

NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. AYKUT HOCANIN

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın released a message on the occasion of the New Year. Prof. Dr. Hocanın's message is as follows:

“The world welcomed the year 2020 with the COVID-19 pandemic and is still fighting against it. In our country, the pandemic has not only affected the higher education in a negative way but also all the other sectors. During this difficult period, EMU has fulfilled and still continues to fulfill all its responsibilities.

EMU will continue to offer quality education, do research and serve the public as it has been performed since the first day it was established years ago. Our utmost wish for the New Year is that the pandemic period comes to an end so that we can unite with our students. Therefore, I wish that 2021 brings health, joy and peace to all our students and graduates around the world, their families, all EMU staff members and the people of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC)”.



EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. AYKUT HOCANIN VISITS PRIME MINISTER ERSAN SANER

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın visited the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Prime Minister Ersan Saner in his office. The visit took place on Friday, 25 December, 2020. During the visit, Undersecretary of the Prime Ministry Dr. Suat Yeldener and EMU Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu were also present. Prof. Dr. Hocanın presented an olive sapling to Prime Minister Saner as a New Year's gift. In his speech at the reception, Prime Minister Saner stated that EMU is the starting point of university history in the TRNC and emphasized that EMU is also an integral part of the city of Famagusta.

Wished Success

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hocanın also thanked Prime Minister Saner for receiving them despite his busy agenda and wished him success in his mission. Expressing that EMU is a state university and has worldwide success, Prof. Dr. Hocanın stated that the university is ready to

contribute to the state in related fields. Prof. Dr. Hocanın also added that the university continues to work at the point of serving the society and they aim to increase this. Prof. Dr. Hocanın put forth that the university made a change this year and instead of giving traditional New Year's gifts to all employees, olive saplings were

gifted to the staff in an environmentalist approach. Noting that they donated olive saplings to associations and institutions and delivered approximately 3 thousand saplings to the country for planting, Prof. Dr. Hocanın drew attention to the fact that olive is the symbol of peace, permanence and productivity.



EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HOCANIN PAID VISITS TO THE MINISTRIES

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın visited Minister of Foreign Affairs Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu, Minister of National Education and Culture Olgun Amcaoğlu and Minister of Finance Dursun Oğuz on Wednesday, 30 December 2020. During the said visits of courtesy, EMU Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu was also present. Rector Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın and the aforesaid ministers, discussed the technical issues between the university and the ministries. Rector Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın wished success to Minister of Foreign Affairs Ertuğruloğlu, Minister of National Education and Culture Amcaoğlu and Minister of Finance Oğuz in their new duties. At the end of

his visits, Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın presented the Ministers olive saplings, one of the symbols of Cyprus Island, as a New Year's gift to contribute to the green and nature.



EMU HOSTED AN ONLINE TALK EVENT ON "BEING A TEACHER IN THE NEW NORMAL"

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Education, Department of Elementary Education academicians, graduates and students met at an online talk titled "Being a Teacher in the New Normal" and shared their experiences. EMU Education Faculty, Elementary Education Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eda Yazgın stated that the online interview was organized in order to increase the effectiveness of Teaching Practice courses conducted in the Department of Elementary Education. Assoc. Dr. Yazgın stated that experienced educators involved in the teaching profession after their graduation from undergraduate and postgraduate programs of the department and senior year students of Elementary School and Preschool Teaching programs meet and shared their experiences under the coordination of the lecturers in charge of the course.

Experienced Instructors Shared Their Experiences

The talk took place under the coordination of Prof. Dr. Ayşe Işık Gürşimşek, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gülen Onurkan Aliusta, Asst. Prof. Dr. Nihan Koran and Expert Rahme Kavaz. The invited speakers of the online talk were Muğla Milas Ören Primary School Teacher Olcay Yılmaz Ak, Beylerbeyi Kindergarten Teacher Çağrı Peköz and Polatpaşa Primary School Teacher Sevinç Altun Kara. The

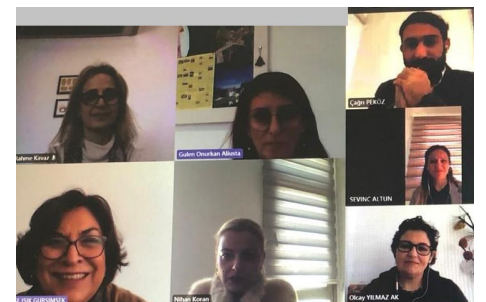
invited speakers provided information to the prospective teachers about what has become a priority for children's learning needs, expressing the need for unusual practices in this challenging process that we are going through. The speakers also conveyed their experiences in the process by emphasizing on issues such as how children sense the process, how they react, and what kind of communication network is established with their families and colleagues. With these experiences that were not familiar to them due to the effects of the pandemic, the teacher candidates had the opportunity to develop awareness and perspective on the importance of putting the child in the center.

