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## EMU HAS ESTABLISHED A COVID-19 AWARENESS COMMITTEE







The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), has taken a number of precuations against COVID-19, commonly known as Coronavirus. Following an increase in the number of countries where COVID-19 has been detected, the "COVID-19 Awareness Committee" was established and activated to help protect all students and staff in the event the infection reaches the Turkish



Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). In the statement made by the COVID-19 Awareness Committee, information was given on the measures to be taken. It was stated by the committee that while no cases were detected in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus until March 2, 2020, the EMU COVID-19 Awareness Committee was still closely following the

recommendations of the World Health Organization, while maintaining direct contact with the Ministry of Health.

#### **Communal Areas are being Disinfected**

The statement put forth that one of the most important ways to prevent and control infectious diseases, including COVID-19, is to use hand antiseptics, which are now being distributed on campus. While it was stated that disinfection of common areas (offices, conference rooms, laboratories, university buses, etc.) is regularly applied around the campus, the committee emphasized that training activities are planned for students and employees. The committee is currently in the process of creating educational brochures to raise awareness and provide information on COVID-19, to be distributed in public areas. In the statement made by the committee, it was stated that the definitions of suspect cases described by the TRNC Ministry of Health were provided and that they were well equipped for the detection of suspicious cases. The websites recommended by EMU COVID-19 Awareness Committee in order to obtain correct information are listed below:

https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019

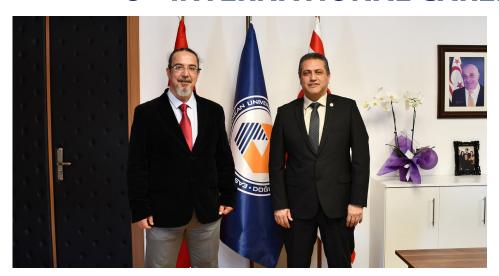
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

https://www.seyahatsagligi.gov.tr/Site/koronavirus

https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/videos



## EMU HOSTED TOLGA GÜLÜMSER UNDER THE 8<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CAREER DAYS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted Tolga Gülümser as part of the 8th International Career Days organized by the Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate (ACCRD). The event that took place on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 13:30 on Wednesday, was experienced with large participation at the Electrical Electronics Engineering Amphitheater. The aim of the event was to bring together the EMU Faculty of

Engineering, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering students with industry-based role models, as well as theoretical and practical lessons. It was also aimed to complete the shortcomings of the students and to assist them in making the right decisions in line with their career options.

Tolga Gülümser, who is a 1995 graduate from the Electrical Electonics

Engineering Department presented "Biomedical Engineering Education and Needs of the Sector", which received large interest. Gülümser, who has experience working at well-known names such as HITACHI, CANON, TOSHIBA, Siemed Ltd. Has been working as the Biomedical Department Manager at Koru Health Group, Koru Hospital since 2019. Gülümser made several recommendations in his presentation by sharing his experiences with the students. At the end of the event, Acting Vice Chair of the Electrical Electronics Engineering Department Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rasime Uyguroğlu gifted Gülümser with a Silk work board.

### Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel was visited.

Before the said event, Gülümser visited EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel in his office, and expressed his pleasure in being at EMU. During the visit that Assoc. Prof. Dr. Uyguroğlu was also present in, Prof. Dr. Demirel gave extensive information about EMU.

### GREAT SUCCESS FROM THE EMU GASTRONOMY AND CULINARY ARTS DEPARTMENT



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts teaching staff professional Cake Chef Pınar Barut, for the first time competed in the World Chef Olympics in Germany's city of Stuttgart, and achieved first prize in representation of EMU.

Barut, who received a gold medal when she took first prize at The Villeroy & Boch World Chef and Cake Competition in 2018 that took place in Luxembourg, also took first prize for the category "Pastry Artistic" at the olympics she competed in for the first time ever. Teaching staff Barut advised that the competition was very competative and that she is currently still feeling the excitement, and although she entered the competition for the first time, that the achievement is a great source of pride fo EMU, TRNC and

herself. In an announcement made in relation to this achievement, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç explained that the success that Cake Chef Pınar Barut has displayed over the recent years is not a coincidence and that the achievement she has obtained from the olympics is a very proud one.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç advised that the IKA Culinary Olympics that takes place every 4 years and was organised at Germany's City of Stuttgart for the first time, saw over 2,000 chefs competing from over 70 countries. Prof. Dr. Kılıç went on to state that Pınar Barut's achievement at the Chef Olympics, which is accepted as the worlds biggest and hardest competition, is important as it also carries with it an element of prestige.



