



## EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. NECDET OSAM VISITS TRNC MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION AND CULTURE NAZIM ÇAVUŞOĞLU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam paid a visit of courtesy to Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Minister of National Education and Culture Nazım Çavuşoğlu on Tuesday, the 28th of May 2019. Prof. Dr. Osam congratulated Minister Çavuşoğlu for his position in the new government wishing him the best of luck during his time in office.

During the visit, Minister Çavuşoğlu and Prof. Dr. Osam exchanged views on education in the TRNC and institutional collaboration between EMU and the Ministry of National Education and Culture. At the end of the visit, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam presented TRNC Minister of National Education and Culture Nazım Çavuşoğlu a crow sculpture as a symbol of Famagusta.

## EMU EDUCATION FACULTY SUCCESSFULLY PASSES AQAS INSPECTION

Eastern Mediterranean University, Education Faculty, Foreign Languages Education Department Undergraduate Program successfully passed AQAS (Agency for Quality Assurance through Accreditation of Study Programs) inspection. Due to the expiry of the AQAS accreditation period which commenced in 2014, the inspection was carried out to renew the said accreditation. In scope of the renewal of the accreditation, a team of 5 inspectors, 3 of whom are from Germany and 2 from Turkey, conducted three-day inspection at the university's aforesaid department and the university. The inspectors conducted detailed analysis



of the undergraduate program of Foreign Languages Education Department and at the same time held meetings with EMU Rector's Office, Faculty Dean, current

students and graduates, individuals from other universities and schools. AQAS inspectors completed the inspection with positive views.

## EMU ISO 9001:2015 AND ISO 10002:2014 INSPECTIONS ARE COMPLETED

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has completed the inspections of the world renowned IQ Net member Turkish Standards Institute's (TSE) ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System and ISO 10002:2014 Student Satisfaction Management System.

Under the guidance of the EMU Total Quality Management Center which is in charge of setting up management systems, implementation, revision, propulsion, giving reports to top management and inspection coordination, the inspections took place between 27 and 31 May 2019. The said inspections ended with a meeting that took place at the EMU Rector's Office

Senate Hall on Tuesday, the 31st of May 2019 at 14:30. The said meeting was attended by EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, TSE TRNC President Kemal Kızıltan, TSE Lead Auditor Fatih Sağdıç, EMU Total Quality Management Center Director Hasan Kavaz, EMU Public Relations and Press Office Acting Director Murat Aktuğralı, some academic and administrative unit chairs and quality unit representatives.

### Inspections Successfully Completed

Thanking everyone for their selfless contributions, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova stated that each unit of EMU



is now accustomed to this process. TSE TRNC Director Kemal Kızıltan thanked EMU for their hospitality during the process and for making them feel home. Putting forth that EMU has successfully completed ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System and ISO 10002:2014 Student Satisfaction Management System audit and obtained positive results, Kızıltan added that EMU has very efficient

teams. Kızıltan also expressed his hope that relevant steps for the initiation of Environment Management System are taken in 2020. Kızıltan concluded his speech stating that they will be more than happy to provide certification for EMU in the environment management system as it an institution of higher education demonstrating environmental awareness and sensitivity.

## EMU EDUCATION FACULTY ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER'S POETRY BOOK PUBLISHED

Eastern Mediterranean University Education Faculty academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Ertuğrul Aydın's third poetry book "City Kites" has been published by Heyemola Publishers in Istanbul. After the publication of the said book, Assist. Prof. Dr. Ertuğrul Aydın paid a visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 29 May 2019. During the visit, Assist. Prof. Dr. Aydın presented a signed copy of his book to Prof. Dr. Osam and also provided brief information about the book.

### Cities and the Relationship of Humans and Earth

Starting from the theme of city-country, the poet said he tried to hear the voice of poems over the countries and cities. The poet went on to state that Turkey, Cyprus, Vietnam, Poland, Luxembourg, Lithuania and Singapore went into the poetry's frame as countries; Istanbul, Ardahan, Kars, Nigde, Rize, Batum, Stockholm, Prague, Riga, Lisbon, Venice, Marseille, Madrid, Varna, Rotterdam, Havana, Mostar, Copenhagen, Naples, Toledo, Amsterdam, Jerusalem, Monte

Carlo and Kiev were captured by the same frame as cities/towns; and Africa went into the frame of poetry as a continent. Consisting of four chapters, 'Everywhere in the world is close to my home' was used as a motto. 42 poems in the book are presented to the reader under the main headings of "Serenity on Earth", "Towards Us", "Disintegration" and "The Sound of Planets". Statements and lines of Maxim Gorki, Stefan Zweig, Oscar Wilde, Justinas Marcinkevicius, Koca Ragıp Paşa, Nazım Hikmet, Attila İlhan,



Sezai Karakoç, Fazıl Hüsni Dağlarca and Gündüz Vassaf are also given as epigraphy. In the book, cities are considered in the context of human-earth relationship.



