

EMU HONoured ITS RETIRING PERSONNEL



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector's Office held a plaque ceremony to honor the retiring academic, administrative and working personnel for their services during their time in EMU. The ceremony took place in EMU Rector's Office Senate Meeting Hall on Friday, the 2nd of October 2020, at 14:00. Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of Education Undersecretary Aytunç Şirket, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın and Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu were present at the ceremony.

"I wish Success, Health and Happiness"

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın made the opening speech of the ceremony; "You have been a part of our university for many years providing service in different units as academic, administrative or working personnel. You have made significant contributions to our university with your devotion over the years. A new chapter is beginning in your lives. Without a doubt, you will continue to be a member of EMU

family. You always have a place in EMU and we would be pleased to see you among us. We see that some of our personnel have been in EMU for 30 years. I would like to thank you for your services that contributed the university to come to these days. I wish you success, health and happiness in the new chapter of your lives".

Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın touched on the work conducted during the pandemic period in terms of supporting students and preparing a good environment for the academic staff members. Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın stated that all the necessary preparation procedures for the new academic year are completed and, added that the number of students coming from Turkey to EMU via 2020 Higher Education Institutions Examination showed an increase compared to the previous year.

Following his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın presented plaques to the retiring academic, administrative and working personnel.



ERSAN DAĞLI VISITS EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Business and Economics, Business Administration Department, Business Administration Undergraduate Program graduate and Dağlı Insurance Executive Board President Ersan Dağlı recently paid a visit to EMU Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu. EMU Computer and Technology School Director Assoc. Dr. Nazife Dimililer and EMU Business and Economics Faculty, Banking and Finance Department Chair Prof. Dr. Nesrin Özataç were also present at the visit.

During the visit, EMU graduate Ersan Dağlı explained the online policy system they have introduced as Dağlı Sigorta. Stating that the compulsory traffic policy of the vehicle can be made online from Dağlı Sigorta, thanks to the new application they developed, Dağlı also added that the system can be accessed from any location 24 hours

a day, 7 days a week. Dağlı said “Our solution has been immediately put into the use of our customers, taking into account the requirements brought by the pandemic period. With this system, the maturity date of policies can be checked, premiums can be tracked, and also the coverage of policies can be viewed. With the online policy, our customers can instantly review their payment processes, make payments, view their claim files and get information about their status.”

EMU Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu stated that they are proud of the success of Ersan Dağlı as an EMU graduate, and emphasized that the cooperation between Dağlı Insurance and EMU is important in terms of improving communication between business people and the university. During the visit, Ersan Dağlı agreed to offer online seminars (webinars) especially

for the students of the Faculty of Business and Economics.

Collaboration Discussed

Regarding the content of the meeting, EMU SCT Director Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nazife Dimililer said, “Considering that the digital transformation process is being completed all over the world, the information technologies which are in every moment of our lives are also effectively used in the insurance sector and all existing systems are digitally and easily accessible to everyone according to new norms. The step taken by Dağlı Sigorta in online insurance is a very important example of leadership that should be adopted by the insurance industry”. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dimililer also stated that in line with this cooperation, they will work together to create opportunities for the training and employment of informatics professionals needed by the sector.



EMU'S TURKISH MEDIUM POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS FOR WORKING STUDENTS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Business and Economics Graduate Programs that have been offered in Nicosia since the Spring Term of the 2012-2013 Academic Year will once again be offered in Nicosia during the 2020-2021 Academic Year Fall Semester. The programs to be offered are; Business Management Master's Program with or without Thesis (Turkish medium), Banking and Finance Master's Program without thesis (Turkish medium), Managerial Economics Master's Program without thesis (Turkish medium), Financial Economics Master's Program without thesis (Turkish medium) and, Gender Studies Master's Program with or without thesis (Turkish medium).

Courses after Working Hours

In addition to the aforementioned programs, the statement from EMU Business and Economics Faculty Dean's Office indicated that the Banking and Finance Department offers the opportunity to receive an Investment Assessment and Project Finance Certificate within the framework of the collaboration agreement with Queens University in Canada. The programs aiming to train experts in various fields in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) create an alternative for those who are involved in business life and also want to receive postgraduate education. Moreover, administering the classes after the working hours provide great advantage for the ones who work during the working



hours. TRNC civil servants will be eligible to receive a 20% discount and, employees of private corporations will also be eligible for a 30% discount if the corporation they work for has signed a cooperation protocol with EMU. A 15% discount will be offered to EMU graduates who are to be registered in a postgraduate program in EMU for the first time.

