

## LAU RECTOR PROF. DR. MEHMET ALİ YÜKSELEN VISITED EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. AYKUT HOCANIN

Eastern Mediterranean University Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın had a meeting with the Rector of the European University of Lefke (LAU) Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Yükselen on Friday, 11 December 2020 at 11:00 a.m. The said visit took place at Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın's office. Also present at the visit were LAU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Akın Cellatoğlu and LAU Rector's Advisor Assist. Prof. Dr. Mehmedali Egemen. During the visit, possible cooperation between the two universities in the future were discussed. After the meeting, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın presented LAU Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Yükselen a frame made of Lefkara lace to mark his visit.



## EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. AYKUT HOCANIN CONGRATULATES EMU'S CHAMPION SENIOR WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın received the 2019-2020 Season Champion EMU Senior Women's Volleyball Team at his office on Friday, 11 December 2020 at 10:00 a.m.. Present at the said visit were EMU Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Volleyball Federation President Enver Kaya and Vice-President Hasan Zabitoğlu, EMU Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu, Team Coach Kemal Derebey and players representing the team Sima Kanatlı, Sıla Kayalp, Şerife Çakar and Seray Bayraktar.

### “Congratulations To Our Champion Team”

Speaking at the visit, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın said, “I congratulate our champion EMU Senior Women's Volleyball Team. It makes us proud that the athletes of our university have achieved such great success. EMU always has and will have a claim in sports. I am also honored by the visit of the Volleyball Federation President Enver Kaya and the Vice President Hasan Zabitoğlu. It is among our goals as a university to instill the spirit of competition and achieve success in sports. We are always working to attain better. Thank you again for your visit.”

### “Our Players Are Very Valuable to Us”

EMU Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu said, “On behalf of my team and on a personal scale, I would like to thank you for the support you have given to sports



and players since the day you took office. The fact that our Federation President and Vice-President are here to present the championship cup to us as a result of the Great Women's Volleyball Championship is actually an indication of the kind of good relations EMU has established in terms of sports. Of course, our athletes are very valuable to us. They share many things with us from their childhood until they quit sports. In your presence, I would like to thank our sports players and EMU Senior Women's Volleyball Team Coach Kemal Derebey for their great contributions in success. We continue to work with a high level of motivation because you made us feel that sports is a very important part of EMU not only in volleyball but also in many other branches.”

### “EMU is a Pioneer in Volleyball”

TRNC Volleyball Federation President Enver Kaya made the following statements in his speech: “Thank you for your kindness. Of course, EMU. It is a club that has made large contributions to the sports of the country in general and volleyball in particular for years, continues to do so and

when we look at its history, it has gained remarkable success. EMU has pioneered in raising many young people, hosting them, engaging them in sports, and especially in the achievements of our national teams abroad. EMU has achieved many successes both in the past and present. There have many championships in each category. But what is more important is that institutions welcome these young people in social life, accommodate them and give them the opportunity to practice this sport. In this respect, I would like to thank everyone in your presence.”

Following the speeches, TRNC Volleyball Federation President Enver Kaya and Vice-President Hasan Zabitoğlu presented the 2019-2020 Season Champion EMU Senior Women's Volleyball Team's cup to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın, who also presented gifts to all team players. The 2019-2020 Season Champion EMU Senior Women's Volleyball Team consists of the following players: Şerife Çakar, Seray Bayraktar, Türkan İnce, Eliz Demir, Canan Ayaz, Göral Üregül, Asya Karaali, and Ayten Özügürü.