## APPLICATION PERIOD FOR THE EMU ENTRANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP EXAM ON THE 11TH OF JUNE CONTINUES

Eastern Mediterranean University's (EMU) Entrance and Scholarship Exam for Turkish Cypriot high school students and Turkish high school students who received uninterrupted education at a Turkish Cypriot high school or an equivalent school will be held on Tuesday, the 11th of June 2019 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Applications for the exam are continuing and will end on Monday, the 10th of June 2019.

A statement released by the EMU Rector's Office indicated that the exam will be taking place at two locations; on the EMU Campus in Famagusta and at the Turkish Maarif College in Nicosia. The statement indicated that applications can be submitted until the Monday, 10th of June 2019 at the EMU Registrar's Office in Famagusta and at the EMU Exam Application Centre located at the Atatürk Teacher Training Academy in Nicosia. In addition, online applications can be submitted until the 9th of June 2019 via

the website <https://www.emu.edu.tr/kktcsinav>.

The exam admission fee is 50 TL and can be deposited to EMU's bank account (100640) at any branch of the Cooperative Central Bank or it may be paid during application at the EMU Exam Application Center in Nicosia. During the exam application, students need to submit a photocopy of their ID card, a bank statement, and 2 passport sized photos.

On the day of the exam, students are advised to be present at the exam venue with their ID cards and exam entrance document by 9:30 a.m. the latest.

### STUDENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED TO THE NEW PROGRAMS

Students will be accepted to the Council of Higher Education approved Biomedical Engineering undergraduate program operating under the Engineering Faculty as well as the New Media and Journalism undergraduate program operating under the



Communication Faculty from the 2019-2020 Academic Year Fall Semester onwards. They will also be accepted to the Orthopedic Prosthesis and Orthosis associate program operating under the School of Health Services and the Pastry and Baking associate program operating under the School of Tourism and Hospitality Management via the EMU Entrance and Scholarship Exam.

### EXAMS AND SPECIAL SKILLS TESTS

The statement released by the EMU Rector's Office indicated that students have to take Turkish, Literature and Social Sciences, Mathematics-1, Mathematics-2, Sciences, English Language and Visual

Skill tests according to the points required from the candidates depending on the programs they are interested in. Prospective students can obtain extensive information about the exam from the website <https://www.emu.edu.tr/kktcsinav>. The statement also provided a reminder that Music Teaching and Sports Sciences program candidates will need to enter special skills tests before the Entrance and Scholarship Exam on the 11th of June 2019. Candidates will be given appointments for the special skills test. Candidates who submit their application after the 31st of May 2019 will need to take the music and/or sports special skills test on the 10th of June 2019 and the written exam on the 11th of June 2019.

## EMU YEMENI STUDENT SOCIETY PRESIDENT VISITS RECTOR PROF. DR. NECDET OSAM

Turki Salem, President of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Yemeni Student Society operating under the International Office, visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office. During the

said visit, Salem provided Prof. Dr. Osam with information about the goals of the Yemeni Student Society. At the end of the visit of courtesy, Prof. Dr. Osam presented Salem a gift.



## 101<sup>st</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE AZERBAIJAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC CELEBRATED IN EMU



Operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University's Vice Rector's Office for International Affairs and Promotion, the International Office organised a special celebration ceremony on the occasion of the 101st anniversary of the Azerbaijan People's Republic. Organised by EMU Azerbaijani Student Society and Cyprus Azerbaijan Diaspora Center and Azerbaijan Diaspora Youth Association, the event took place at

EMU Beach Club on 29 May 2019. Famous Azerbaijani author, composer and singer also Murad Arif attended the celebrations and provided unforgettable moments for those in attendance.