## EMU HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY ANNOUNCES THE PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN AGAINST THE CORONAVIRUS



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Health Sciences, organised a conference on 'How to Protect yourself from the Coronavirus', in relation to COVID-19, commonly known as Coronavirus, in order to raise awareness and provide information on precautionary measures that can be taken. The conference that was held on Tuesday 3rd March 2020, 15:30 at the EMU Health Sciences Faculty amphitheatre, was provided by EMU Health Sciences Faculty and Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine teaching staff Asst. Prof. Dr. Levent Eker. Participants included the EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, as well as teaching staff from the faculty and students. Speaking during the opening remarks at the conference, EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Malkoc advised there is a lot of incorrect information being shared in relation to COVID-19, and for this reason it was decided to organise this conference to provide correct information to the public and students of EMU.

#### "Do Not Panic"

Following the opening speeches, Asst. Prof. Dr. Levent Eker gave brief information about how the COVID-19 virus came out and how it was identified by the World Health Organization. He noted that the World Health Organization publishes a virus-related status report every day. Asst. Prof. Dr. Eker explained that the virus has spread to over 60 countries, about 86 thousand people

have been affected by the virus and that the virus has caused more than 3 thousand deaths. He also explained the methods of protection from the virus. Asst. Prof. Dr. Eker stated that panic is leading to errors, and at the same time, acting dishonestly can have serious consequences. Underlining that the measures and recommendations of the health authorities should be followed, Asst. Prof. Dr. Eker stated that human beings will eventually prevail against the virus.

#### How is the Virus Transmitted?

Stating that the virus is usually transmitted via breath, Asst. Prof. Dr. Eker also noted that it is also contagious through contact and that "People do not have any immunity to this virus. The World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control have announced that the virus has an incubation period ranging from 2 to 14 days. There is no vaccine or antiviral treatment yet. Since vaccine development is a long process, it can take months. Therefore, the measures to be taken in order to avoid getting infected with the virus are very important."

#### **How Should we Protect Ourselves?**

Emphasizing that those experiencing fevers and coughs should refrain from travelling unless urgent, Asst. Prof. Dr. Eker said, "If any of our students have complaints of a fever and cough, please do not come to school and instead go to the nearest health institution. Do not use the palm of your hand while coughing

and sneezing. Always keep tissues with you, and cough and sneeze into the tissue, then throw the tissue in to the trash immediately. Do not carry it with you. If you don't have a tissue, cough and sneeze into the inside of your elbow instead. The virus can survive on inanimate surfaces for 6-8 hours. On lively surfaces, this period is much more. Hand washing is very important. During the day, you should definitely wash your hands thoroughly using liquid soap for at least 40 seconds. While hand washing, palms, fingers, and frequently forgotten; thumbs, should be thoroughly rubbed with soap. After hand washing, it should be wiped with a paper towel to be thrown into the trash. If there is no opportunity to wash hands, hands should be disinfected with at least 60% alcoholic disinfectant."

#### **Are Face Masks Useful?**

Emphasizing that rubber masks used by people, especially during travel, will not protect themselves from the virus, Asst. Prof. Dr. Eker said, "Healthy people do not need to wear a mask. Normal rubber masks won't protect you from viruses. The N-95 mask is the only mask known to filter 95% of viruses, and even that mask should not be used continuously. People who wear masks think they protect themselves, however the most important way to protect yourself from viruses is to wash hands properly and avoid contact. This is the recommendation of the World Health Organization. In public areas, objects such as door handles or elevator buttons should not be contacted directly with the palm or fingertip. Any contact should be made with paper towels or tissues, and devices should not be shared. If you do not have tissue or paper towels to your disposal, doors should be opened with the elbow, and elevator buttons pressed with the finger joint when in a fist. During greetings people should not shake hands or kiss. One should consume a lot of liquid and consume Vitamin C naturally, as supplements can be dangerous. Eating a regular amount of orange, grayfruit and lemon should be sufficient to meet ones Vitamin C needs." After the question and answer session, the conference came to an end, with Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç giving Asst. Prof. Dr. Levent Eker a certficate without shaking hands.



## SERVET ŞAHAN HOSTED AT THE EMU SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND TECHNOLOGY



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) School of Computer and Technology, and the EMU Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate organized an event within the context of the "8th International Career Days". The event that hosted Servet Şahan, who works as a Responsible Partner as a Authorized Accounting-Auditor at G. Saydam & amp; CO. YMM Bureau, shared his career journey with the students at the conference titled "The Place of the Accounting Profession in the TRNC" at the

EMU School of Computer and Technology Amphitheatre on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, informing them about how the accounting profession is carried out in the TRNC.

