjected to an incomparable massacre. Prof. Dr. Osam continued “I was born in 1961 and in 1963, I was put in the position of an immigrant. With the 1974 peace operation, we began to experience more freedom. Our childhood went by talking about when Turkey would

come to the island. We would look forward to the Turkish Regiment's day of change; maybe one of our soldiers' hats would fly during the change so we could wear a piece of that glorious uniform. At this moment in time, a soldier from Gaziantep's hat is in my room.” Prof. Dr. Osam further advised “We are announcing one more time from here to the world, our loyalty to our motherland. Turkish Cypriots will never end their struggle to exist and will continue to exist forever.”

Cyprus History In All Of Its Dimensions Has Been Reflected

In his speech, President of the Turkish Republic Atatürk Research and Application Prof. Dr. Adnan Sofuoğlu enlightened the attendees on Cyprus history post 1571. Following the 2nd World War, with the 12 islands that were in the hands of Italy handed over to Greece, the possibility of Cyprus being given to Greece was emphasized, and the Cyprus issue was more seriously on the agenda. “In fact, considering its geographical and physical values, the island of Cyprus is part of Anatolia” he further explained. Prof. Dr. Sofuoğlu talked about subjects such as the 1950 Zurich Agreement and the 1960 establishment of the Republic of Cyprus, opposing the Greek constitutional order, the Turkish 1974 Peace Operation that pushed organisation of the Bloody Christmas events while the Greek and Greek Cypriots followed the “Akritas Plan” policy, in all of their dimensions.

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Mehmet Güder, Mayor of Elazığ Municipality, said “This is the result of an epic resistance that the soldiers and the Mujahideen gave shoulder to shoulder at the expense of their lives. Today, we observe that the threat to the Turkish Cypriots is persistently pursued by the Greeks and global collaborators. Turkey’s Cyprus cause is an indispensable case. As homeland and guarantor country, we will continue to stand by Cyprus and Turkish Cypriots as in the past. Together we paid heavy prices, but the Turkish Cypriot will never and will never be alone on this island”.

“Turkish Cypriots Will Live Forever and Free”

Nicosia’s Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey Ali Murat Başçer of Nicosia explained, “the events of December 1963 is known in history as ‘Bloody Christmas’. This is our 56th year. What happened in December 1963 was a turning point for the Turkish people living on this island. As İsmail Tansu described in his beautiful book, ‘In actual fact no one was actually sleeping.’ But in 1963, the activities of the EOKA organization surfaced. The events of 1963 were the beginning of the struggle that showed that the Greek Cypriot-Greek persecution would not be submitted to. During the 1960 Republic of partnership, the Greeks regarded the Turks as a minority. They even put it openly and said, ‘If you don’t accept this, then let’s deal with this with guns and we will eliminate you’ thus putting the Akritas Plan into



action. Makarios stated that this agreement would be a springboard for ENOSIS. The responsibility that fell to the Turkish community was to stay united and together against this mentality, and with the support of Turkey, to endure and resist. It wasn’t easy. It’s been a long process. The struggle that started in December 1963 and ended with the happy Peace Operation in July 1974, was the guarantee that the Turkish Cypriots would live independently on this island forever. We as the Turkish Nation do not live with a sense of revenge. But our future generations need to be equipped with a sense of history. The amount of honor we have for not having this revenge is insufficient” he explained.

The Program Continued In Two Sessions

The ceremony, under the management of the Atatürk Research and Application Centres central presidency continued in two sessions. The panel included; Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk’s “The Massacre Experienced by the Turkish Cypriots During the Historical Process,” Dr. Ayşe Şebnem İlhan’s “Biography of Medical Major Nihat İlhan,” President of the Mujahideen Association Yılmaz Bora “Why 21st December 1963,” Ambassador Ahmet Zeki Bulunç’s “The Greek Cypriot-Greek Duo’s ENOSIS Genocide and the War of Existence of the Turkish Cypriot People,” Prof. Dr. Necip İlhan’s “The İzzetpaşa Foundation and Medical Major Nihat İlhan’s Services” Ex



President of the Mujahideen Association Vural Türkmen’s “One Critical Night,” and teaching staff Süheyla Göktürk’s “The Barbarian Museum through the Eyes of the Visitors,” that were presented on the day.