Among notable officials who attended the organisation which hosted various dance performances and a photography exhibition of Azerbaijan People's Republic were Deputy

TRNC Parliamentary Spokesperson Zorlu Töre, Member of the Parliament Hamza Ersan Saner, EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Member of Parliament (Azerbaijan) Nagif Hamzayev, Azerbaijan Ministry of Diaspora, Zone III Department Assistant Director Ismayıl Ansarlı, and President of the Azerbaijan Slavic Youth Association Sabuhi Abbasov. At the end of the organisation, Prof. Dr. Tanova presented a plaque of appreciation to singer Arif.

### Visit of Courtesy to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam

Member of Azerbaijani Parliament Nagif Hamzayev and Azerbaijan Ministry of Diaspora, Zone III Department Assistant Director Ismayıl Ansarlı paid a visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office. Expressing their pleasure in visiting EMU, Azerbaijani officials received information from Prof. Dr. Osam on EMU. At the end of the visit during which Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova was also present, Prof. Dr. Osam presented the aforesaid officials traditional frames made of Lefkara lace.

## EMU ORGANISES LUNCH FOR STUDENTS WHO UNDERTOOK DUTIES IN 19 MAY ACTIVITIES



Activities organised by the Eastern and Application Center on the occasion of Mediterranean University Atatürk Research the 100th anniversary of 19 May came to

a close with a lunch organisation targeted towards the students who undertook duties in the activities. Having taken place with the participation of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, the said organisation was held at EMU Beach Club. Among notable names who were present at the event were EMU-ATAUM Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk, EMU-ATAUM Executive Board Members Prof. Dr. Turgut Turhan, Assist. Prof. Dr. İlke Çetin Akçay, Dr. Kenan Başaran and Senior Instructor Süheyla Göktürk. At the end of the organisation, students who contributed to the series of activities were presented certificates.



## “EMU HOSTS 2<sup>nd</sup> TRNC AMBULANCE RALLY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND FIRST AID SYMPOSIUM”



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences and Turkish Emergency Medicine Association organized the “2<sup>nd</sup> TRNC Ambulance Rally and Emergency Services First Aid Symposium”. The symposium commenced with an opening ceremony that took place at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 28 May 2019 with the support of the Paramedics Association and Cyprus Turkish Paramedics.

A moment of silence and the national anthem were followed by a musical recital from EMU Education Faculty, Department of Fine Arts Education Music Teaching Program academic staff and students.

Speaking during the opening ceremony, Tarık Balcı from the Paramedics Association stated that they are very happy to be here whilst highlighting that the second annual symposium has an even richer program than the first. Indicating that the Ambulance Rally which took place a day before was very successful, Balcı thanked everyone who participated in the event. Providing information about the goals of the Association Balcı relayed his belief that the symposium which is going to be attended by experts in their field will be very useful for students.

Balcı concluded by recommending that students follow the symposium carefully in order to obtain valuable information.

In a speech of his own, Prof. Dr. Cem Oktay from the Turkish Emergency Medicine Association expressed his happiness about being in EMU whilst thanking everyone involved in the organization of the symposium. Stating that he also attended last year’s symposium Prof. Dr. Oktay noted that this year’s event has a richer program than the previous year.

EMU Health Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç also thanked everyone who contributed to the organization of the symposium and provided information about the program. Indicating that she believes this year’s symposium will be just as useful as last year’s, Prof. Dr. Malkoç noted that the symposium will be comprised of 6 sessions. Continuing her speech to provide information about the Health Sciences Faculty Prof. Dr. Malkoç gave the good news that the Prosthesis and Orthosis Associate program has been approved by the Council of Higher Education and will commence in the new academic year. Following the opening speeches, Prof. Dr. Malkoç and EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof.

Dr. Nahide Gökçora moderated a panel titled “Emergency Health Services in the TRNC”. A presentation titled “State of Emergency Services in Hospitals” was delivered by Dr. Kenan Arifoğlu from the TRNC Dr. Burhan Nalbantoğlu State Hospital.

Presentations on “Trauma”, “First Approach to Trauma Patient”, “Nursing Approach in Trauma Patient”, “Communication in Emergency Health Services”, “Emergency Cases Panel 1”, “Approach to Dyspnea Patient” and “Approach to Stroke Patient” were also delivered throughout the day.

### Presentations Continued on Wednesday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2019

The symposium continued on Wednesday, 29 May 2019 with the following presentations: “Heart Attack”, “Diagnosis in Heart Attack”, “Treatment of Heart Attack”, “Emergency Cases Panel 2”, “What is Triage? How is it applied?” and “Approach to Sepsis Patient”. The symposium came to an end after an award ceremony took place.

