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Doğu Akdeniz Üniversitesi (DAÜ) 2018-2019 Akademik Yılı Bahar Dönemi Mezuniyet Töreni, 2 Temmuz 2019 Salı günü, saat 19:00'da, DAÜ Yasin Düşüner Stadyumu'nda gerçekleştirildi. 51 farklı ülkeden 2 bin 123 ön lisans ve lisans mezununun diplomalarına kavuştuğu mezuniyet töreni, yoğun katılım ile gerçekleştirildi. Mezuniyet töreni, DAÜ TV aracılığıyla tüm dünyadan canlı olarak izlendi. Her geçen yıl mezun sayısını artıran ve 40. yılını kutlayan DAÜ'nün, 2018-2019 Akademik Yılı Bahar Dönemi'nde verdiği mezunlar ile toplam mezun sayısı 60 bin'e yaklaşmış oldu. Tören aynı zamanda BRT Yaşam, Kıbrıs Genç TV, Ada TV ve Kıbrıs TV'den de canlı olarak da yayınlandı.

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Yeldener, EMU Board of Trustees President Boysan Boyra, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Famagusta Mayor İsmail Arter, Representative of the Nigerian Embassy in Ankara Ahmed Monguno, TRNC Doha Representative Tayseer Al-Shanableh, Bologna University Representative and Law Faculty Dean Dr. Luca Mezzetti, international university representatives, government officials, vice rectors, deans, senate members, academic and administrative staff and graduate families.

The ceremony commenced with a moment of silence and the Turkish national anthem after the graduates took their places in the stadium. Then student speeches were delivered on behalf of graduates and a symbolic tree planting ceremony took place.



Attended By Many Important Figures

The graduation ceremony was attended by Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) President Mustafa Akıncı and his wife Meral Akıncı, TRNC Prime Minister Ersin Tatar, Republic of Turkey Ambassador to Nicosia Ali Murat Başçeri, TRNC Minister of National Education and Culture Nazım Çavuşoğlu, TRNC Minister of Finance Olgun Amcaoğlu, TRNC Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources Dursun Oğuz, CTP Member of Parliament Erkut Şahali, UBP Member of Parliament Oğuzhan Hasipoğlu, UBP Member of Parliament Resmiye Canaltay, UBP Member of Parliament Aytaç Çaluda, HP Member of Parliament Mesut Genç, Prime Ministry Undersecretary Suat

"You Received Top Quality Education"

Delivering the opening speech of the ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam indicated his belief that graduates will have successful careers as a result of the top quality education they have received during their studies in EMU. Prof. Dr. Osam stated that the graduates have learned to protect local and universal values, to appreciate fellow human beings, to share, to overcome obstacles together, to value the lives of all living creatures, to respect rights and law, different cultures, religions, beliefs and traditions as well as to see every difference as the beauty of the universe during their time in the TRNC.

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TRNC Minister of National Education and Culture Nazım Çavuşoğlu stated: “We are proud to be at the graduation ceremony taking place during the 40th year of our university which we see as the apple of our eye. What you have learned at EMU which was established 40 years ago by people of our country and is currently a world renowned university is of top importance. We are working to ensure that TRNC meets its new goal of 150 thousand students after the previous goal of 100 thousand students has been reached.”



“I Believe That You Will Be Successful”

During his speech, TRNC Prime Minister Ersin Tatar stated: “I graduated exactly 40 years ago. You will serve the humanity, your country and the world. I sincerely believe that you will be successful. I would also like to thank your families. You are where you are today as a result of their sacrifices. May the quality education you received at this great university bring you good fortune. I wish you a good future during which you will serve humanity with high ideals.”

“I Wish You the Best of Luck in Your Future Lives”

During a speech of his own, TRNC President Mustafa Akıncı stated that he is excited to be attending the ceremony: “I would like to wish the best of luck to you the graduates of this distinguished university that has reached its 40th year. You have learned Atatürk’s principles. The most important principle is ‘peace at home, peace in the



world’. Therefore wherever you may go, contribute to peace, tranquility democracy and human rights. This is my biggest piece of advice to you. I wish you the best of luck in your future lives.”

After the opening speeches, top ranking students in their faculties and departments were presented their diplomas and awards. EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine students took their Hippocratic Oath with Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora. The ceremony came to an end with a concert by popular Turkish singer Mehmet Erdem.



EMU AWARDS DIPLOMAS TO THE GRADUATES OF DOCTORAL AND MASTER'S PROGRAMS



Eastern Mediterranean University 2018-2019 Academic Year Spring Semester Postgraduate Graduation Ceremony took place at Rauf Raif Denктаş Culture and Congress Center at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, 1 July 2019. The ceremony could be viewed worldwide via EMU TV's online broadcast. With over 20,000 students from 106 different countries, EMU is a locomotive institution of higher education that combines academic, social and cultural life. Living the excitement of graduating approximately 2,600 students in the Spring Semester of the present Academic Year, EMU continues to pay special attention to the organization of graduation week activities.