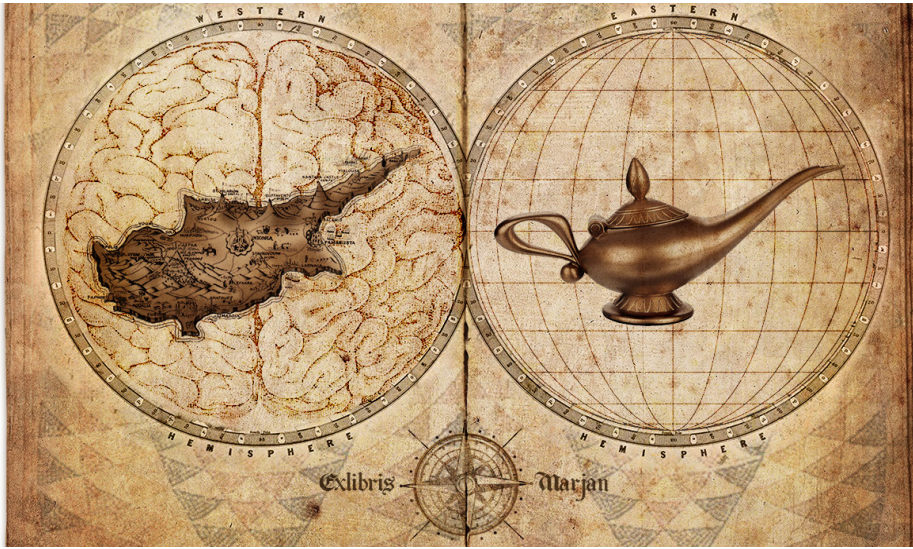
## EMU FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER MARJAN KHAJAVI WINS AN AWARD AT AN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication, Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design academic staff member Marjan Khajavi won the third prize in the 10th International Exlibris and Small Graphic Form Competition held in Gdansk, Poland. Around 301 entries participated in the said event.

### “We are Proud”

The competition held in the branch of “Ex-libris”, which has an important place in the field of graphic design, and

organized by Exlibris Gdansk, one of the world’s important organizations in this regard, was held with the concept of “Fantasy Island” this year. Participating in the contest with his work “Island of Wishes”, Sen. Inst. Marjan Khajavi stated that he describes the island of Cyprus as a generous island that helps people make their dreams come true. Stating that dreaming and making wishes is a mental phenomenon, Sen. Inst. Khajavi also emphasized that we need to look for ways to make them come true.



Making a statement on the subject, Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Department Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Firat Tüzünkan stated that they are proud of Marjan Khajavi’s success in the international arena. Assist. Prof. Dr. Firat Tüzünkan also said that they will continue to work to promote the name of EMU and Northern Cyprus all over the world.

## EMU TOURISM FACULTY RECEIVES GOLD MEDAL FROM EUROPE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty, Tourism Management Master’s Program student Sina Vahedi won a gold medal at the 33rd Annual Conference and Competitions of the European Association of Hotel and Tourism Schools (AEHT) this year due to the pandemic. Vahedi, who also completed his undergraduate studies at EMU Tourism Faculty, Tourism and Hotel Management Program and is currently pursuing his master’s degree at EMU Tourism Faculty, became the champion in the field of “Hospitality Management” with his teammate.

Competing against the representatives of the tourism and hotel management schools in Europe in the competition where hotel management is implemented through a simulation program, Sina Vahedi received the highest scores in the written exam, simulation practice and presentation



categories and won the gold medal. It was stated that the Hotel Management / Hotel Simulation courses that the students take in the field of Tourism and Hotel Management within the curriculum also played an important role in this success.

### “Success is Not a Coincidence”

Making a statement on the subject,

EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said, “Our student Sina Vahedi made us proud by winning a gold medal and showed that our success in education is not a coincidence. We congratulate our student and all the instructors who contributed to his success and thank the EMU Rector’s Office for their support. Success is not a coincidence”.



## EMU FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES RELEASES A STATEMENT ON “COVID-19 AND NUTRITION”

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences, Nutrition and Dietetics Department academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Gözde Okburan provided some information regarding “COVID-19 and Nutrition”. Asst. Prof. Dr. Okburan’s statement reads as follows:

“ COVID-19, which the World Health Organization describes as a pandemic, is considered as a public health problem in our country as well as all over the world. Although there is no evidence that food consumption is associated with COVID-19 in studies conducted so far, it is known that there is a very strong and important relationship between nutrition and immunity. Studies conducted draw attention to the importance of dietary interventions in the nutrition, immune system and infection triangle. So,

Consume fresh and unprocessed food every day

It is recommended to consume enough fruit and vegetables, especially those with high antioxidant content and valuable for the immune system.

Consumption of citrus fruit such as tangerine, orange, lemon, asparagus, artichoke, celery, and other dark green leafy vegetables, all of which are rich in antioxidant A, C, E vitamins and offered to us by the nature of Cyprus, support the immune system.

