



EMU ESTABLISHES ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL COLLABORTION

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, received Rasam Institute of Higher Education President Prof. Dr. Ahmadali Farzin and Rasam Institute of Higher Education director of International Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anna Hajizadeh at his office.

During the meeting, Vice Rector for Promotional Affairs, Prof. Dr. Hıfsiye Pulhan, and International Promotions Coordinator, Dr. Aman Rassouli were also present. The meeting was held to discuss an agreement to be signed between EMU and the Rasam Institute of Higher Education, particularly in the field of Architecture. During the meeting, Prof. Dr. Osam congratulated Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hajizadeh, who is also an EMU Education Faculty, Foreign Languages Education Department, English Teaching Postgraduate Program Graduate, for her success. The meeting ended with an exchange of gifts.



FIRST PRIZE FOR EMU TEACHING STAFF, MUHAMMED BEDRİ KARABULUT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communications and Media Studies, Visual Arts and Communication Design Department, Animation and Game Design Program teaching staff Bedri Karabulut, receives first prize with his game "Cubia", in one of the worlds biggest gaming fairs, the 2020 Gaming Istanbul International Game, E-Sport and Digital Entertainment Expo. (GIST 2020).

Opening its doors to gaming enthusiasts from 30th January 2020, GIST 2020 is the largest expo in Eurasia. During the expo, gaming companies presented their newest developed games to gamers, while simultaneously, game developers had the opportunity to present the games they developed. EMU Faculty

of Communications and Media Studies, Visual Arts and Communication Design Department, Animation and Game Design Program teaching staff Bedri Karabulut was successful in receiving first prize for his game "Cubia", among 36 entrants, within the "Indie" category.

With this success, EMU Faculty of Communications and Media Studies Teaching Staff Muhammed Bedri Karabulut, has now gained the right to enter the "Intentional Indie Prize" competition in London.

To view an interview with Muhammed Bedri Karabulut on the subject, you may visit the YouTube channel via the link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EfFG_uBYaxg



SEMINAR ON “THE COURSE OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND THE PROBABILITIES OF A SOLUTION”

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Cyprus Policy Center (KPM) President and EMU Political Science and International Relations Department Head, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen gave a seminar to groups attending from Stanford University and from the Berlin Marine Research Center. The seminar, which deals with the issue of “The Course of the Cyprus Problem and the probabilities of a solution” was held on Monday, February 3, 2020, at EMU.

Prof. Dr. Sözen started his speech by presenting an up-to-date overview of how the Cyprus issue got to the point it has today, and pointed out that although the two communities have a desire for a solution; their beliefs of it being realized are low. Prof. Dr. Sözen pointed out the subject that the communities give great importance to is for an agreement to be established, where they will feel safe, and where the executive elites give importance to detailed issues such as the sharing of power. Stating that the inter-communal talks that started in 1968 could not provide a solution to the problem and that the Cyprus problem continues on an ongoing basis, Prof. Dr. Sözen pointed out that this is due to the fact that the official diplomacy conducted is disconnected from the rest of the society, as well as the fact that there is a lack of a reconciliation culture and experience in the communities, and a lack of trust.

Prof. Dr. Sözen went on to point out that there are three important difficulties in reaching a solution; first of all, a solution should be designed that both the two community leaders would sign, as well as the guarantor states, and should this be achieved, then the solution should be subjected to a simultaneous and separate referendum, and eventually a federation should be established that is operable and sustainable. Also touching on the developments after the hydrocarbon discoveries in the Eastern Mediterranean, Prof. Dr. Sözen pointed out that the treaty that Turkey made with Libya has raised concerns with actors such as Israel, Egypt and the Greek Cypriots. In an effort to isolate Turkey, they have cooperated in signing the EastMed Natural Gas Pipeline Agreement together. This in turn has resulted in the tensions rising in the region, with Turkish warships preventing international companies from digging in this controversial economic area in the Eastern Mediterranean.



Instead of creating an environment for reconciliation, the discovery of natural gas in the Eastern Mediterranean has created a very limited and sovereign-oriented competitive environment between the two communities. Prof. Dr. Sözen stated that the Greek Cypriot administration as the only recognised government in Cyprus, claimed that they were the dominant decision-maker and thus, do not need to consult the Turkish Cypriots in this matter. With this understanding, they immediately rejected the proposal from the TRNC President Mustafa Akıncı, to establish a joint committee in deciding who would authorize the exploration and drilling works.

Upon questions received by the participants, Prof. Dr. Sözen stated that the recent developments are not leading to armed conflict and that the parties involved wish to act with common sense by sitting at a diplomatic table to solve the issues in the Eastern Mediterranean. Turkey is the largest country in the region, withholding the longest coastline, and therefore excluding one of the biggest actors in the arithmetics has meant that no compromise has been reached, and that exclusions have been made. Turkey claims they have a right in accordance with the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and although there is a presence of Turkey’s naval boats that has been named the “gun boats” power demonstration, Turkey in fact does not want to engage in a war, and would actually prefer to sit down for negotiations with the parties involved and resolve the matter via diplomatic means.