Representatives of the Nigerian Embassy in Ankara Ahmed Mohammed Monguno and Augustine Uche-Chukwu, Bologna

University Rector's Representative and Faculty of Law Dean Prof. Dr. Luca Mezzetti, Higher Education Planning, Accreditation and Coordination Council Board Member Hasret Balcioğlu, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Cyprus Social Sciences University Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer, Institute of Graduate Studies and Research Director (a.) Prof. Dr. Ali Hakan Ulusoy, Vice Rectors, Deans, Department Chairs, academic staff members and over 450 postgraduate students and their families were present at the ceremony.

Emotional Moments

The ceremony commenced with the entrance of the 2018-2019 Academic Year Spring Semester graduates who entered the hall with music and a standing applause from parents and academicians who witnessed an

emotional moment. The ceremony continued with a moment of silence and the national anthem followed by a classical music performance by EMU Education Faculty, Music Teaching Program students Burcu Ankel (violin) and Zehra Türkseven (piano). After the musical performance EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Turkish Language and Literature Master's Program graduate Ayşe Güner delivered a speech on behalf of the 2018-2019 Academic Year Spring Semester graduates.

"We will not Act Like Robots"

Expressing her honor and pride in graduating from the most prominent university of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Güner put forth that studying at a master's program is a long journey which requires hard work and added that the graduates will contribute to the humanity and science. Güner also promised that in the age of human-like robots, they will not act like robots as teacher candidates for future generations.

Delivering a speech on behalf of the 2018-2019 Academic Year Spring Semester graduates of doctoral programs, Business and Economics Faculty, Finance Department, PhD. program graduate Alexander Zabolotkov stated that EMU is one of the best universities of the world. Zabolotkov also thanked all participating families, academic staff and his fellow graduates for sharing their happiness on this meaningful day.

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Prof. Dr. Osam Addressed Graduates

Addressing the graduates, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam extended his congratulations to all graduates. Also conveying his appreciation towards thesis supervisors and academic staff for their selfless contributions towards the success of the graduates, Prof. Dr. Osam also added that the valuable support and contributions of families in this process play an important role in the graduates' achievements. Addressing the graduates, Prof. Dr. Osam said "Today, you have reached a certain level and intensity of thoughts in your chosen fields. These qualities will take you further and enhance your inquisition skills".

Stating that on its 40th anniversary, EMU's flower of science has become stronger, presenting the world its scientific outcomes, Prof. Dr. Osam, stated that EMU's place in the world rankings during the last three years, its research and field-oriented degrees deserve commendation.

The 2018-2019 Academic Year Spring Semester Graduation Ceremony for Postgraduate Programs continued with the awarding of diplomas to the graduates of doctoral programs. During the ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam also presented plaques of appreciation to thesis supervisors and co-supervisors. Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, who is also a thesis supervisor himself, was also presented a plaque by the Higher Education Planning, Accreditation and Coordination Council Board Member Hasret Balcıoğlu. Bologna University Rector's Representative and Faculty of Law Dean Prof. Dr. Luca Mezzetti presented diplomas to the graduates of EMU - Bologna University "Comparative Law" Joint Master's Program. Following the presentation of diplomas to the graduates of master's program, the ceremony ended as EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam counted down from ten and the graduates tossed their caps in the air.



2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR GRADUATES BID FAREWELL TO THE CITY WITH A TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Semester graduates bid farewell to the 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Spring city with a Torchlight Procession which

took place at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, 28 June 2019. Approximately 2,600 graduates were present at the traditional Graduation Walk wearing their gowns.

EMU 2018-2019 Academic Year Spring Semester graduates, academicians, administrative staff members, students and families started the procession with torchlights at the Famagusta Development Academy and walked to EMU Atatürk Square. Singing songs during the walk, the graduating students bid farewell to the city of Famagusta and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. The procession lasted approximately one hour and celebrations continued at the Atatürk Square.

GRADUATION ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE AT THE EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK FACULTY OF MEDICINE



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine held a number of activities for their 2018-2019 Academic Year Spring Semester graduates on Tuesday, the 2nd of July 2019. The “International Medicine Program” jointly run by EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine and the Marmara University Faculty of Medicine gave its first graduates in the Spring Semester of the 2017-2018 Academic Year and continued to graduate their students this year. A speech was delivered by EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora after an oath ceremony which took place at the faculty. Prof. Dr. Gökçora indicated that the graduates are now her colleagues and wished them luck in their honorable profession.