It is important to have legumes (e.g. lentils, beans), oil seeds and whole grains (e.g. unprocessed corn, oats, wheat, brown rice or starchy tubers or potatoes, sweet potatoes) and food from animal origin (e.g. meat, fish, eggs and milk) in diet.

For snacks, raw vegetables and fresh fruit should be preferred instead of food high in sugar, fat or salt.



Vegetables should not be overcooked as this can cause the loss of important vitamins.

When using canned or dried vegetables and fruit, choose varieties without salt or sugar.

Consume olive oil or other health oil types

Consume oils rich in unsaturated fatty acids (e.g. fish, soy, canola, sunflower, corn and especially olive oil) instead of those rich in saturated fatty acids (e.g. fatty meat, butter, coconut oil, cream, cheese).

The use of olive oil in salads supports the immune system by increasing the absorption of fat-soluble vitamins found in both vegetables and fruit, and with many antioxidant compounds in its composition.

Instead of red meat, choose white meat (chicken and turkey) and fish that are generally low in fat.

Avoid the consumption of processed meats (salami, sausage, soudjouk, etc.), as they are high in fat and salt.

If possible, choose low-fat or fat-free milk and dairy products.

Avoid artificially produced oils with a high content of trans fatty acids. These are usually found in processed foods, fast food, snacks, fried food, cookies and margarines.

### **Consume less salt and sugar**

When cooking and preparing food, limit the amount of salt and high-sodium seasonings (e.g. soy sauce).

Limit your daily salt intake to less than 5 grs. (about 1 teaspoon) and use iodized salt.

Avoid food high in salt and sugar (e.g. snacks).

Limit the consumption of soft drinks or carbonated beverages and other beverages high in sugar (such as fruit juice, juice concentrations and syrup, and flavored milk).

Prefer fresh fruit instead of sweet snacks such as cookies, cakes and chocolate.

Finally, you should pay attention to hygiene rules before touching food items and wash your hands with soapy water for at least 30 seconds before food preparation and consumption. “

## EMU ARCHITECTURE DEPARTMENT AND EMU URDC'S JOINT EVENT 'INTERNATIONAL URBAN DESIGN CONFERENCE' COMPLETED

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture, Department of Architecture and EMU Urban Research and Development Center's (EMU URDC) joint event 'International Urban Design Conference 2020 - Young Researchers Forum' started online on Wednesday, 9 December 2020, at 08:45 a.m.. Following the opening speeches of the conference, the conference's honorary speaker, EMU URDC Founding Director and Maltepe University's Architecture and Urban Design Professor Derya Oktay delivered a speech.

On the first day of the event which hosted three sessions and an alumni panel, the main issue of public space design was discussed. The moderator of the alumni panel was EMU Faculty of Architecture, Department of Architecture Chair Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alpar Atun. Panelists, on the other hand, were EMU Architecture Department Urban Design Master's Program graduate, SIMBIM Founding Partner Dr. Mohsen Far, Asst. Prof. Dr. Abolfazl Dehghanmoghaddi from Shahrood University of Technology and Dr. Sanaz from Louisiana State University. The closing of the first day was at 7:00 p.m. with the presentation of one of the main speakers of the conference, Harvard Graduate School of Design, Urban Planning and Design Department Chair Prof. Alex Krieger, who talked about "Various Areas of Urban Design".

### Young Urban Design Researchers from Different Countries Delivered Presentations

The second day of the conference started with the Urban Change/Redevelopment/Revival session held on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 09:00 a.m.. Then, at 11:15, one of the main speakers of the conference, University of Strathclyde, Faculty of Architecture Faculty Member Dr. Ombretta Romice made a presentation titled "Reconstruction Time for Urban Design: The Importance of Identity, The Power of Evidence, and the Logic of Resilience". The second day continued with a session titled Sustainability / Ecology and a detailed presentation of the urban design projects and especially the last competition project prepared by the students within the scope of the Urban Design Master Program of the Department of Architecture, which is celebrating its tenth year this year. The closing presentation of the second day, with the theme of 'Rules for Urban Space Design: Local Human Scale', took place at 17:30 with the participation of the University of Texas San Antonio, Biophilic Design and



Human-Sized Cities Consultant Prof. Nikos Salingaros.