### TRNC 2<sup>nd</sup> Ambulance Rally Took Place on 27 May

Within the scope of the symposium, at 9:00 a.m. on 27 May 2019, the 2<sup>nd</sup> TRNC Ambulance Rally was held at EMU Health Sciences Faculty. During the rally, paramedics competed against each other using their knowledge and intervention skills. In this competition, the teams walked to the stations placed at certain points on campus and intervened in the cases determined by the scenarios. The opening ceremony of the Ambulance Rally was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler.

### Courses Were Offered

In addition to the symposium, various courses were offered at the Faculty of Health Sciences. On 27 May 2019, Triage and TYD/İKYD, on 28 May 2019, EKG and vascular access through USG and on 29 May, patient carrying and stabilization courses were offered to the participants.

# GREAT ACHIEVEMENT FROM EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK MEDICINE FACULTY

First graduates of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty – Marmara University Joint Medicine Program have become the pride of EMU with their success in the Examination for Speciality in Medicine (TUS).

Having started its educational activities in 2012, EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty gave its first graduates in 2018. 9 of 22 students who came to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) from Turkey and different places of the world to study medicine in EMU sat for the aforesaid exam and 5 doctors obtained successful results. Hospitals and branches of the first term graduates are as follows: “Dr. Barış Sarı, Adana City Hospital- Orthopedics and Traumatology, Dr. Ayşe Hacılar, Dr. Burhan Nalbantoğlu State Hospital- Radiology, Dr. Çisem Çağdaşer, Gazi University Hospital- Internal Diseases, Dr. Zehra Boracı, Marmara University Pendik Education and Research Hospital– Emergency Medicine, Dr. Bahar Akıntuğ, Ankara Education and Research Hospital – Pediatric Diseases.

## “If I Were to Be Born Again, I Would Still Choose EMU”

Successful graduate Dr. Barış Sarı stated the following: “I studied at the Medicine Faculty between June 2012 and July 2018. During my studies, I was highly impressed with our faculty members’ warm approach towards us. Our Dean treating us like a family member and her relentless efforts have had positive effects

on my studies. As I also said in the graduation ceremony, if I were to be born again, I would still choose EMU. During my studies, I ran from polyclinic to polyclinic so that I do not become unsuccessful when treating patients. I did not allocate any special preparation time for TUS as I wanted to make the most of my internship period at the hospital.

On the other hand, TUS should not be undermined. Keep a balance of your internship practice and the time allocated for TUS preparation. I recommend that during your hospital internship period you discover your interest area and, at the same time, prepare for TUS. I also would like to remind you that all of us are still young. The most important point here is to value time and use it wisely. The rest will come to you. I am sure that everything will be perfect.”

## “An Interactive Educational Process”

Successful graduate Dr. Ayşe Hacılar said the following: “I started my studies in medicine in 2012 at EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty and the journey still continues. We completed the first three years at Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty. Although it was an intensive process in terms of studying, faculty members both at Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty and Marmara University provided interactive support for us. This interactive process taught us to have one-to-one contact with our instructors and, at the same time, develop interpersonal skills for our professional careers.

Seizing this opportunity, I thank all faculty members for their valuable support. When we went to Marmara University for clinical sciences in 2015, we all undertook active roles in the internship process and had a chance to better discover our areas of interest. The internship period during our 6th year was a tiring, at the same time, a satisfactory year. We were primarily examining patients, writing prescriptions and finalise our findings with assistant doctors and specialist doctors. During this period, I also had a chance to closely observe the working environment at the hospital. We established friendships at the hospital and at the same time learnt how to work as a team.

Due to the long working hours and shifts during the internship period, one may not allocate specific time for TUS preparation. Yet, the skills we gained during our internship period greatly help us with the clinical section in TUS. Taking this opportunity, I would like to thank my family, my instructors and friends for their support during this intense process. I hope we continue the journey together”

## “I Have Reached My Target”

Successful graduate Dr. Çisem Çağdaşer stated the following: “I started the faculty as one of the first group of student in 2012 and have had the pleasure of becoming one of the first graduates of the same faculty in 2018. Following my graduation, a more difficult process was awaiting for me, preparation for TUS. At the end of this most difficult period of



my life, I have passed the exam and reached my target by pursuing my internship at Gazi University Hospital Internal Diseases Department.”