During the afternoon session, state artist Mustafa Turan, Elazığ Bizim Külliye magazine’s Editor in Chief Nazım Payan and Charicaturist Osman Suroğlu were featured. The Elazığ İzzet Paşa Vakfı, Elazığ municipality and the Bizim Külliye Magazine that were established by Medical Major Nihat İlhan, were attended by representatives of around 40 people to take place at the memorial ceremony.

Elazığ Bizim Külliye magazine published thir 82nd issue in December, with the section “Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Literature, In Memory of Medical Major Nihat İlhan and his Martyred Family” featured.” In this magazine, the articles of many Turkish Cypriot artists and historians were given place to. This particular issue was distributed to all the attendees at the panel. The Cyprus related charicatures prepared by Charicaturist Osman Suroğlu, were printed in Photoblock form and exhibited in th EMU Central Lecture Halls on the day of the panel. Additionally, the projects prepared by EMU students in relation to the Turkish Cypriot Struggle for Existence, were presented to the attendees at the panel.

EMU'S COMMEMORIAL PROGRAM FOR MARTYRS CONTINUES AT THE MUSEUM OF BARBARISM



A visit was made to the Barbarism Museum on Tuesday, 24 December 2019 in scope of a panel and a commemoration ceremony titled “In Memory of Major Nihat İlhan and His Martyred Family: Turkish Cypriots’ Struggle for Existence and Kumsal Raid”. Hosted by the Eastern Mediterranean University, the said panel is organised in collaboration with the Turkish Republic Atatürk Supreme Council for Culture, Language and History, Atatürk Research Center and EMU Atatürk Research and Application Center (EMU ATAUM).

Present at the commemoration ceremony which took place at the Museum of Barbarism at 10:30 a.m. were Turkish Republic Ambassador to Nicosia Ali Murat Başçeri, TRNC Deputy Parliamentary Spokesperson Zorlu Töre, Commander of Security Forces Altan Er, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, T.R Supreme Council for Culture, Language, and History, Atatürk Research Center Chair Prof. Dr. Adnan Sofuoğlu, EMU ATAUM Chair Assist. Prof.

Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk, children and family of Major Nihat İlhan, whose children and spouse were martyred in Kumsal raid, Elazığ İzzet Paşa Foundation and Elazığ Municipality and Bizim Külliye Magazine representatives, representatives of combat associations, organisations and schools and military officials. At the ceremony during which a moment of silence, national anthem and volley salute were performed, wreaths were laid on the monument.

During the ceremony Şehit Ertuğrul Primary School student Belgin Çelikesmer read a poem and Cyprus Turkish Forces Infantry Commander Raif Akgün, the Association of Martyrs’ Families and Disabled Veterans, Culture Branch Chair Kadir Okyar and Nihat İlhan’s son Prof. Dr. Mustafa Necmi İlhan delivered speeches.

In his speech, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Necmi İlhan said “We, as a family, suffered four casualties, while the Turkish Cypriots lost hundreds. Long live our homeland”. Prof.

Dr. İlhan added that they will continue to support the Turkish Cypriots in their struggle for existence. Following the speeches, Turkish Republic Ambassador to Nicosia Ali Murat Başçeri and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam laid flowers on the monument and visited the museum.

A Visit to T.R. Ambassador to Nicosia

Following the ceremony, the aforesaid representatives paid a visit to the Republic of Turkey’s Ambassador to Nicosia Ali Murat Başçeri. During the visit, Ambassador Başçeri congratulated the representatives of the institutions that organised such a successful event and underlined the essence of conducting such activities more frequently. Rector Prof. Osam stressed that they are always ready to host activities as such. The program came to a close after the visits of the guests from Turkey to the war cemeteries in Boğaz, Muratağa, Sandallar and Atlılar Şehitlikleri.

