

COLLABORATION PROTOROL SIGNED BETWEEN EMU AND TRNC MINISTRY OF FINANCE



A collaboration protocol between Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and TRNC Ministry of Finance has been signed. The protocol was signed by TRNC Minister of Finance Olgun Amcaoglu and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam during

a press conference and lunch organized on the 24th of July, 2019 at 12:00 at L'Apprenti Restaurant. The protocol ceremony was attended by TRNC Minister of National Education and Culture Nazım Çavuşoğlu, TRNC Ministry of Finance Undersecretary

Özdemir Kalkanlı, Principal Clerk Ufuk Soğur, TRNC Ministry of National Education and Culture Principal Clerk Mehmet Faruk, UBP (National Unity Party) Parliament member Resmiye Canaltay, EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, Board of Trustees members Lawyer Cevat Rıza, Ersun Kutup, Halil İbrahim Orun, Hicran B. Fırat, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural, Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler, Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı and Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu, EMU Public Relations and Press Office Director Murat Aktuğralı and Accounting Office Director Ahmet Tahsiner.

Financial obligations between TRNC Ministry of Finance and EMU are to be restructured with the recently signed protocol. EMU's tax debts dating from 2010 until today have been relieved by being paid. On the other hand, EMU's debts dating from the institutions establishment until 2010 will be reevaluated and restructured.

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During the first speech delivered at the said protocol signing ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that EMU has always kept its relations with the state and the government pre-eminently and added that, the protocol ceremony represented a special day for EMU. By saying that EMU has effectively resolved the issues regarding its financial obligation with the help of the government, Rector Prof. Dr. Osam ended

his speech with the words; “As of today, we are 5 times relieved and we are carrying on the path by accelerating our speed”. TRNC Minister of National Education and Culture Nazım Çavuşoğlu also delivered a speech during the ceremony. Çavuşoğlu stated that as the new government, their vision is to take the “universities island” mission further. He also added that Ministry of Finance had made an extension on resolving

EMU’s long-discussed problem. Minister Çavuşoğlu touched on Ministry of National Education and Culture’s 2019 – 2020 goals by expressing that the ministry has initiated endeavors in order to realize its objectives. Ministry of National Education and Culture signed a protocol with the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) and Çavuşoğlu mentioned that with this protocol with YÖK, they have managed to propose resolution suggestions for the universities’ problems.

Following Çavuşoğlu, TRNC Minister of Finance Olgun Amcaoğlu addressed the fact on EMU being the first university in the island to provide higher education and, continued his words by saying that the Ministry disapproves of the obstacles towards the improvements on EMU’s unsolved issue. Stating that the first step towards the resolution of the problem was taken by EMU, Amcaoğlu said that the problem was resolved with four different steps taken by the Ministry of Finance. Minister Amcaoğlu ended his speech by mentioning that the Ministry of National Education and Culture as well as Ministry of Finance has always fulfilled their obligations regarding EMU.

SOMALIA’S MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE VISITS EMU WITH HIS COMMITTEE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) recently hosted Somalia’s Minister of Agriculture Dr. Said Hüseyin and his committee. EMU is a university that attracts many Somali students including the two children of Somalia’s Minister of Youth and Sports Khadijo Mohamed Diriye. EMU continues to be an appeal to students from all around the globe as a result of its educational and social achievements. In addition to Somalia’s Minister of Agriculture Dr. Said Hüseyin the committee that visited EMU included Ankara’s Somali Ambassador Jama Abed Ellahi Mohamed, Somali Education Attaché Abdülaziz Abdurrahman and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of National Education Supervisor Ahmet Simitçioğlu.

“Somali Students are Happy at EMU”

The meeting took place in the office of EMU’s Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç



Zorlu Oğurlu at 17:00, on Thursday, the 18th of July, 2019. EMU Vice Rector for Financial Affairs Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural, Registrar’s Office Director Hüseyin Ünsal Yetiner and International Student Affairs Coordinator Ahmed Kasım Abdillahi were also present at the said meeting during which Somalia’s Minister of Agriculture Dr. Said Hüseyin

stated that Somali students are very happy at EMU. Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu highlighted that student satisfaction is one of the university’s biggest priorities. The meeting came to an end with Prof. Dr. Oğurlu presenting gifts to the committee and the committee members embarking on a tour of the university.