## “I am Grateful to My Faculty”

Successful graduate Dr. Zehra Boracı stated the following “After studying at Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty for three years and another three years in Marmara University Medicine Faculty, I couldn’t decide on my speciality area. After a difficult and tiring process, it was difficult for me to decide on the assistantship studies. Due to the intensive study period of 6 years, we could not allocate any special time for studying for TUS examination. Yet, I believe that our final year played a great role in preparing us for the profession. I am currently in the 3rd month of my assistantship in the area of Emergency Medicine at Marmara University. I extend my gratitude to our dean and all faculty members for their continuous support”.

In a statement released, EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty congratulates all graduates on their success and wish them every success in their chosen fields and professional careers.



## THE 12<sup>TH</sup> EMU PSYCHOLOGY DAYS EVENT IS COMPLETED



Organized annually by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Arts and Sciences Faculty, Psychology Department in collaboration with EMU Psychology Students Club operating under the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate the 12th EMU Psychology Days took place in March this year. 7 valuable speakers from the country and abroad featured in the event which commenced with the opening speeches of EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu and Department of Psychology Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fatih Bayraktar. The 12th EMU Psychology Days event took place over two days and attracted great interest from students of Turkish universities invited to EMU as exchange students, academicians, psychologists and students from the TRNC.

### Valuable Presentations

The two-day event featured presentations from experts in English as well as Turkish. The presentations that took place during the event are as follows: Integrating of Psychotherapy in Sports – Galatasaray Sports Club Psychologist Mustafa Aydın, What Do Cognitive Psychologists and Cognitive Neuropsychologists Do? Have Are These Careers Achieved? -Middlesex University academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. İlhan Raman, LGBTI+ The Diversity of Colors – Queer Cyprus Association Expert Psychologist Ziba Sertbay, New Developments in Adult Clinical Psychology: Process-Based CBT and Importance of Evidence Based Interventions – Koç

University Senior Lecturer Dr. Ayşe Altan, Who Is A Forensic Psychologist? – İstanbul Gedik University academic staff member Asst. Prof. Dr. Dilek Çelik, Clinical Psychology: Dreams and Reality – YDY Education, Research and Consulting, Inc. Clinical Psychologist Ceyda Dedeoğlu, More Than a Dream: Recognition of Developmental Psychology in Cyprus – Bahçeşehir Cyprus University academic staff member Prof. Dr. Biran Mertan. A movie screening of the film “Inside Out” also took place under the moderation of Dr. Deniz Atalar and Asst. Prof. Dr. Burcu Kaya Kızıllöz. The 12th EMU Psychology Days came to an end with a cocktail that took place in the ASA Garden.

## GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR EMU TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT STUDENTS



As a result of the collaboration protocol signed between the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Virginia Tech University, which is widely regarded as one of the world's leading universities, EMU Tourism Faculty students have obtained the opportunity to continue their studies in the United States of America.

The agreement foresees that EMU Tourism Faculty students will study in the USA for a year after completing three years at EMU. Virginia Tech University's Tourism and Hospitality Management program is ranked third in the USA. Releasing a statement on the matter, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç highlighted the importance of international academic collaborations in terms of contribution to student development whilst emphasizing that they play a key role in the goal of internationalization.

### “Confidence in Quality of Education”

Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined that students who complete their first three years at EMU

Tourism Faculty will be able to continue their education in the USA indicating that students who wish to do so can continue to take postgraduate courses at Virginia Tech University. Noting that the agreement made is 3+1+1, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that the collaboration with Virginia Tech University, which is one of the leading universities in not just the USA but the world, is a sign of the confidence in the quality of education at EMU. Indicating that they are proud of this fact, Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by highlighting that students who complete their fourth year in the USA will gain important experience, vision and development without having to pay any extra fees.

## 9<sup>th</sup> IŞIK SAVAŞIR CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY SYMPOSIUM TOOK PLACE IN EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Psychology hosted the “9th Işık Savaşır Clinical Psychology Symposium” between the 24th and 26th of May, 2019. The symposium was held in Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. The symposium that was organized in cooperation with Turkish Psychologists Association and Turkish Cypriot Psychologists Association commenced on Friday, the 24th of May at 9 a.m. Speaking at the opening ceremony of the symposium, Turkish Psychologists Association President Assoc. Prof. Dr. Okan Cem Çırakoğlu stated: “We extend our gratitude to EMU for volunteering to host the symposium organized in memory of our very valuable teacher and scientist Prof. Dr. Işık Savaşır who contributed to the development of clinical psychology and set an example for everyone in the field. We believe that it will be a very fruitful and successful symposium with the participation of psychology students from Cyprus.”