#### Who is Servet Sahan?

Servet Şahan has participated in many seminars, vocational courses and personal development programs. In addition to performing his profession, he continues to provide computer aided basic, intermediate and high level accounting trainings to many institutions and organizations. Şahan has been a jury member in the Computerized Accounting branch of the Inter-High School Knowledge and Skill competitions organized by the TRNC Ministry of Education every year for 8 years. He joined G. Saydam & amp; Co. YMM Bureau in 2005, working in every department so far. Today he works as a responsible partner with the title of authorized accountant-auditor.



# A CONFERENCE ABOUT CHEQUES HAS BEEN ORGANIZED AT EMU FACULTY OF LAW

The Eastern Mediterranean University, Faculty of Law organized a conference titled "A Review About Cheques". The conference took place on 5th of March 2020 at the EMU Faculty of Law. The conference which started at 14:30 was presented by speaker İsmet Üstüner. İsmet Üstüner is known for his experience and vested cases in relation to cheques at the United Kingdom and Turkish Republic Of Northern Cyprus. Üstüner obtains vast knowledge with relation to cheques due to his interest in law for the past 60 years, although he stated that he is an electrical engineer and his interest in cheques

is just a hobby. Üstüner explained what cancelled cheques, conditional acceptances and overdue cheques are, and then continued to explain the changes made in the law between 2011-2013, and what these situations caused in relation to the disputes over cheques. Üstüner gave examples from his experience and cases which he had been involed in, comparing the laws of today and the past. At the end of the conference, EMU Faculty of Law Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba presented a thank you plaquet to İsmet Üstüner.



## SUDAN AND LEBANESE CULTURAL NIGHT EVENT CONDUCTED GLORIOUSLY AT EMU





Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), International Office operating under the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate organized "Sudan and Lebanese Cultural Night" events. The first of the international nights organized to introduce students from different countries and cultures to socialize and introduce their traditions, started with "Sudan Night," held at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center on Saturday, 29 February 2020. It continued with "Lebanese Night" on Monday, March 2, 2020. Students from Sudan and Lebanon experienced enjoyable moments and an unforgettable night. In addition to many

Sudanese and Lebanese students, students from different countries came by bus and participated in the events. Within the scope of the events, participants were offered cocktails and local dishes from Sudan and Lebanon. The exhibition hall that was decorated with photos of Sudan and Lebanon also attracted great attention from the visitors.

#### **Sudan Cultural Night**

EMU's international cultural nights started with the magnificent Sudan Night. During the night, information about Sudan was shared and Sudanese traditions were

introduced by members of the Sudanese Students Association. In a theatre play titled "The Sudanese Revolution", Sudanese students reflected how and what the situation in their country should change to. Amjad Shaker, one of Sudan's famous singers, was also among those in attendance during the night. EMU students enjoyed Shaker's songs, with the students performing the traditional "Jabana" dances that they do at parties or celebrations.

#### **Sudanese Singer visits Acting Rector**

Prior to the Sudan Night, Sudanese singer visted Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel at his office, alongside International Office personnel as well as EMU Sudan Student Society President Mohammed Abdulvahab. The Sudanese singer thanked EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Demirel for the hospitality he has received since his arrival at EMU. Prof. Dr. Demirel provided information about EMU to the singer and gave him a gift during his visit.

#### Lebanon Night

Members of the EMU Lebanese Students Association hosted students from different cultures during their night. "Tabbouleh", "Hummus" and many different traditional tastes unique to Lebanon were served during the magnificent night. Students performed traditional "Dabkeh" dances and the EMU Lebanese Students Association presented a short video promoting their country and introducing their cultures and traditions during the night. Also featured during the event was a theatre performance revealing the problems experienced in their country. The participants had a lot of fun with the Arabic songs voiced by Tony Attieh Elie, Attieh Houssam, Rouay Heb, Anthony Karam.

### "EMU WITH FOLK SONGS 9" POSTPONEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Please be informed that "EMU with Folk Songs 9" event formerly announced to be held at Lala Mustafa Pasa Sports Center on 7 March 2020 has been postponed to 22 April 2020 due to the death of 34 Turkish soldiers who were martyred in an airstrike in İdlib, Syria and 3 citizens who lost their lives as a result of the fire which broke out at Nicosia Dr. Burhan Nalbantoğlu State Hospital. The event which will host famous Turkish singer Edip Akbayram will take place at EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium on 22 April 2020. The event will be free for all students, EMU Staff

and the public.