PASSING OF THE TORCH AT EMU BOARD OF TRUSTEES



The new members of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Board of Trustees were inaugurated on Monday, the 22nd of July, 2019. A Handover Ceremony took place at 12:00 at EMU Rector's Office, Board of Trustees Meeting Room with the participation of former and new members. Speaking at the ceremony, former EMU

Board of Trustees President Boysan Boyra stated: "As is known, the quadruple coalition which made up the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus's 22nd Government collapsed approximately two months ago. The newly appointed president and members of our Board of Trustees have been approved by our President and published

in the Official Gazette. I would like to wish the new president and members the best of luck in their positions whilst indicating my belief that they will show great effort to ensure that our institution continues to develop."

"We Always Complied With Legislation"

Indicating that his reign as the Board of Trustees President lasted for approximately 14 months Boysan Boyra stated: "It is my belief that during our time in office we worked hard to make positive contributions to EMU which is one of the most important institutions of the country. We made decisions to help the sustainability of the improving university budget. During our time in office, we valued neutrality and were positive about new initiatives that will help our university. We always complied with legislation. We were against partisanship and acting based on personal interest. EMU is a praiseworthy institution of the TRNC in terms of its institutional, administrative and academic structure, education principles as well as national and international achievements. Therefore I am very proud to have held this important position. I would like to thank the Board of Trustees members, Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, our teammates and EMU personnel for their outstanding support during my time as president."

"We Are Going To Carry EMU Forward"

New EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk indicated that they are proud as a result of being passed the

torch at this flagship institution. Thanking the former president and members of the Board of Trustees for the work they carried out during their time in office, Özçenk emphasized that individuals are temporary but institutions are forever. Özçenk concluded by indicating that they will take all of the necessary steps to represent the university in the best way possible and by vowing to carry EMU forward.

A meal took place after the speeches and was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu, Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Naciye Dorath and Vice Rector for Financial Affairs Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural in addition to new and former members of EMU Board of Trustees. At the end of the meal, former EMU Board of Trustees President Boysan Boyra was presented a 40th Year Plate by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. Plates were also presented to former Board of Trustees Members Server Erozan, A. Hayri Orçan and Saffet Mehmetaliogulları by Boysan Boyra.

New Management

The new management of the EMU Board of Trustees is comprised of the following names: Dr. Erdal Özçenk (President), Dr. Hamit Bakırcı (Member), Halil İbrahim Orun (Member), Ersun Kutup (Member), Asst. Prof. Dr. Hicran B. Fırat (Member), Cevat Rıza (Member), Gülsün Korun (Member), Prof. Dr. M. Emin Arat (Member) and Prof. Dr. A. Haluk Özen (Member).

EMU-SCT IS UNDERGOING FIBAA ACCREDITATION



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) School of Computing and Technology's, Accounting and Taxation Applications and, Medical Documentation and Office Management associate programs are undergoing Germany based FIBAA (The Foundation for International Business Administration Accreditation) accreditation in order for their current quality certificates to be renewed. EMU-SCT Director Asst. Prof. Dr. Nazife Dimililer indicated that all of their associate, undergraduate and postgraduate

programs are accredited by the TRNC's Higher Education Planning, Accreditation and Coordination Council as well as Turkey's Council of Higher Education. Asst. Prof. Dr. Dimililer also added that all of their programs have quality certificates from well-known European accreditation institutions, stating that this is indicative of EMU-SCT's global standard of education.

Asst. Prof. Dr. Dimililer went on to state that their greatest goal is to continue and

increase the appreciation they receive in the scientific and business world as a result of the expert personnel they raise. Asst. Prof. Dr. Dimililer expressed that their aim is also for the programs and course content of EMU-SCT to be followed globally.

Describing accreditation as a difficult process during which inspection is carried out by a third party in the light of standard and content, Asst. Prof. Dr. Dimililer noted that all EMU-SCT programs have accreditations that are valid in 28 European Union countries.