IT HAS BEEN REPORTED BY PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PRESS OFFICE; EMU-SEM ACCERELATED ALES COURSE TO BEGIN 10 FEBRUARY

The Eastern Mediterranean University Continuing Education Center (EMU-SEM) has organized “Accelerated ALES Preparation Course” intended for undergraduate and postgraduate students. The exam preparation course will begin on 10 February 2020 and aims to prepare participants for the Republic of Turkey ÖSYM Presidency Academic Staff and Postgraduate Education Entrance Exam (ALES) quickly and effectively.

The courses are set to begin at 17:00 with the scope of completing 60 hours in total.

People who are interested in the EMU-SEM “Accelerated ALES Preparation Course” can get more information by calling 0392 630 2471 or extension 2482, or they can e-mail dausem@emu.edu.tr. For those who want to enroll in the course can do so by registering online via the EMU-SEM website at <http://sem.emu.edu.tr>, or by completing the “Online Registration” for pre-registration. EMU-SEM announced that they would respond as soon as possible to anyone who completes the pre-registration process.




Hızlandırılmış ALES Hazırlık Kursu

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EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK FACULTY OF MEDICINE ACADEMIC STAFF EXPLAINS THE CORONA VIRUS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Academic staff member Asst. Prof. Dr. Mümtaz Güran, gives information and advice in relation to the Coronavirus (coronavirüs 2019-nCoV) that was first seen in the Chinese city of Wuhan.

“What is the Coronavirus?”

“The Coronavirus is actually a known virus, however this year a new strain of this virus has been discovered in China (Coronavirus 2019-nCoV), and this new type of virus is a hazard in the sense it has the potential to create an epidemic.”

“Can you provide information in relation to the Microbiology of the new Coronavirus?”

The Coronacirus family is actually a large one, and they can often cause respiratory infections in the human respiratory tract or animals. Previously, Coronavirus types have caused epidemics under the names of “Severe acute respiratory syndrome” (SARS) in

2002 and Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS) in 2012. The virus, which has a shape similar to a Crown, is so it can only be seen with an electron microscope and is structurally composed of an RNA molecule and a structure called the envelope that surrounds it.

How did the new Coronavirus emerge? Why is it important?

Cases of respiratory tract infections caused by the new coronavirus (coronavirus 2019-nCoV) were reported in Wuhan, China, at the beginning of December 2019. It appears that infections associated with this virus have become an epidemic. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) raised the warning level to 3 in control measures. The 2019-nCoV detected in China is a new Coronavirus that was located in a human for the first time. Outbreaks that occur for the first time with a new virus in humans are critical for public health, as viruses that we do not fully recognize, pose a threat to public health.

It has already been confirmed that these 2019-nCoV infections are transmitted from person to person. Alerts have been issued by the World Health Organization (WHO), the European Center for Disease Control and Prevention (ECDC), and similar international organizations, that a global outbreak is likely. Therefore, this virus has the potential to create an epidemic in the world just like in SARS and MERS viruses, which reveals the importance of this situation. Currently, there is no case in our country, but this does

not mean that there will not be in the future. The ECDC reported in its report that the disease has the potential to spread to the European geography in which we are located. Therefore, it is important to take necessary measures against the virus and to be socially prepared for a possible phenomenon. In the individual sense, it is important to obtain information and raise awareness of the disease through reliable institutions such as WHO instead of sources that do not legitimately deal with such topics.

Is there a current threat to public health? Has sufficient measures been taken?

According to WHO data worldwide, the number of cases confirmed to date is 2798. Looking at China where the disease occurred, the number of confirmed cases has been reported as 2741, with 5794 suspicious cases as of today. At this moment in time, 80 people in China have been confirmed dead due to this virus. Outside of China, 37 cases have been reported and there are 11 different countries where the virus has spread to. There is currently no direct threat to public health in Cyprus, but the virus in question is a virus with intense efforts and potential for epidemic control worldwide, for this reason it is important to take various measures country-wide. Institutions such as WHO and CDC are currently publishing instructions on how to manage a suspicious patient and track those with a history of traveling to risky areas. It is necessary to be prepared to follow the guidelines and put them into

practice nationally and to establish the laboratory infrastructure where the disease can be diagnosed.

How is the virus transmitted? What are the symptoms of the disease? What measures should be taken?

Coronaviruses are actually viruses known to be transmitted from animals to humans. However, the new 2019-nCoV has been reported to be transmitted from person to person. Although the mechanism of transmission from person to person is not known exactly, the main way is thought to be similar to flu with virus-laden droplets that spread in the air via coughing and sneezing. According to WHO data, after a certain incubation period after transmission, the disease manifests itself with a high fever, cough and shortness of breath. There is no special treatment or protective vaccine for the infection yet, so washing hands frequently with water and soap, closing the mouth and nose with a handkerchief or cough while coughing and sneezing is also important to avoid the disease, while avoiding crowded environments as much as possible.

