



EMU 2018 – 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR FALL SEMESTER GRADUATES THROW CAPS IN AIR



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Fall Semester Graduation Ceremony for the graduates of the undergraduate and associate programs was held on January 28th 2019, Monday (14:00) at EMU Lâlâ Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex. EMU undertakes the duty of being a leading institution contributing to the social and cultural development of 20 thousand students from 106 countries. EMU experienced the excitement of graduating nearly 1400 students in the Fall Semester. On the other hand, each year EMU increases the number of its graduates and at the 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Fall Semester, the number has now exceeded 56 thousand.

Graduation Ceremony was Broadcast Live throughout the World

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Minister of Agriculture Erkut Şahali, Member of the Parliament from People's Party Mesut Genç, Member of the Parliament from the National Unity Party Olgun Amcaoğlu, TRNC Armed Security Forces Deputy

Commander Brigadier General Cemal Volkan, Representative of the Nigerian Embassy in Ankara Ahmed Mohammed Monguno, EMU Board of Trustees President Adv. Boysan Boyra, EMU Rector Prof Dr. Necdet Osam, Rauf Raif Denktaş University Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Ali Bıçak, Bologna University Rector's Representative and Faculty of Law Dean Prof. Dr. Luca Mezzetti, EMU Vice Rectors, Faculty Deans, Department Chairs, academic personnel and approximately 1000 graduates and their families attended the grand ceremony. The graduation ceremony was broadcast live on the internet by EMU TV and BRT 2, Kanal T, Diyalog TV and Kanal Sim. With all its units operating responsively, the graduation ceremony was held with an enthusiastic atmosphere and was worthy of the EMU's name.

The ceremony began with the graduates' entrance to the hall, and continued with a Moment of Silence and the Turkish National Anthem; performed by a choir of EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts, Music Teaching program

students led by EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Chair Prof. Memduh Özdemir and Choir Chief Erkan Dağlı.

On behalf of all 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Fall Semester graduates, Faculty of Education, Department of Elementary Education, Pre-School Teacher Education Bachelor's Programme Valedictorian Aysu Şallı and Faculty of Pharmacy 6 Year Pharm. D. Programme Valedictorian Abdulhalek Dakhel gave speeches. After the speeches, valedictorians of the programmes had a symbolic tree planting ceremony in the name of the graduates.

"We are Deeply Proud of You"

In his opening speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam congratulated the academicians, families and students. Giving the graduates advice, Prof. Dr. Osam said: "Dear young graduates. I know you are very excited. As of today, you have reached the happy ending. You have fulfilled the obligations for being employed in your chosen fields. I congratulate you all. Do

not sway from righteousness and truth. Carry out your work as a good person. Keep your ambitions under control. Have your world view on love, respect, peace, unity and cooperation. No virtues are greater than being a good person". Prof. Dr. Osam emphasised that in its 40th year, EMU's flower of science has flourished and got stronger and that EMU presented the world with scientific knowledge. He also stated that its world rankings in the last three years, research and field-focused ratings were praiseworthy. Prof. Dr. Osam drew attention to the fact that EMU is a world renowned and respected institution of science. After the opening speech, valedictorians of Faculties/Schools and Departments were presented their diplomas and awards by members of protocol. The ceremony continued as the Bachelors' and Associate Degree graduates received their diplomas; and at the end, all threw their caps in air with great excitement. The ceremony ended with a wonderful music performance by Lütfiye Özipek, one of TRNC's popular singers.

EMU DOCTORATE AND MASTER'S STUDENTS RECEIVED THEIR DIPLOMAS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Fall Semester Post-Graduate Convocation Ceremony was held on January 27th 2019, Sunday (14:00) at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. Similar to the previous year, the graduate students received diplomas at a separate ceremony organised specially for them and was broadcast live on the internet by EMU TV. The ceremony was also broadcast live by BRT 2, Kanal T, Diyalog TV and Kanal Sim. EMU undertakes the duty of being a leading institution for contributing to the social and cultural development of 20 thousand students from 106 countries. EMU experienced the excitement of graduating nearly 1400 students in the Fall Semester. As one of the world's prestigious institutions of higher education, it maintains the same sensitivity and excitement when graduating a student as the day they are first welcomed into the university.

Representative of the Nigerian Embassy in Ankara Ahmed Mohammed Monguno, Bologna University Rector's Representative and Faculty of Law Dean Prof. Dr. Luca Mezzetti, EMU Board of Trustees President Adv. Boysan Boyra, EMU Rector Prof Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rectors, Faculty Deans, Department Chairs, academic personnel and approximately 250 graduates and their families attended the ceremony.