"A Very Productive Event"

The teachers, who were the invited speakers of the talk, stated that the teacher candidates were more advantageous than them in preparing for the future, and even holding such a meeting was an indicator of this. During and after the event, prospective teachers expressed their satisfaction with the opportunity provided by their departments enabling them to interact with the alumni. Speaking on behalf of the students participating in the talk, EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Elementary Education Student Representative Hazal Ece Renkmen stated that the talk was very productive, and especially listening to

the solidarity and communication of the invited speakers, families and colleagues for the benefit of the children acted as a guide for them and stated that it was enlightening. Renkmen pointed out that the information she gained in the interview was inspiring for a problem-solving and well-equipped vocational preparation that is compatible with extraordinary situations while preparing for their future professions.

EMU Education Faculty, Elementary Education Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eda Yazgın thanked all the participants who contributed to the organization of the event and stated that in accordance with the vision of the Department of Elementary Education, new ones will be added to the activities in order to ensure that the activities carried out in cooperation with the school and society become sustainable for the benefit of the students.



EMU WINTER CUP TENNIS TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS ANNOUNCED

The champions have been announced in the EMU Winter Cup Tennis Tournament organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Sports Affairs Directorate. The final matches and award ceremony of the tournament, organized in the categories of women's and men's over 18, women's and men's over 30, women's doubles, men's doubles and mixed doubles, took place at EMU Tennis Courts on Tuesday, 29 December 2020, at 7:00 p.m. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın, Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Aktuğlu, Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu and EMU Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu, who, at the same time, competed in the tournament, also attended the ceremony.

Champions Announced

While Aslı Öngün became the champion in women's over 18 category, Melis Gülcan took the second place. The semi-finalists of the category were Deren Kalfaoğlu and Gülzat Kustubayeva. Whilst Tancan Kemaler became the champion of men's over 18 category, Bahtiyar Satış took the second place. The semi-finalists of the category were Matin Razavi and Yunus Ataduryev. In the category of women's

over the age of 30, Mine Altay became the champion, while Özde Dağlı took the second place. The semi-finalists of the category were Betül Güler and Setareh Shirkhani. Aydın Kayol, who contributed in the organization of the tournament, became the champion in the men's over 30 category, Heidar Heidari

took the second place. Ferhad Nazari and Bilal Ceral were the semi-finalists of the category.

Deren-Diana duo became the champion in the women's doubles category, while Gülzat-Özde won the second place. The semi-finalists of the category were Gizem-Özge and Ayşe-Melis. In the men's doubles category, Çağın-Serhan became the champion, and Aydın - Avni took the second place. The semi-finalists of the category were Tancan-Erhan and Cem-Emir. Aydın-Gülzat duo became the champion in the mixed doubles category, while Erhan - Diana duo took the second place. The semi-finalists of the category were Marifi-Betül and Tancan-Deren.





*Yeni Yılınızı en içten dileklerle kutlar, 2021 yılının size,
içkemize ve tüm dünyaya sağlık, mutluluk ve
huzur getirmesini dilerim.*

*I wish you all a very happy New Year.
May the year of 2021 bring health, joy and peace to our
country and the whole world.*

Prof. Dr. Aykut HOCANIN
Rektör / Rector

This Week's Academic Publications

Kaynak: Web of Science

Faculty of Education

1. Simsek, Ali, Fahme Dabaj, and Eylem Simsek. "Why and How Do University Students Use Facebook in Everyday Life?" *Revista de Cercetare si Interventie Sociala* 71 (2020).

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

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Faculty of Communication and Media Studies

1. Petricone, Fabiano, Fabio Fragiaco, and Fatoş Adiloğlu. "Distance Artist: Building the Skills of Future Creatives. Developing Evidence-Based Criteria for Global Virtual Team Tutoring and Management in Art and Design Education." *International Journal of Art and Design Education* (2020). (Early Access)

Faculty of Engineering

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