Stating that accreditations are indicative of quality education, Asst. Prof. Dr. Dimililer once again underlined that they greatly value accreditations. Asst. Prof. Dr. Dimililer concluded by thanking EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and EMU management, former EMU-SCT Director Prof. Dr. Mustafa İlkan, Assistant Director Candaş Özerek and the EMU-SCT family for their support during accreditation processes.

EMU IS PARTICIPATING IN AN ART PROJECT THAT JOINS THE EAST AND THE WEST

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication, Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design is participating in an art project titled "Daily News Project 4". The Department also successfully represented North Cyprus in the previous stages of the project.

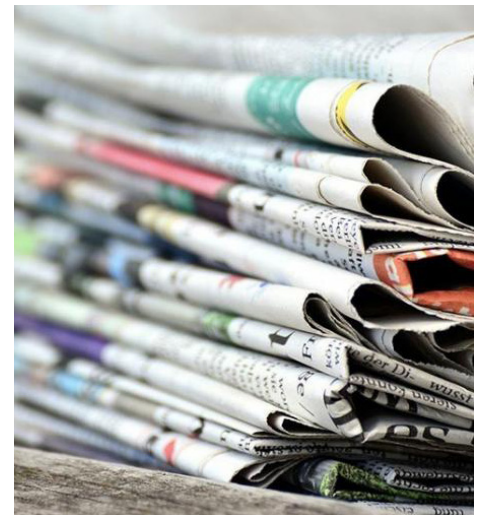
8 Participating Universities

A total of 8 universities are participating in the project (four universities from the east and four from the west). The west is being represented by universities from Poland, Romania, Bulgaria and North Cyprus whilst the east being represented by universities from China and India. The participating universities obtain 15 copies of the cover page of a daily newspaper from their country. Each university selects a project leader. The

leaders then indicate 5 participants – artists from their communities. Newspapers from the East are sent to leaders from the West and vice versa. The leaders and participants then carry out original, artistic commentary on the cover pages. Using different perspectives, this project emphasizes the fact that daily news cannot be ignored.

The Artwork Will Be Exhibited in 6 Different Countries

All techniques can be applied to the newspaper cover pages. The deadline for sending work is the 15th of October, 2019. The curator and special guest of the project is Prof. Martin R. Baeyens from Belgium. The editing coordinator is Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kryszttof Marek Bak from Poland's Silesia University. The artwork that emerges from the project will



be exhibited in Poland's Cieszyn University gallery and the galleries of other universities. EMU will be represented by Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Department Chair Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu, Vice Chair Asst. Prof. Dr. Fırat Tüzünkan and Senior Instructors Shahriyar Mirzaalikhani, Marjan Khajavi, Hare Eminoğlu and Naz Atun.

TWO NEW UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS AT EMU FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) continues to grow by launching new programs that are to start student admissions in 2019 – 2020 Academic Year Fall Semester. The Higher Education Planning, Accreditation and Coordination Council (YÖDAK) and Turkish Republic Council of Higher Education (YÖK) approved New Media and Journalism Undergraduate English and Turkish medium programs of the Faculty of Communication, Department of New Media and Journalism which will start student admissions in the upcoming academic semester.

4 Year Programs

New Media and Journalism Undergraduate Program involves a training of 4-years. The main aim of the program is to educate its students, the future journalists, to be individuals who own professional ethic values, are endowed with the sense of social responsibility, are advocates for freedom of press and expression, have the skills necessary to analyze social, economic, cultural and political issues and,

have qualified knowledge. The courses delivered with the aim stated above include practical as well as theoretical education.