Discount for Civil Servants

According to the statement made, all the TRNC civil servants who will be enrolled in the mentioned postgraduate programs for the 2020 – 2021 Academic Year Fall Semester will be eligible to receive a 20% discount. EMU also stated that they are

taken all the requests into consideration and, in addition to the civil servants, employees of private corporations will also receive a 30% discount if the corporation they work for has signed or to sign a cooperation protocol with EMU.

Further information on the Turkish medium programs offered by the EMU Business and Economics Faculty and inquiries regarding registrations can be obtained by contacting EMU Institute of Graduate Studies and Research Directorate (Tel: 0392 630 1157, www.grad.emu.edu.tr) or EMU Business and Economics Faculty Dean's Office (Tel: 0392 630 1281, WhatsApp: 0533 844 9170, fbe.emu.edu.tr)

CYPRUS' FIRST GOOGLE DEVELOPER STUDENT CLUB TO BE ESTABLISHED IN EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) School of Computing and Technology (SCT) students Emre Özyavuz and Yahya Helvacioğlu took the first steps to establish the Google Developer Student Club (DSC) at EMU. EMU Google DSC aims to organize events that will enable all students interested in information systems and technologies to improve themselves and graduate with skills in demand in this emerging sector.

What is DSC?

DSCs are university-based community groups for students interested in Google developer technologies. Students from all associate, undergraduate or graduate programs wishing to develop themselves in software are accepted. By participating in a DSC, students grow their knowledge in a one-to-one learning environment and develop solutions for local businesses and communities. In this way, students will be able to communicate with their peers more easily and their chances of organizing project development activities together will increase.

DSC's Contributions to University Students

By joining a DSC, students can establish their professional and personal networks before they graduate. Google also has free access to developer resources and can work with motivated developers to develop solutions for local problems and live the experience of generating technological solutions to problems and helping people with those solutions. DSC, which is a community that will appeal to students or people from all walks of life with a passion for technology, can take an active role in activities such as learning completely new things, organizing a solution contest about them. Students have the opportunity to come together with people working in important companies in the sector under the name of Google Developers.

DSCs are communities that organize developer events in their region, especially based on Google technologies. It is a Google Developers initiative that aims to help university students improve their skills such as mobile, web, machine

learning and cloud computing. In addition, free access to Google developer resources is provided. Any student who wishes to try new ideas and create solutions, from beginners to advanced developers may join these clubs.

DSC Communities in Our Country and the World

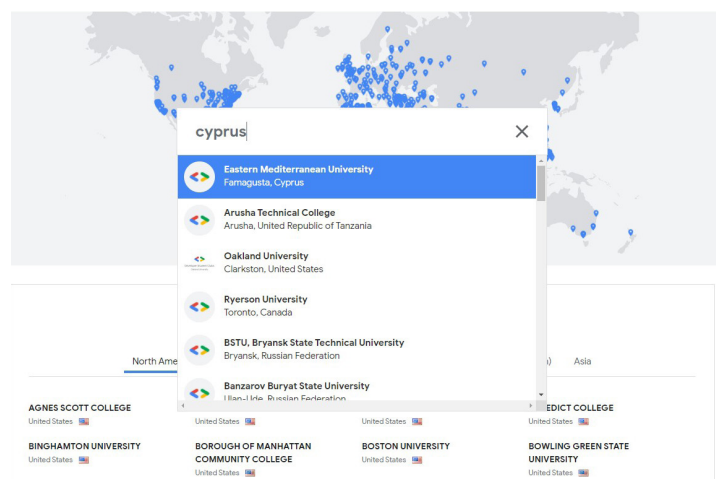
Despite the fact that a total of more than eight hundred sixty DSC groups exist in more than 68 countries and although there are more than fifty in Turkey, the attempts made by the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) in this regard have not yielded any results until today. The statement made by EMU SCT reads as follows: "EMU SCT students have achieved a first in Cyprus on behalf of our university and have officially become DSC leaders on Google. The establishment of the club

was also met with great interest among the students and after the first step was taken, it has reached nearly 40 members. We invite all our highly motivated students who work for a bright future inspired by informatics, software and technology. With the experience they will gain here and the network they will create, they will lead the sector when they graduate".