Emotional Moments

The 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Fall Semester Convocation Ceremony began as the post-graduate students entered the hall accompanied by music and acclamation. As the graduates entered, the academicians turned towards the families, who greatly contributed to the students' achievement, and greeted the graduates. A wave of emotions swept through the hall as the graduates made their entrance. The ceremony continued with a Moment of Silence and the Turkish National Anthem.

The guests were also delighted by a magnificent trio music performance by EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts, Music Teaching program academic members Serkan Çankaya (Classical Guitar), Altay Altınok (Percussion) and Levent Ünal (Acoustic Guitar and Soloist). After the music performance, EMU Faculty of Communication, Communication Programme Graduate Hanife Erişen gave a speech on behalf of the 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Fall Semester Master's Graduates.

"We Will Leave the Footprints of EMU Wherever We Go"

Expressing her honour and joy of being EMU students, Erişen pointed to the hardships and necessary efforts of the post-graduate journey, and stated that they would contribute to humanity and science. Erişen said that they would leave the footprints of EMU wherever they went in the world, and underlined the importance of the friendships they formed in this international campus environment.

Speaking to represent the 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Fall Semester Doctoral Program Graduates, Faculty of Education, Department of Foreign Languages Teaching, English Language Teaching Doctoral Programme graduate Salih Gürsoy thanked all families and academicians for sharing their happiness on this meaningful day on behalf of all graduates.

Prof. Dr. Osam Addressed the Graduates

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam started his speech by expressing their hope that EMU student Buse Acar, who went missing during the hurricane disaster in Antalya, would once again return safely. Prof. Dr. Osam offered his sincere gratitude to the thesis supervisors and academic members for their guidance and devotion; and underlined that the families were to be thanked for their eternal support and contribution in reaching this

point of achievement. Addressing the graduates, Prof. Dr. Osam said "As of today, all of you have reached a certain level of depth and thinking in your respective disciplines. These virtues will carry you forward and strengthen your inquiries".

Prof. Dr. Osam emphasised that in its 40th year, EMU's flower of science has flourished and got stronger; and that EMU presented the world with scientific knowledge. He also stated that its world rankings in the last three years, research and field-focused ratings were praiseworthy. Prof. Dr. Osam congratulated EMU personnel for their sense of quality and efforts; and he also congratulated the first graduate of the joint law programme with Bologna University.

The 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Fall Semester Post-Graduate Convocation Ceremony continued as the graduates were presented with their diplomas. The ceremony ended as EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam counted down from ten and the graduates tossed their caps in the air. After a family photo, a cocktail was given at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center in honour of the graduates.



EMU AND RDU SIGN CO-OPERATION PROTOCOL



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Rauf Raif Denktaş University signed a co-operation protocol. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and RDU Rector Prof. Dr.

Hasan Ali Bıçak, who also served EMU for many years, signed the protocol. EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler, Vice Rector for International

Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova and Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu were also present during the protocol signing.

EMU Will Act as a Guide

As the number of universities in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) has increased and in scope of EMU's responsibility to act as a guide to these newly formed universities, a protocol was signed with the newly founded RDU that is named after TRNC's Founding President of the Republic Rauf Raif Denktaş. The protocol aims to enable RDU to benefit from EMU's experience and scientific accumulation, forming strong basis for RDU's education, research and service, and sharing EMU's experience in accreditations, researches, international recognition and forming databases.

EMU AND TCSJA SIGN CO-OPERATION PROTOCOL

A co-operation protocol was signed between Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Turkish Cypriot Sports Journalists Association (TCSJA) at a ceremony which took place on January 25th 2019, Friday (17:00) at EMU Board of Trustees' Meeting Hall. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and TCSJA President Çelen Oben signed the protocol that covers cooperation on academic and sports issues. In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam emphasised on the fact that EMU has a place in the world's top ranking one thousand universities; and that the TCSJA members to graduate from EMU's post-graduate programmes would benefit from this prestige. TCSJA President Oben thanked EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam for their support and presented him



with a platelet of gratitude. As per the protocol, EMU will provide TCSJA with necessary conditions for holding seminars and will also offer academic support. One

member of TCSJA will be able to get a post-graduate education at one EMU faculty of their choosing and EMU will provide that TCSJA member with a full scholarship.

GRADUATES OF EMU HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY TOOK OATH



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences organized an oath ceremony for the graduates of the 2018-2019 Academic Year Fall Semester. During the ceremony that took place at the Health Sciences Faculty Amphitheatre at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, the 28th of January 2018, a total of 120 undergraduate and associate level graduates recited their medical oaths.