### “We Are Combating So-Called Certification Programs”

Turkish Cypriot Psychologists Association President Expert Psychologist Refia Erosal stated: “Unfortunately our island which was synonymous with Aphrodite, love and beauty has been struggling with war, migration, trauma, missing people, identity and cultural

chaos for the last 50 years. Therefore, as mental health workers we have a great responsibility. In this regard the symposium is of great importance.” Meanwhile, EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Psychology Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fatih Bayraktar noted: “As the EMU Department of Psychology we are proud and honored to be hosting the 9th Işık Savaşır Clinical Psychology Symposium. The symposium is exemplary in terms of its substance and duration. We are combating so-called certificate and clinical psychology postgraduate programs that have no validity in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) as well as Turkey.”

### “We Are Proud to be Hosting the Symposium”

EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan stated: “We are proud to be hosting this important symposium that will feature 60 speakers who have carried out original work in the field of clinical psychology. With its multicultural and strong academic staff as well as the TRNC’s first and only laboratories of its kind, the EMU Department of Psychology is one of our faculty’s most popular departments. Graduates from our department whose program has been designed according to European Psychology Diploma and Council of Higher Education standards can easily get accepted for postgraduate programs in

some of the best American and European universities.”

### “We Are Setting an Example for Other Universities in Cyprus”

During his speech, EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova provided information about EMU: “EMU is an education institution, with over 18 thousand students from more than 100 countries and over 1000 members of academic staff from more than 30 different countries. According to Times Higher Education our university is in the 600-800 band of the world’s top 1000 universities. It is also in the top 200 amongst young universities that are no more than 50 years old. This year we will be celebrating our 40th year. Therefore, we are very happy to be hosting this symposium. EMU will always continue to set an example for other universities in Cyprus whilst doing what’s right and expressing that this is more effective.”

Around 60 presenters (mainly from Turkey) who conducted unique studies on clinical psychology delivered presentations during the 9th Işık Savaşır Clinical Psychology Symposium. The symposium came to an end on Sunday, the 26th of May 2019 with the simultaneous working groups of 3 different locations.



## EMU ARTS AND SCIENCES FACULTY VERIFIES ITS QUALITY ONCE AGAIN

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Arts and Sciences Faculty finished first in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) in terms of 2018 Web of Science indexed journal publications with a total of 94 publications. With 926 publications and 9184 citation indexes since its foundation in 1986 to 2018, EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty continues to be one of the leading faculties in the TRNC and Turkey. EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty provides education with 59 full-time members of academic staff. The average number of publications for academicians per year is 1.59 publications.



The following seven undergraduate programs are available at EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty: Actuarial Science (English), Mathematics and Computer Science (English), Molecular Biology and Genetics (English), Translation and Interpretation (English), Psychology (English and Turkish), Turkish Language and Literature (Turkish). The faculty also offers a General Psychology Master's program, Mathematics and Computer Science Master's and PhD programs, Physics Master's and PhD programs, Chemistry Master's and PhD programs and a Turkish Language and Literature Master's program. The Medical Biotechnology (non-thesis) Master's program will also be commencing in September 2019. This program was approved by the Council of Higher Education in 2019.

### Contributing to the Community and High Quality Education

In line with its vision and mission EMU featured in the 601-800 band of the Times Higher Education (THE) 2018 – 2019 World University Rankings as a result of its quality education and research potential. EMU was also given 5 stars by UK based higher education quality institution QS-Stars in Education and Opportunities. By featuring in the 501-600 band of the Times Higher

Education Rankings the EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty, Departments of Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biological Sciences led to EMU placing third amongst Turkish universities in "Physics and Astronomy", "Chemistry" and "Mathematics and Statistics". In addition, EMU featured in Nature Index 2018, therefore featuring on the list for the third year in a row. The Department of Physics and Biological Sciences played a big role in this achievement. The Biological Sciences Department of our Faculty played a big role in the academic collaboration between Oxford University and the Eastern Mediterranean University for a project concerning women's health in the TRNC.