Those interested can contact DSC through the group's social media accounts (Instagram: @dsc_emu, Twitter: @DscDogu, LinkedIn: DSC Eastern Mediterranean University, Discord: <https://discord.gg/Qng4ynt>, WhatsApp: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GyleJtAeARi7wiS8kuC> PSH, Youtube: Developer Student Clubs Cyprus Team Registration Form: bit.ly/dscemu).



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CADI AYAD UNIVERSITY Morocco	CAIRO UNIVERSITY - FACULTY OF COMPUTERS AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE Egypt	CAIRO UNIVERSITY - FACULTY OF ENGINEERING Egypt	CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE Egypt
CHERNIHIV POLYTECHNIC NATIONAL UNIVERSITY Ukraine	COLLEGE OF APPLIED SCIENCES, SUR Oman	COMPUTER ENGINEERING SCHOOL OF VALLADOLID Spain	DAMIETTA UNIVERSITY Egypt
DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY United Kingdom	DELFT UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY Netherlands	DELTA UNIVERSITY Egypt	DOKUZ EYLÜL UNIVERSITY Turkey
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ESI-SBA Algeria	ETH ZÜRICH Switzerland	EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY Cyprus	ECOLE EWA Morocco
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EMU HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY RESPONDED TO 7 MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT COVID-19



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Nursing academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Handan Sezgin responded to the 7 most frequently asked questions about managing the risk of COVID-19 and wearing a mask. Assist. Prof. Dr. Sezgin included the following statements in her statement:

The whole world shares a common concern in health, social, economic, education and other important areas due to the COVID-19 (SARS-COV) pandemic. In line with its own means, each country has taken various measures to protect the society from the disease and the health system from collapse. Health concerns are also growing, as the symptoms of seasonal flu and COVID-19 are very similar. The most important risk of both is that it causes pneumonia with respiratory distress. As we continue our daily lives, we are entering a period where wearing a mask becomes more important than ever. As in the first days, we are currently faced with questions about masks.

Why is Wearing a Mask Important?

When we talk or cough, we scatter droplets from our mouth into the air (to the environment we are in). While small-sized droplets hang in the air, large-sized droplets descend on the objects in the environment and stay there for a while. Wearing mask is a simple way to prevent hanging droplets from getting into the respiratory tract of humans. There are many scientific studies showing that the use of masks is the most effective method in reducing the spread

of respiratory diseases. The World Health Organization constantly emphasizes the importance of using masks in its publications on protection from COVID-19. If you are not in your own garden, if you are not walking alone, you should wear a mask whenever you can be in close contact with other people. Wearing a mask, besides protecting you from COVID-19, is a gesture of respect, empathy, and kindness towards other people, means 'I care about everyone around me and contribute to the health system not being overwhelmed. I believe in science'.

What Kind of Mask should I Use? How Often can I Use a Mask?

The mask should be made of cotton and have three layers in accordance with the standards. When you wear it, it should cover the mouth and nose completely. People may not be sure how often they can use the same mask. If the mask is visibly soiled, it is a sign that it is time to buy a new one/wash it. Depending on how often you are outside, it's okay to wear the mask for a day or two. Masks should be changed more often in high temperature environments, so it is recommended to have more than one mask next to you.

Who should not Wear a Mask?

For children aged two years and under, masks are a safety issue. Apart from this, vulnerable elderly people (those aged 65 and over, having physical, cognitive, psychological, social inadequacy) are not required to wear masks. The decision for children aged two to five to wear masks should be given according to their ability to wear a mask with minimal assistance and with a consideration of their medical interest and safety. Such children should use cotton masks, not medical masks. It is recommended that children between the ages of 6-11 wear a mask. Parents are recommended to buy a mask that fits well on the child's face, let children choose their own mask, take into account their complaints about their masks and answer their questions.

Do We Need to Wear Masks While Visiting Our Family?

It depends, but wearing a mask is recommended, especially if you are visiting

high-risk family members (60 years of age or older, or people with diabetes, high blood pressure, heart-kidney failure, cancer, COPD, asthma, obesity and immunocompromised people). Keeping them safe by wearing a mask is a very cheap and easy method. Many people connect with their family through FaceTime, Zoom or other digital platforms in the process.