It is important to restrict physical contact with anyone who has recently travelled to Wuhan or China, within the last 2 weeks, especially if they are displaying symptoms consistent with that of 2019-nCoV, and to avoid traveling to geographies known to have the disease as much as possible, are other measures to be taken.

PARTICIPANTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE EMU-CEC ENGLISH COURSES RECEIVE THEIR CERTIFICATES

The Eastern Mediterranean University Continuing Education Center (EMU-CEC), awarded participants with certificates for their attendance at the “General English Course” that was held between 15th October 2019 till the 21st January 2020 and the “IELTS Exam Preparation Course” held between 4th December 2019 – 14th January 2020.

The certificate ceremony that was held in the EMU Tourism Faculty Amphitheater, was attended by Senior Instructor Yeşim Kapsıl Çırak, member of EMU-CEC Board of Management, Vacide Köse who is instructor of the General English Course and Senior Instructor Turan Değirmencioğlu who instructs the IELTS Exam preparation course.

Certificates of appreciation were awarded by Senior Instructor Yeşim Kapsıl Çırak to the course instructors, who later awarded certificates to the course participants. The ceremony came to a close with a family photo session.



LEONARDO DA VINCI STATUE ERECTED OUTSIDE OF VACD DEPARTMENT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Visual Arts and Communications Design Department (VACD) student Mohammad Moslem Saeid, has been working for a month on a statue of Leonardo Da Vinci, currently on display outside of the VACD building. The statue that was completed one week ago and is made of marble, is one of many pieces that Saeid has had exhibited for art lovers to enjoy, following statues exhibited in the Kerman Art Museum, House Gallery in Fahan and in governmental locations in the city of Tehran, Iran.

“Received Great Interest”
Saeid stated that he created the



statue outside of the VACD building, which attracted a lot of interest during its creation, with many commenting on how nice it is to have such a statue on the campus, and asking what it is. Saeid continued, stating that the statue was made possible through the support of VACD Chairman Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu. Saeid said, “Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu stated that the road name upon which the department building is situated is on is called Leonardo Da Vinci, and to create something related to him. Art is art and so I did it. I want people to see everything as art and the beauty within them.”

THIS WEEK AT PROMOTION



In Ankara’s Çankaya, Yenimahalle, Keçiören and Etimesgut Guidance and Research Center Directorates, a seminar was provided on “Career Counseling and its Applications” to the district guidance and counseling teachers. The Seminar was presented by EMU teaching staff Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sibel Dinçyürek, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yeliz Akıntuğ and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sertan Kağan.



Within the scope of our universities promotional activities, during 5-6 February, 2020, Education Specialist Süleyman Beledioğlu gave the seminar “Effects of Working Environments on Exam Success” in Izmir’s Buca District. Following the presentation, Gülçin Yayan İrdem of the EMU Izmir Promotion, Liaison and Registration Office, made a presentation in relation to EMU.

This Week’s Academic Publications

Source: *Web of Science*

Faculty of Business & Economics

1- Eluwole, Kayode Kolawole, Seyi Saint Akadiri, Andrew Adewale Alola, and Mfonobong Udom Etokakpan. “Does the interaction between growth determinants a drive for global environmental sustainability? Evidence from world top 10 pollutant emissions countries.” *Science of the Total Environment* 705 (2020): 135972.

Faculty of Medicine

1- Jafarova Demirkapu, Mahluga, Hasan Raci Yananlı, Melisa Kaleli, H. Eren Sakalli, M. Zafer Gören, and Betilay Topkara. “The role of adenosine A1 receptors in the nucleus accumbens during morphine withdrawal.” *Clinical and Experimental Pharmacology and Physiology*. (2020) (Early Access)

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

1- Akkaya, Efdal, Zeki Gokcil, Cem Erbas, Serhat Pusat, Zuleyha KAZAK Bengisun, and Ersin Erdogan. “A clinical analysis of microvascular decompression surgery with sacrifice of the superior petrosal venous complex for trigeminal neuralgia: a single-surgeon experience.” *Turk Neurosurgery* 30, no.1 (2020): 83-88.

2- Al-Badawi, Ahmad, İzzet Sakallı, and Sara Kanzi. “Solution of Dirac equation and greybody radiation around a regular Bardeen black hole surrounded by quintessence.” *Annals of Physics* 412 (2020): 168026.

Faculty of Tourism

1- Eluwole, Kayode Kolawole, Seyi Saint Akadiri, Andrew Adewale Alola, and Mfonobong Udom Etokakpan. “Does the interaction between growth determinants a drive for global environmental sustainability? Evidence from world top 10 pollutant emissions countries.” *Science of the Total Environment* 705 (2020): 135972.

2- Alipour, Habib, Farzad Safaeimanesh, and Arezoo Soosan. “Investigating Sustainable Practices in Hotel Industry-from Employees’ Perspective: Evidence from a Mediterranean Island.” *Sustainability* 11, no. 23 (2019): 6556.



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