### Making a Difference with their Top Quality Laboratories

The Faculty's Physics 1, Physics 2, Translation and Interpretation and Mathematics Research Laboratories which were established in the last two years are demonstrative of the importance shown to research and quality. EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Özarslan stated that the Faculty also has General Chemistry, General Biology, Molecular Biology and Genetics, Psychobiology, Cognitive Behavior, Physicochemistry, Instrumental

Analysis, Organic Chemistry, Photovoltaic, Thin Film Metrology and Computer laboratories for researchers to study and carry out experiments.

International Memberships and Accreditation The Mathematics Department operating under the EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty is a member of the American Mathematical Society (AMS). The Molecular Biology and Genetics undergraduate program is accredited by Germany-based AHPGS until 2020 and the English language Psychology Program is accredited by the Turkish Psychological Association until the end of May 2021

### Organizing Scientific Events

EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Özarslan stated that numerous events have been organized in the 2018-2019 Academic Year for students to further develop themselves and obtain information about what they can do after graduation from experts in the field. In addition the 9th Işık Savaşır Clinical Psychology Symposium and the 12th Psychology Days events were organized by the Department of Psychology. The 4th Molecular Biology and Genetics Career Day and the 2019 DNA Day Genome Re-arrangement Student Seminars were arranged by the Department of Biological Sciences. Other important symposiums and events include the 2nd Department of Physics, Physics Days, the Mathematics Department's 25th High Schools Mathematics Competition and the Department of Translation and Interpretation's 8th Documentary Translation Days and 11th Silver Screen Days.

Prof. Dr. Özarslan stated that graduates can be accepted for postgraduate and doctorate programs at some of the world's leading universities as a result of the faculty's top resources, high standards and quality education. Graduates can also easily find jobs in competitive work environments.

# EMU TOURISM FACULTY HOSTS VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS COMPETITION



The tourism branch of the annual Vocational High Schools Competition was sponsored by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU).

During the competition which took place at the EMU Faculty of Tourism Application Kitchens and Tower Bar, vocational high school students competed in “Local Cuisine” and “Basket” categories in the cuisine branch of the competition and the “Cocktail” and “Housekeeping” categories in the service branch of the competition.

Students from the Karpaz Vocational High School, Haydarpaşa Business High School, Güzeyurt Vocational High School and Famagusta Vocational High School attended the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of Education and Culture’s Vocational Technical Education Department organized competition. A total

of 42 students participated in the event, 14 competing in the local cuisine category, 12 in the basket category, 4 in the service category and 12 in the cocktail category. The jury of the basket category was comprised of Ayhan Aşçıoğlu, Gökhan Mutlu, Esat Kastanbollu, Gökhan Özdemir, Kurtuluş Özbaşar, Pınar Barut, Ali Damdelen, Aytaç Yıldırım, Barbaros Alta, Nafiya Güden and Erhun Ekşici. The jury of the local cuisine category was comprised of Selim Yeşilpınar, Mustafa Şah, Mine Adalier, Münevver Gürel and Zihni Türksel. The jury of the cocktail category included Salih Doğrusöz, Orhan Uludağ, Tahir Taşlı and Hüseyin Mirillo whilst the jury of the service category included Serdar Oktay, Hüseyin Bozdağlar and Koral Karamanoğlu. Finally, the housekeeping category jury was constituted by Nesrin Menemenci, Nazmi Buldanlıoğlu, Rüchan Kayaman and Ömür Can.

## “Today’s Most Exciting Occupation”

TRNC Ministry of Education and Culture, Vocational Technical Education Department Associate Director Gülşen Hocaanın stated that they set rules used in international competitions with the aim of students being prepared to participate in such competitions. Mustafa Şah, the first name that comes to mind regarding culinary arts in the TRNC stated that students increased their experience and creativity with this competition that showcased what they can create. EMU Faculty of Tourism Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç indicated that they are very happy to see what the students have produced whilst wishing students



interested in pursuing a career in cuisine or gastronomy the best of luck. Highlighting that new hotels in the TRNC are providing new job opportunities for people in the field Prof. Dr. Kılıç described cuisine and gastronomy as fields which are important today and will be important in the future.

During interviews for EMU TV, the high school students stated that they were impressed with the competition as well the resources and facilities provided by the EMU Faculty of Tourism. Indicating that they gave their all during the competition, the students also provided advice for younger students who might be interested in selecting this profession. Highlighting that they must enjoy what they do, the students also underlined the importance of creativity. An award ceremony for all branches of the competition will be held on the 31st of May 2019 in Nicosia.