Is It Safe to Use the Gyms During This Process?

Various publications emphasize the difficulty of making gyms completely safe. In some exercises done in the gym, you cannot wear a mask safely. It is really difficult to be able to have people exercise in the gym maintaining the appropriate distance and also to prevent droplets. Because as the respiratory rate and depth increases, the amount of droplets scattered around will also increase. Individuals at risk are recommended to exercise at home or outdoors.

Is It Safe for My Child to Play with a Friend Outside?

Children need to be with other children during this process. We recommend that you allow your child to play outside with other children, preferably only one child at a time. While your child's bonds with other children are essential for their well-being, it is important that other families follow the rules of protection carefully. In addition, parents should monitor the risks the child may be exposed to (such as a coughing friend) and instruct their children to wash their hands and not to approach each other as much as possible (1 meter). The World Health Organization does not recommend that children wear masks during playtime.

Can I Organise a Meeting Outdoors?

People want to spend time with their family and friends more than ever. However, numerous cases have been reported associated with family barbecues and picnics. It can be said that meetings to be held outdoors are safer than indoor meetings, provided that the time spent together is not extended, and physical distance limitations and warnings for wearing masks are followed. It should be remembered that taking appropriate preventive measures is the key to staying healthy.

EMU TO WELCOME NEW STUDENTS OF DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK MEDICINE FACULTY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty 2020-2021 Academic Year Opening Ceremony and the First Lecture of the Year will be held online on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 09:00 a.m.

The ceremony will commence with the screening of EMU and faculty promotional

films after the observance of a moment of silence and the Turkish National Anthem. Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine 2020-2021 Academic Year Opening Ceremony and First Lecture Presentation will continue with the speeches of Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty 3rd Grade Student Representative Fatma Şigan, Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora and Rector

Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın. Following the opening speeches, the traditional White Coat Ceremony will be held online. The ceremony will end after the first lecture of the year by Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Physics Department retired academic staff member Prof. Dr. Mustafa Halilsoy on "The Most Fundamental Building Block of the Universe: Knowledge".



Dr. Fazıl Küçük Tıp Fakültesi 2020-2021 Akademik Yılı Açılış Töreni ve İlk Ders

Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine

Opening Ceremony of the Academic Year 2020-2021 and First Lecture

- 09:00-09:15** Saygı Duruşu ve İstiklal Marşı / A Moment of Silence and The National Anthem
- 09:15-09:30** Üniversite ve Fakülte Tanıtım Filminin İzlenmesi
EMU and Faculty of Medicine Promotional Films
- 09:30-10:15** Açılış Konuşmaları / Opening Speeches
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Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın, Rektör / Rector
- 10:15- 10:30** Beyaz Önlük Töreni (çevrimiçi) / White Coat Ceremony (online)
- 10:30-11:00** İlk Ders / The First Lecture
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This Week's Academic Publications

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Faculty of Business & Economics

1- Balcilar, Mehmet, Elie Bouri, Rangan Gupta, and Clement Kweku Kyei. "High-Frequency Predictability of Housing Market Movements of the United States: The Role of Economic Sentiment." *Journal of Behavioral Finance* (2020): 1-9. (Early Access)

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

1- Fahad, Hafiz Muhammad, and Mujeeb ur Rehman.

"Generalized substantial fractional operators and well-posedness of Cauchy problem." *Bulletin of the Malaysian Mathematical Sciences Society* (2020): 1-24. (Early Access)

Faculty of Engineering

1- Sheikhi, Ghazal, and Hakan Altınçay. "Maximum-Relevance and Maximum-Diversity of Positive Ranks: A Novel Feature Selection Method." *Expert Systems with Applications* 158 (2020): 113499.

2- Moradi-Dastjerdi, Rasool, Kamran Behdinin, Babak Safaei, and Zhao Ye Qin. "Buckling behavior of porous CNT-reinforced plates integrated between active piezoelectric layers." *Engineering Structures* 222 (2020): 111141.

Faculty of Architecture

1- Boğaç, Ceren. "The process of developing an emotional nexus between the self and an uncanny geography: An autoethnography." *Emotion, Space and Society* 36 (2020): 100688.



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