Privileged Graduates

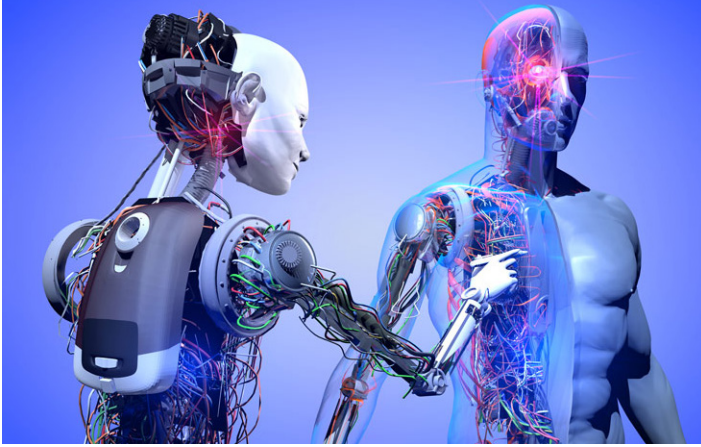
The Media Centre established within the scope of the university provides students with the opportunity to gain experience of preparing news for more than one medium as to get ready for the flexibility and holism required in today's journalism environment. The students are able to convert their knowledge, which they have gained during courses, into practical experience at Gündem Newspaper, GündemNet, Radio EMU and EMU TV. Students can also familiarize themselves with different cultures as a result of academic staff members and fellow students that arrived at the university from different countries and academic traditions. In this multicultural environment, students not only prepare for a profession that requires great ethical responsibility but also gain the opportunity to open up to the world after graduation. Traditional approaches towards journalism

have been changing with the latest developments in technology. Keeping this in mind, the department constantly upgrades its curriculum and makes it more feasible for the students' expectations. For example, Desktop Publishing and Online Journalism are two courses which require students to use the latest technology.

Career Opportunities

As a result of the courses delivered by expert members of academic staff, students can prepare for their futures in the best way possible. Graduates of the Department can find jobs such as news correspondents, sport journalists, photo-journalists, page editors, photo editors, editors in chief, news editors and news coordinators. They can be responsible for tabloid news, sports, foreign news or economics. Graduates can also work in a variety of positions at radio and television channels, newspaper representative offices and for online journalism companies.

EMU BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING PROGRAM SOON TO START STUDENT ADMISSIONS



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and Electronic Engineering, Biomedical Engineering Undergraduate Program (English - medium) is going to start providing training in the following academic semester. Being a multidisciplinary program that applies engineering principles in biology and health service sectors, Biomedical Engineering program is being developed in coordination with the departments of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Biological Sciences, Mat-

hematics, Physics and Chemistry and, Health Sciences and Medicine Faculties.

Global Graduates

Biomedical Engineering is a state-of-the-art interdisciplinary program which provides a common platform for cooperation between engineering, natural sciences and medical sciences. Within this context, electrical, electronic, computer and mechanical engineers are working in collaboration with physiotherapists, biologists, doctors and pharmacists in order to provide a healthier future for the humanity. During the 4-year training period, Biomedical Engineering program goal is to create world-class graduates to meet the 21st century needs of biomedical-related industries focused on patient care via medical devices and pharmaceuticals, as well as government and private consulting practice – all

founded on a strong science and engineering education.

Career Opportunities

With an aging population, and diseases such as diabetes and obesity on the rise, our society is facing new challenges in health and well-being every day. Biomedical Engineering plays a pivotal role in developing solutions. There are countless opportunities for biomedical engineers to make a difference in our world and work in a wide range of application areas, including: biomedical data analysis, biomedical image analysis and pattern recognition, medical device product design, manufacturing, testing and management, simulation and modeling of diseases and biological systems, healthcare regulations, design and engineering of sports equipment and testing and finally, research and development in medical devices and instrumentation.

NEZİRE İNCE BECOMES THE FIRST GRADUATE OF EMU'S HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY PHD PROGRAM

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Health Sciences Faculty is proud to have graduated its first PhD student (Nezire İnce from the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics). İnce

successfully completed her thesis titled "Investigating the Relationship between Conformity to Mediterranean Diet and Cognitive Performance Amongst Individuals Living in the Turkish Republic of Northern

Cyprus Aged 50 or Above". İnce's thesis supervisor was EMU Department of Nutrition and Dietetics academic staff member and EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler.