EMU PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT STUDENTS ORGANIZE “SPECIAL CINEMA FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN”



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication participated in another social responsibility project organized under the roof of Community Involvement Center. EMU Faculty of Communication, Public Relations and Advertising Department students Rabia Özer, Gözde Ateş, Berke Şahin, Khayal Husyenov and Ahmet Yalçın organized a social responsibility event within the scope of the course given by Public Relations and Advertising Department Head Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anıl Kemal Kaya. During the event with the “Overcoming the Obstacles

through Awareness” slogan which was sponsored by Northern Cyprus Turkcell (KKTCELL), children under the age of 18 with special needs from Famagusta Special Education Center had a lovely day at City Mall Shopping Center. Within the scope of the event, children with special needs had the chance to watch the “Jumanji: the Next Level” movie at Cinemall in City Mall Shopping Center. At the end of the event that was organized for raising awareness on the importance of socializing for children with special needs, KKTCELL presented “Emocan” toys, one of

the symbols of the company, to all the children. The sensitive EMU students who participated in the event emphasized the fact that children with special needs are not different than other children. Therefore, these children should be more active in their social lives and should enhance their communication with others. Moreover, EMU students stated that the society should show more awareness on this manner. Lastly, students added that they will continue to organize such event in order to raise awareness on social responsibility.

NEW YEAR BALL FOR SOS CHILDREN’S VILLAGE WAS HELD BY EMU IN COLLABORATION WITH AFİK GROUP



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism, Department of Gastronomy Culinary Arts and AFİK Group once again held the traditional New Year Ball for the SOS Children’s Village. On its 14th year, the ball took place at EMU Beach Club with the participation of one of the leading music bands of the TRNC, Frekans.

Vice Dean of the Faculty of Tourism Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren presented a plaque to the AFİK group director Özkan Karaağaç and SOS Children’s

Village Director Ahmet Akarsu, who both sponsored the event as they did every year. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Öztüren also thanked EMU students and Executive Board Member of EMU Community Involvement Center, Event Coordinator and EMU Gastronomy Civic Involvement Organisations academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso.

SOS Children’s Village Director Ahmet Akarsu presented a certificate of appreciation to

AFİK Group and EMU Faculty of Tourism for their contributions and support. AFİK Group representative Özkan Karaağaç expressed his satisfaction with the event organised in cooperation with AFİK Group and stated that they want this to continue in the following years.

Within the scope of the event, the participating children had colorful moments with Black Sea regional dance performances, African dance show, cowboy girls, special ‘Baby Shark’ animation and dance show for children, mini club, fairytale heroes from fairy tales, clown and Santa Claus shows. In addition to students of EMU, children from SOS Children’s Village contributed to the night through their musical performance.

With their live music performance throughout the night, Grup Frekans provided the children with joyful moments. At this meaningful night in the last week of 2019, the event left happy memories in the minds of children, supporters and participants.

HOPE AGAINST CANCER CONCERT PERFORMED AT EMU



On Thursday 19th December, in scope of the 'One Donation One Hope' campaign, an amazing concert was organised by the Eastern Mediterranean University Communication Faculty's Public Relations and Advertising Department, in conjunction with the EMU Community Involvement Centre. Taking place at the square in front of the EMU Central Lecture Halls, the free concert was attended by many students.

As part of EMU Public Relations and Advertising Department Vice Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Umut Ayman's course; 'Marketing Communication for Social Responsibility,' students and a team of volunteers aimed to provide hope to children in receipt of cancer treatment. Taking stage at the concert were Group Rast, Oğulcan Başarı,



Passnote, Voice of Cyprus, Dilara Ferit, Desibel, Dj Haşım Volkan, Dj Bouncer and Dj Ümit Akdeniz.

Attending the concert was EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu and Prof. Dr. Hıfsiye Pulhan, Head of Public Relations and Advertising Department Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anıl Kemal Kaya, Kemal Saracoğlu Foundation for Children with Leukemia and the Fight Against Cancer Coordinator Servet Özeralp and a large number of students.

During an interview given at the beginning of the night, Assist. Prof. Dr. Umut Ayman initially thanked the performers of the concert, and the sponsoring bodies who contributed; for the procurement of water,

Hediye Su, for providing cold drinks, Kaner Group, for the hot drinks, Oza Coffee, and for the desserts, Volkan Lokma and Ekor, and advised that the campaign for donations will continue for a period of time.