## EMU – WSEC SHARES MESSAGE FOR 8 MARCH INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



Eastern Mediterranean University Women's Studies and Education Center (EMU - WSEC) sent a special message in celebration of International Women's day. The following was noted in the message: "8 March International Women's day is a symbol of women's stance towards gender ineqality. 163 years ago, women began a struggle against

bad working conditions with the slogan 'equal pay for equal work'. Today within the foundations of human rights, the struggle for equality and independence prevails.

Prevention of gender-based discrimination in all areas of life and gender-based violence, which is an aspect of it, is possible only by meeting the requirements of transnational standards on gender equality. The way to do this is to implement legal arrangements for this purpose, and the mechanisms that will effectively implement them, alongside multiple policies.

Eastern Mediterranean University Women's Studies and Education Center (EMU - WSEC) will do the necessary that falls upon them in relation to the said gender equality struggle while maintaining social awareness.

On this occasion, we celebrate 8 March World Working Women's Day with an equal yearning for women on the basis of human rights, where they have come to a place they deserve within political, social and economic spheres.

### **EMU TV DISCUSSES CORONAVIRUS**



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoc moderated the television program "Scientific Health", with guest speaker Assoc. Prof. Dr. Levent Eker, who is teaching staff at Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Health Sciences. In this program, COVID-19 and Outbreak Prevention Methods were discussed. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eker, who formerly worked as President at the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Health, Infectious Diseases Department and has assisted as team leader in several outbreaks, made statements during the program in order to better inform the society, and stated that the COVID-19 virus has spread to over 60 countries, with 86 thousand cases at present and over 3 thousand deaths due to the virus.

What are the first symptoms of the virus? Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eker explained that

COVID-19 is a sub-member of the Coronavirus family, while the other two are identified as SARS and MERS outbreaks, and that COVID-19 is transmitted faster than SARS and MERS, but the mortality rate is lower. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eker emphasized that the diagnosed COVID-19 is transmitted through breathing and contact and went on to advise "Sick people touch their hands to various objects after coughing and sneezing. The healthy person then touches these objects and then touches their eyes and face. We call this contagion." Stating that the first sign of the disease is high fever and dry cough, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eker stated that this was followed by sneezing and lastly shortness of breath.

#### What is Quarantine and Isolation?

Noting that countries have taken some measures to prevent the risk of contamination, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eker recommended that

individuals that have a fever followed by a dry cough, should apply to a healthcare provider and share their complaints by reporting their past 14-day travel history. Stating that the incubation period of COVID-19 is 2-14 days, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eker said that during the period in question, it is possible to spread the virus without any symptoms. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eker also clarified the terms of quarantine and isolation, and that suspicious individuals were quarantined for 14 days, even if they were not diagnosed, and isolation of the diagnosed patients until the treatment was called for by the state.

#### "Postpone Your Travel Plans"

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eker also listed some precautions to be taken, "Defer your travel unless it is mandatory. Only those who show signs of illness should wear a mask during their flight. When wearing a mask, the nose should be closed and the mask should be used once and then thrown into the trash." On the other hand, it was emphasized that hands should be washed frequently in order to prevent contamination through contact. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eker described the correct hand washing technique in detail during the program. The Scientific Health program will broadcast on Monday, March 9, 2020 between 17.00-17.45 on BRT3.



### THIS WEEK AT PROMOTION



Gaziantep Fair took place on 24-25 February 2020 and Mersin Promotion, Liaison and Registration Office Staff Giray Asutay and Gaziantep Representative Esin Akınal Oktay represented our university.



Anafartalar High School Promotion Days took place on 28 February 2020. Hüseyin Öğünçer and Gizem Canalp from the Promotion Office, Halil Güresun, Enes Özdemir, Bedri Karabulut and Mürüde Özen Sevinç, from the Faculty of Communication and Asst. Assoc. Dr. Ahenk Yılgın Damgacı from the Faculty of Architecture represented our university.



Değirmenlik High School Promotion Days took place on 27 February 2020. EMU Promotion Office Staff, İklim Durna, Gizem Canalp and Safiye Bağkur from the Faculty of Communication represented our university.



Mersin EKET Fair was held on 2 March 2020 and Mersin Promotion, Liaison and Registration Office Staff Giray Asutay represented our university. Ayşe Deveci, the Consulate Mersin Education Attaché, also visited our stand.



"Şanlıurfa ARTI Fair" was held on 27-28 February 2020 and Şanlıurfa Promotion, Liaison and Registration Office Staff Mehmet Bozanoğlu represented our university.



Karabük TED College Fair was held on March 3, 2020 and Ankara Publicity, Liaison and Registration Office Staff Ahmet Ümit Ünal represented our university.





#### This Week's Academic Publications

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