On the third day of the conference, 9 different presentations were made under the titles of Heritage and Culture in three separate sessions. After the completion of the first session at 11:15, one of the main speakers of the conference, The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Faculty of Architecture, Design and Preservation Department academic staff member Prof. Dr. Deane Simpson made a presentation with the title "Dilemmas of the Centripetal City: The Transfiguration of the Urban Center". Following Prof. Dr. Simpson's presentation, the second and third parts of the session titled Heritage / Culture were held.

The closing panel of the conference was held with the main theme "Urban Design Education" at 17:30 under the moderation of EMU Architecture Faculty, Architecture Department Chair Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alpar Atun. The panelists were Prof. Dr. Zuhul Ulusoy from Istanbul Bilgi University, EMU

URDC President Prof. Dr. Şebnem Hoşkara, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Olgu Çalışkan from METU, Dr. Kai Gu from the University of Auckland and Dr. Gjergi Islami from Polytechnic University of Tirana..

The conference has the quality of being the first online international conference in this field held by EMU in Northern Cyprus. The city tours, which were integrated in the scientific conferences held face to face before the pandemic, were organized as an "online city tour" under the guidance of EMU Architecture Department academic staff within the scope of the International Urban Design Conference. In this context, the first day tour featured Kyrenia with the contributions of Prof. Dr. Beser Oktay Vehbi. The second day's tour featured Nicosia with the participation of Prof. Dr. Mukaddes Polay and last day's Famagusta tour took place with the contributions of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ege Uluca Tümer. The conference ended with a digital Social Networking session, which provided free communication and networking opportunities for participants.





## EMU FACULTY OF TOURISM CELEBRATES “7 DECEMBER INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION DAY”

Celebrating the day of those who have devoted themselves to aviation on the occasion of December 7, International Civil Aviation Day, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç made statements on the subject.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that the civil aviation sector has made the world a much smaller place and has a huge impact on our lives both economically and socially. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also said that with the EMU Civil Aviation Cabin Services program, they will continue to meet the sector's demand for cabin attendants by bringing up qualified graduates who are aware of the requirements of their profession. .

### “Promising Hope to the Whole World”

Prof. Dr. Kılıç continued his statement as follows: “The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), an expert



organization within the United Nations, declared December 7th as the World Civil Aviation Day in order to emphasize the impact of civil aviation on the world. ICAO regulates rules and standards for the aviation safety, security and efficiency and works to ensure cooperation among

member countries in all areas of aviation. Whilst continuing to innovate and bring cultures together, the International Civil Aviation Day promises hope to the whole world to enjoy the extraordinary things people can do and look into the future. ”

## EMU-ATAUM CHAIR ASSIST. PROF. DR. TURGAY BÜLENT GÖKTÜRK, REPRESENTED TRNC AT CAUCASUS THEMED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern Mediterranean University Atatürk Research and Application Center (EMU-ATAUM) Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk attended to the round table meeting titled “New Order and Law in Caucasus after the 2nd Karabakh War: Threat, Risk, Transformation” organized by Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences and Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University.

At the meeting where 22 academicians from Turkey, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Azerbaijan, Russian Federation, Germany, Poland, Japan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Serbia, Georgia, Dagestan, Adygea, Kabartay-Balgar, Ingushetia and Tatarstan participated online, Assist. Prof. Dr. Göktürk presented a paper titled “Geopolitical Status Assessment at Caucasus after Karabakh War”.

The meeting was organized in three sessions. As the first speaker of the first session, Assist. Prof. Dr. Göktürk stated that the Turkish Cypriots enthusiastically



welcomed the victory of Azerbaijan for retrieving its rightful land Karabakh which was occupied by Armenia. Assist. Prof. Dr. Göktürk expressed that Karabakh belongs to Azerbaijan by the UN Security Council ruled with a resolution numbered 853 and dated 31st July 1993 that the Armenian armed forces should immediately abandon the land that they occupied. Assist. Prof. Dr. Göktürk stated that Caucasus constitutes

the center of Eurasia and according to the Land Power Theory, it is a place to be procured because of the geopolitical importance and therefore it will continue to be targeted by global powers. Assist. Prof. Dr. Göktürk underlined that being strong all along the line is the most important condition for maintaining stability and peace at the region.





## This Week's Academic Publications

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