## RECYCLED MATERIALS EXHIBITED AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Education Faculty, Department of Special Education academic staff member Dr. Rahme Uygarer and her students recently held the “3rd Recycled Materials for Individuals with Special Needs Exhibition”

at the CL Building within the scope of the instructional technology and material design for “Special Children” class. Waste materials were used in the instructional exhibition in order to raise awareness about recycling.





## CHILDREN'S RIGHTS WITH DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS PANEL TAKES PLACE AT EMU



The “Children’s Rights with Different Dimensions” panel took place at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) as a result of the collaboration of the Law Club and Children’s Rights Club. EMU Board of Trustees President Boysan Boyra attended the panel which took place at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall as a speaker.

Speaking during the opening of the event which attracted a great deal of interest,

EMU Faculty of Law Dean Prof. Dr. Metin Gürkanlar stated: “Children are extremely important, they are our everything, they are our future. Therefore we need to ask if we are cherishing them or treating them correctly”. Emphasizing that it mustn’t be forgotten that children are people who are yet to complete their development, Prof. Dr. Gürkanlar also expressed his opinions regarding what opportunities and legal rights should be provided to children.

Expressing that the healthy development of children isn’t just the responsibility of parents Prof. Dr. Gürkanlar highlighted that the state also has an important role to play in this regard.

Following the opening speeches, presentations were delivered by Hacettepe Medicine Faculty academic staff member Prof. Dr. Orhan Derman (Steps of Child Development), EMU Board of Trustees President Boysan Boyra (Juvenile Justice System in the TRNC) and Judge Gökten Koçoğlu (Approaches to Children in Turkey’s Jurisdiction) under the moderation of EMU Faculty of Law academic staff member Prof. Dr. Turgut Turhan

The second session commenced at 14:30. Presentations were delivered by Retired Judge Özcan Güven (Execution of Law Specifically for Children), Lawyer Şahin Antakyalıoğlu (Child Protection System in Turkey) and Social Services Specialist Zeynep Mutlu (Children and Social Services).

## “COLOR FEST” TAKES PLACE AT EMU



The 24th Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Spring Festival included “Color Fest”, a festival known as the most colorful festival in world. Color Fest took

place on Sunday, the 19th of May 2019. The event which took place at the EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium gave students the opportunity to enjoy music from a selection of DJs. Participated by crowded groups

of students, the event offered a dream like atmosphere, thanks to the unique combination of music and color. When different colors of paint were thrown into the air, a colorful sight was there to behold for all attending the event. The event went on into the late hours of the night, and also included dance performances alongside the previously mentioned DJ performances.

### What is Color Fest?

In India Color Fest is known as the ‘festival of colors’ and it marks the transition from winter to spring, as well as the victory of good over evil. This event takes place in the Hindu festival Holi which is attended by thousands of people each year.

## EMU REWARDS SUCCESSFUL ATHLETES

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Sports Affairs Directorate organized an award ceremony for its successful athletes and coaches at the EMU Beach Club. The award ceremony commenced at 19:00, on Thursday, the 23rd of May 2019. Attendance was high at the event organized to honor the success of athletes and coaches at university sports championships organized in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and Turkey.

### 9 Special Awards, 26 Awards for Coaches

On the award night EMU's Olympic athlete Ese Brume (200 Meters and Long Jump Turkish Universities Champion / Turkish Universities Women's Long Jump Record Holder), EMU Chess Team

(Turkish Universities Champions), EMU Men's Tennis Team (Turkey Universities League 1 Champion), EMU Women's Football Tennis Team (Turkish Universities 2. Place), EMU Billiards Team (Turkish Universities 2. Place), Adem Çavuşoğlu (TRNC Men's Javelin Throw Record Holder), EMU Men's Futsal Team (First Turkish Cypriot Football Federation Futsal League Champion), EMU Men's Volleyball Team (TRNC University Champions for 21 consecutive years), EMU Women's Swimming Team (TRNC University Champions) and all successful coaches were presented awards by EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu and Student Affairs Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Derviş Subaşı. In addition coaches were presented plaques by EMU Sports Affairs Director



Cemal Konnolu. EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu, Student Affairs Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Derviş Subaşı and Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu were presented plaques by EMU Sports Affairs Directorate personnel after being selected as "trio of the year" for their contributions to sport. 9 special awards were presented on the night. 26 awards were presented to coaches.

### This Week's Academic Publications

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