In an announcement that was made on behalf of the organising team, a call was made stating, 'With small donations, let's provide a beacon of hope to our children that are waiting to reunite with their health'. In addition the following was recorded:

"In an effort to provide our children with a beacon of hope, we, EMU, are doing what we can to do our share, however we need the help of our valuable community. In this context, to give hope to our child cancer patients, you may make donations to Koopbank 11-304-6206267, UBAN NUMBER: CT16 1200 0011 0000 0000 0052 4179, account name 'DOĞU AKDENİZ ÜNİVERSİTESİ (BİR BAĞIŞ, BİR UMUT)'."

The donation campaign that was organised to benefit the Dr. Burhan Nalbantoğlu Public Hospital, Pediatric Oncology and Hematology Service and the Kemal Saraçoğlu Foundation for Children with Leukemia and the Fight Against Cancer completed the concert part of the campaign. However, donations continue.

EMU- FLEPS CLEANED BEDİS PICNIC AREA AND BEACH IN SCOPE OF "ENVIRONMENT AND NATURE" PROJECT



Eastern Mediterranean University Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (FLEPS) cleaned Bedis picnic area and beach in scope of the Community Involvement Project titled "Environment and Nature". Organised by Team Leader and academic staff member Mehşen Ercanlar and lead by

academic members Şerife Hoca'nın Aşıksoy, Damla Simsaroğlu and Selcan Sinal, the "Environment and Nature Project" was held at Bedis picnic area and beach.

The instructors and students partaking in the cleaning project immensely enjoyed their

activity and stated that they would maintain their sensitivity towards a clean environment and would spend effort to raise awareness in the people around them.

After completing the cleaning activity, the students and teachers played volleyball on the beach and picnic area, explored the area and expressed that life is much better in a clean and well-maintained environment. Stating that they found the beach and picnic area much cleaner this year compared to last year, the project instructors added that seeing the young people with increased environmental awareness and responsibility each year is promising for our future.

THIS WEEK IN TURKEY'S PROMOTION



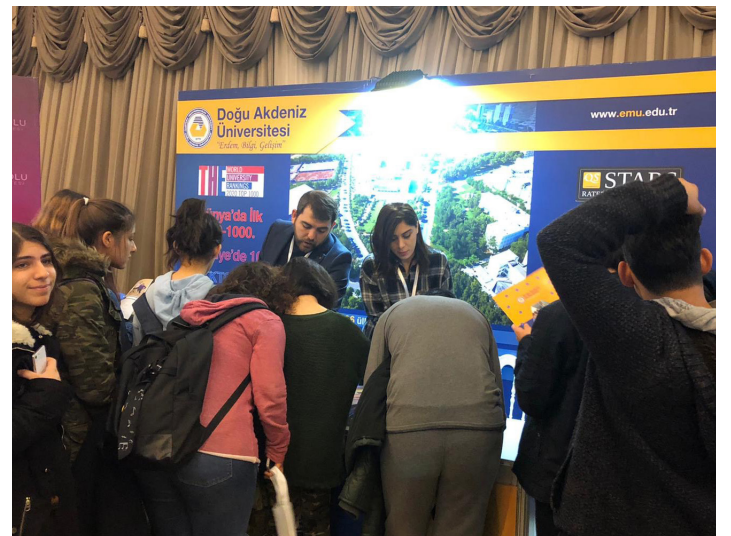
In context of our university promotion work, Education Specialist Süleyman Beledioğlu have given seminars titled “The Effect of Study Environment on Exam Success” in Kahramanmaraş province on 16th December 2019. After the presentations, Adana Promotion, Contact and Registration Bureau Personnel Nazan Sicimoğlu made a promotion presentation for our university.



Mersin Promotion, Contact and Registration Bureau personnel Giray Asutay represented our university at Mersin Artı Fair on 17th December 2019.



İstanbul Promotion, Contact and Registration Bureau Personnel Emrah Sarıiz represented our university at Kocaeli EKET Fair on 16th-17th December 2019.



Adana Promotion, Contact and Registration Bureau Personnel Nazan Sicimoğlu and Hatay Representative Kemal Ünsal represented our university at İskenderun and Hatay Artı Fair on 23rd-24th December 2019.



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*En içten duygularla yeni yılınızı kutlarken,
2020'nin tüm insanlığa huzur,
barış ve kardeşlik getirmesini dilerim.*

*I wholeheartedly wish you a happy New Year and
hope that 2020 brings serenity,
peace and solidarity to all humanity.*



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