At the ceremony that commenced with a moment of silence and the national anthem, the opening address was delivered by EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç. Prof. Dr. Malkoç stated that today is a proud and important day as their young colleagues are taking the first steps towards their prospective careers. Stating that a total of 120 students, 52 of whom are from Faculty of Health Sciences and 78 of whom are from School of Health Services, are graduating from their respective programs, Prof. Dr. Malkoç thanked the Health Sciences Faculty academic and administrative staff for the important roles they played on the road to the students' graduation. Addressing the graduates Prof. Dr. Malkoç requested that they act ethically and keep up to date with new developments in order to help their country and stay bound to Atatürk's principles and reforms. Prof. Dr. Malkoç concluded her speech by extending her best wishes to the new graduates in their prospective careers.

Upon completion of the opening speech, EMU Health Sciences Faculty, Departments of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, Nutrition and Dietetics, Nursing, Health Management and Sports Sciences undergraduate students recited their oaths as well as students from the associate programs,

Oral and Dental Health, Anaesthesia, Surgery Services, Dialysis, Physiotherapy, First and Emergency Aid, Radiotherapy and Medical Imaging Techniques. The oaths specific to each department, were recited together with department chairs or program coordinators.

During the ceremony, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs presented certificates of appreciation to Health Sciences Faculty highest ranking graduate Beyhan Tok and

School of Health Sciences highest ranking graduate Büşra Çetin.

All health personnel take oath before starting their careers in the field. The oath shows devotion to the principles and ethical values they will abide by throughout their careers. Oaths that are generally accepted as tradition in the field of health can show slight variations between different universities and departments.



EMU-COOP GENERAL BOARD ELECTION RESULTS ARE OUT



Eastern Mediterranean University Employee's Cooperative Ltd. (EMU-COOP) recently held elections for the General Board. EMU-COOP Executive and Audit Board Membership elections took place on January 30th 2019, Wednesday between

09:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at Prof. Dr. Mehmet Tahiroğlu Hall.

According to the information from Emu-Coop Secretary General Hüseyin Tabur, the election took place with 63% participation and the next elected

General Board will serve for the next 3 years. Tabur stated that they harmoniously performed great work with the former general board members who completed their commission period and underlined that together, they gave the start

to several big projects. Tabur also wished the new general board good luck and advised that their greatest aim should be to finalise the started projects, help increase the cooperation members' life quality, cater for the cooperation's needs with the possible minimum expense and create a variety of services. EMU-COOP General Board Election results are as follows: EMU-COOP Executive Board President: Hasan Kavaz, Vice-President: Yağmur Ergüneş, Members: Erdal Altun, Derviş Ekşici, Buğu Sümen Cohar, Sami Ömer and Sedat İzzigil.

EMU ACADEMIC STAFF RECEIVE AN INTERNATIONAL INVITATION



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication, Department of Visual Arts and Visual

Communication Design academic members Assoc. Prof. Dr. Senih Çabuşoğlu, Asst. Prof. Dr. Fırat Tüzünkan and Faculty

Member Marjan Khajav, were invited to participate in the "Dejavu – Odessa" international art project.

The project will include 30 artists from Poland, Ukraine, Belarus, Belgium, Cuba, Mexico, Columbia, Iran, Japan, England, USA, Italy, Romania, Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, and will be completed in May 2019.

The works of the project will be on display in several countries of the world. The works will also meet with wider audiences as a detailed catalogue will also be prepared.

"Dejavu – Odessa" visual arts project is organised by University of Silesia in Poland and project curator is Assoc. Prof. Dr. Krzysztof Marek Bak from the same university.

EMU PARTICIPATED IN “GLOBAL GAME JAM”



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Game Platform (operating under EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate) and Faculty of Communication,

Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design, participated in the Animation and Game Design Programme ‘Global Game Jam’ held between January

25th and 27th, 2019; simultaneously worldwide. Held in 2009 for the first time and annually held at the same time each year, ‘Global Game Jam’ included over 40 thousand participants from 113 countries this year. Participating teams developed games in 48 hours and shared them with the world. 4 teams from EMU competed in the event and developed their games. The GGJ contestants not only got to develop their own games, but also gained experience in team work, co-operation and professional game development.

The developed games during the event can be accessed at:

<https://globalgamejam.org/2019/games>

EMU CONTINUING EDUCATION CENTER HOLDS CERTIFICATE CEREMONY IN NICOSIA

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Continuing Education Center (CEC) held a certification ceremony for the participants of in-service trainings given in 2018. The participants were from TRNC Deputy Prime Ministry and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Public Information Office, Turkish Cypriot Dairy Industry Organisation and Committee of Missing Persons in Cyprus. The participants were presented their certificates at a ceremony held on January 29th 2019, Tuesday (15:00) at Notre Dame de Tyre (Armenian Apostolic Church), located in Arabahmet Neighbourhood, Nicosia; where some EMU graduate courses are also given.