The students with the highest 3 grade averages this year were awarded their certificates following the speech of Prof. Dr. Gökçora. After the certificate presentation, EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine’s highest ranking student Oluwag Botemi Oluwaseun nailed her name on to the graduation log. After the ceremony, the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine graduates and academicians carried out their traditional tree planting event.

EMU HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY GRADUATES TAKE THEIR OATH

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Health Sciences Faculty organized an oath ceremony for the associate and undergraduate program graduates of the 2018-2019 Academic Year Spring Semester. The said organization took place at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 2nd of July 2019. The oath was taken by 530 new health personnel.

Speeches were delivered by the top ranking graduate of the Health Sciences Faculty, Nutrition and Dietetics Department Pelin Turunç and top ranking graduate of the School of Health Services, Anesthesia Program Dilara Tiryaki, on behalf of the students.

“Now You Are a Part of the Healthcare Team”

Delivering the opening speech, EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç stated: “Dear graduates...Let me correct myself. Dear Colleagues! I salute you on this important day on which 530 colleagues from our School and Faculty are taking proud steps towards their careers.” Prof. Dr. Malkoç continued her speech by relaying information about the Health Sciences Faculty, the associate and undergraduate level education it provides, clinical studies and scientific research that has led to it becoming one of the most respected institutions in the field. Prof. Dr. Malkoç indicated that 37 scientific articles (24 international and 13 national) of



academic staff from the faculty have been published in respected journals in the 2018-2019 Academic Year alone.

Prof. Dr. Malkoç went on to highlight that they have acquired the necessary permissions for establishing an Orthopedic Prosthetics Orthotics Associate Program that will be available for the 2019-2020 Academic Year.

“Prepare Yourself for a High Tempo Working Environment”

In his speech EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated: “I congratulate all of our graduates. Your profession affects all of our lives. We will not feel pain because of you. Prepare yourselves for a high tempo working environment. Dear members of academic staff, I thank you also. Our graduates are where they are today as a result of your hard work. Dear parents, I know what it is like

to be apart from your children. This is an emotional investment and today you reek its rewards.” Prof. Dr. Osam also drew attention to EMU featuring in the 151-200 band of the Times Higher Education rankings for universities under the age of 50 stating that EMU is fourth on this list amongst Turkish universities after Sabancı, Koç and Bilkent. Prof. Dr. Osam concluded by indicating that EMU will continue to advance as a result of taking sound steps within the scope of scientific norms, regulations and the Magna Charta Universitatum.

Following the opening addresses, Prime Ministry Undersecretary Dr. Suat Yeldener and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam presented gifts to the top ranking students of the faculty and school. The oaths specific to each department, were recited together with department chairs and program coordinators.



EMU ORGANISES A SPECIAL RECEPTION FOR GRADUATES AND THEIR FAMILIES

Within the scope of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2018-2019 Academic Year Spring Semester Graduation Week activities, a Graduation Reception was organised for EMU graduates and their family members who greatly contributed to their success. The reception which took place poolside at the Rector's Office Building commenced at 19:00 on Monday, the 1st of July 2019. Delivering the opening speech of the reception, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam wished the graduates the best of luck in their professional and academic lives. Prof. Dr. Osam also asked them to enjoy this well-deserved night.

The Bossa Nova Jazz Music Group delivered a concert at the reception. The graduates danced to the vibrant melodies of jazz with their family and friends. A 40th Anniversary cake was cut by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu.



This Week's Academic Publications

Source: Web of Science

Faculty of Engineering

1- Sahand Daneshvar, and Kehinde Adewale Adesina. "Modified variable return to scale back-propagation neural network robust parameter optimization procedure for multi-quality processes." *Engineering Optimization* 51, no. 8 (2019): 1352-1369.

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3- Mustapha D. Ibrahim, Sahand Daneshvar, Mevhibe B. Hocaoglu, and Olasehinde-Williams G. Oluseye. "An Estimation of the Efficiency and Productivity of Healthcare Systems in Sub-Saharan Africa: Health-Centred Millennium Development Goal-Based Evidence." *Social Indicators Research* 143, no.1 (2019): 371-389.

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Faculty of Business & Economics

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Faculty of Education

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Faculty of Architecture

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Faculty of Arts & Sciences

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Faculty of Medicine

1- Saghir Akhtar, Bindu Chandrasekhar, Mariam HM Yousif, Waleed Renno, Ibrahim F. Benter, and Ahmed Z. El-Hashim. "Chronic administration of nano-sized PAMAM dendrimers in vivo inhibits EGFR-ERK1/2-ROCK signaling pathway and attenuate diabetes-induced vascular remodeling and dysfunction." *Nanomedicine: Nanotechnology, Biology and Medicine* 18 (2019):78-89.

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