Faculty academic staff member Prof. Dr. Funda Elmicioğlu, Cyprus International University academic staff member Dr. Seyit M. Mercanlıgil, EMU Health Sciences Faculty, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics academic staff member / EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler and EMU Health Sciences Faculty Vice Dean Asst. Prof. Dr. Seray Kabaran. Nezire İnce successfully completed her defense to become the faculty's first PhD graduate.



The jury members at İnce's thesis defense which took place at the EMU Health Sciences Faculty SBF Meeting Room at 10:00 on the 24th of July 2019 were Başkent University Health Sciences Faculty academic staff member Gül Kızıltan, İstinye University Health Sciences

EMU ARCHITECTURE DEPARTMENT STUDENTS CARRY OUT DESIGN / IMPLEMENT PROJECT



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture, Architecture Department students carried out a Design / Implement project within the scope of their summer internship as a result of a collaboration between Yeniboğaziçi Municipality and the Union of the Chambers of Cyprus Turkish Engineers and Architects. The project was carried out with students and academic staff members from the Architecture Department of Turkey's MEF University. The public interest project was developed to meet the requirements of Yeniboğaziçi Municipality Public Beach. The project featured a kiosk, semi-enclosed space, lifeguard tower, beach beds, hammocks and seating units.

Yeniboğaziçi Mayor Mustafa Zurnacılar, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu, Faculty of Architecture Dean Özgür Dinçyürek and Architecture Department Chair Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alpar Atun attended the closing event of the project where they obtained the opportunity to closely examine the designs. Many students and academic personnel were also present at the highly attended event.

This Week's Academic Publications
Source: *Web of Science*

Faculty of Business & Economics

Glenn P., Jenkins Hope Amala Anyabolu, and Pejman Bahramian. "Family decision-making for educational expenditure: new evidence from survey data for Nigeria." *Applied Economics* (2019): Early Access.

School of Computing and Technology

Duygu Çelik Ertuğrul, and **Ali Hakan Ulusoy.** "Development of a knowledge-based medical expert system to infer supportive treatment suggestions for pediatric patients." *ETRI Journal*.(2019) Early Access.

Faculty of Engineering

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Mazyar Ghadiri Nejad, Hüseyin Güden, and Béla Vizvári. "Time minimization in flexible robotic cells considering intermediate input buffers: a comparative study of three well-known problems." *International Journal of Computer Integrated Manufacturing* (2019): Early Access.

Faculty of Architecture

Parastoo Pourvahidi, and **Polat Hancer.** "Scrutinizing Solar Gain and Ventilation in Traditional Iranian Architecture Based on Graph Theory and Matrix Analysis." *Sustainability* 11, no. 12 (2019): 3296.

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

S. Habib Mazharimousavi and Mustafa Halilsoy. "Einstein-non-linear Maxwell-Yukawa black hole." *International Journal of Modern Physics D* 28, no.9 (2019).

Faculty of Health Sciences

Guray Koç, **Gulin Morkavuk,** **Efdal Akkaya,** **Omer Karadas,** **Alev Leventoglu,** **Bulent Unay,** and **Zeki Gokcil.** "Latencies to first interictal epileptiform discharges in different seizure types during video-EEG monitoring." *Seizure* 69 (2019): 235-240.

EMU-FLEPS HOLDS A CHARITY BAZAAR



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (FLEPS) held a charity bazaar with the participation of both academic staff members and students within the scope of the 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Spring Semester Social Responsibility Projects. The proceeds of the charity event were presented to 'Help Those with Cancer Association' regional representatives Yıldız Yaman and Erhan Yaman by EMU-FLEPS Director Asst. Prof. Dr. Ramadan Eyyam.

EMU-FLEPS Assistant Director for Student and Administrative Affairs Senior Instructor İpek Meneviş, Assistant Director for Academic Affairs Senior Instructor Emete Kaptan Mavili, Social Responsibility Projects Team Leader Senior Instructor Mehşen Ercanlar and Administrative Officer Ercan Ercanlar were also present at the presentation ceremony. At the end of the event, FLEPS administration were presented plaques of appreciation and flowers by the 'Help Those with Cancer Association'.



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