During his speech at the certification ceremony, EMU-CEC Vice-President and Board Member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Orhan Korhan emphasised that it is important for EMU to extend its boundaries beyond Famagusta and that education should not be limited with the walls of the campus. Assoc. Prof. Korhan stated that EMU-CEC aims to reflect the impact of its training programs upon the entire society and that EMU-CEC will maintain its mission under this scope. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Korhan also emphasised on the fact that EMU-CEC is the only



organisation in TRNC that is a member of the Council of Turkish Universities Continuing Education Centers and the European University Continuing Education Network.

Turkish Cypriot Dairy Industry Organisation personnel were given a 30 hour Word and Excel (chosen topics) Course by Expert Yeşim Kapsıl Çırak and Expert Özlem Görkan Evre; and the Committee of Missing Persons in Cyprus personnel were offered a 24 hour ‘Geographical Information Systems’

Course by Academic Member Kamyar Fuladlu. Also, TRNC Deputy Prime Ministry and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Public Information Office personnel were given 3-hour ‘Efficient Communication Skills’ Course by Asst. Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Türksoy, ‘Persuasion and Perception Management’ Course by Expert Şevket Serkan Şen, and ‘Press Language Use’ Course by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy. A total of 37 personnel have gained the right to receive certificates at the end of these trainings.

WORLD CHAMPION EMU STUDENT AYSU DURSUN PREPARES TO COMPETE INTERNATIONALLY

2017 – 2018 Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Bikini Fitness Champion and Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics student Aysu Dursun, won the 2018 International NAC World Championship; a first in the history of TRNC. Now, Dursun prepares to compete in the World Beauty Fitness & Fashion INC. (WBFF) World Championship to be held in August 2019 in the Bahama Islands.

A Visit Paid to Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam

EMU student Aysu Dursun paid a visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam on January 29th 2019, Tuesday (10:00) to provide information regarding her participation in the competition. During this visit of courtesy, TRNC Weight Lifting and Body Building Federation President Ali Dahlameroğlu and World Champion Aysu Dursun's trainer and TRNC Weight Lifting and Body Building Federation Vice-President Neval Çelebioğlu were also present.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that they were proud of Aysun Dursun's achievements and wished her good luck for the 2019 August WBFF World Championship.

During the visit, Dursun noted that she was very pleased with the education given at EMU, that nutrition was vital for being successful in fitness competitions; and that being a student in the Nutrition and Dietetics Department contributed greatly to her sports career. At the end of the visit, EMU student and World Championship Winning Athlete Aysu Dursun, presented EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam with her championship poster from the 2018 World Championship held in the Philippines. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam wished Aysu Dursun and her trainer Neval Çelebioğlu success in their work and their preparations for the upcoming world championship.



HOSTED BY EMU, “INSPIRED BY PAPER 2ND EXHIBITION” WILL MEET ART LOVERS

In the Mediterranean’s jewel island, Cyprus, the art-cherishing institution Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) continues to participate not only in local art events but also in international ones. The Cyprus Paper Artists Association, a travelling association to which our local artist İnci Kansu serve as the honorary president this year, met art-lovers in Cyprus. This travelling exhibition is contributed by the International Association of Hand Papermakers and Paper Artists (IAPMA). The exhibition “Inspired by Paper” arrived for the first time in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), hosted by the Eastern

Mediterranean University (EMU). Once again, this exhibition will meet art lovers; this time in Nicosia.

To be Exhibited at Atatürk Cultural Center

Firstly exhibited in Famagusta between November 30th and December 28th 2018, the “Inspired by Paper” Exhibition will be on display for the second time. The opening ceremony will take place on February 4th 2019, Monday (18:00) at Nicosia Atatürk Cultural Center. The exhibition will be open for visitors during business hours until February 15th, 2019. Since its inception in April 2016, the “Inspired by Paper” travelling exhibition



has been to Austria, Bulgaria, Finland, Germany, Israel, Poland and Sweden; and received great attention. Since 2015, the President of IAPMA, Helene Tschacher, formed in Düren, Germany in 1986, has been Nicole Donnelly. The Exhibition Supervisor is famous artist Helene Tschacher.

This Week’s Academic Publications

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Faculty of Business and Economics

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Faculty of Tourism

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Faculty of Pharmacy

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Faculty of Architecture

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