



EMU PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO AID CONTRIBUTORS DURING THE PANDEMIC PROCESS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) presented certificates to contributing business people, institutions and organisations and the "EMU Support Group", who voluntarily worked to provide material and moral support in the name of students experiencing difficulties, due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic. The Certificate Ceremony took place on Tuesday, 9th June 2020, at 14:00, at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. Delivering a speech at the beginning of the ceremony, EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel referred to the Covid-19 pandemic that started in China's city of Wuhan and affected the whole world, emphasizing the difficult times experienced. From the 29th February 2020, Prof. Dr. Demirel explained that as a university, the first steps were taken with the establishment of the "Covid-19 Awareness Committee" that comprises of experts in the university, and in this way they were able to raise awareness across the campus, especially

directed to students and workers, by preparing informative posterts, announcements and videos.

"EMU's Spirit Unveiled"

With the first positive case that appeared in the TRNC on the 10th March 2020, Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel noted that a break was given from education, and with all the restaurants and eating and drinking locations being closed along with the application of the curfew, many of the students residing inside the campus and in Famagusta experienced difficulties. Prof. Dr. Demirel went on to state "It is during these difficult times that the spirit of EMU once again appeared, and from the 19th March 2020, under the direction of Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu, a voluntary team was established comprising of academic, administrative worker staff and students." With the efforts of the group named "EMU Support Group", dry foods were being

delivered to students experiencing difficulties explained Prof. Dr. Demirel, and then with the support of all of the EMU syndicates and material and moral contributions of many individuals, institutions and organisations in Famagusta, the students were supported very well, with all of their needs met. Prof. Dr. Demirel noted that during the process, not only was support received from the Famagusta area, but from across the TRNC, with aid flooding in to the "EMU Support Group", and that the Tabl'dot restaurant inside the campus began to provide a food service to the students under the appropriate conditions.

"Heroes are Created in Difficult Times"

EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Demirel explained the contributions that EMU made for the country. On 20th March 2020, EMU provided two genetic expert members to the TRNC Prime Ministry Science Organisation,

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and that on the 23rd March a Rectorate Committee was established for the EMU Support Group and also, that with the efforts of EMU Scientists, that the 2nd Covid-19 Test Centre in the country was established at the Famagusta State Hospital. Prof. Dr. Demirel explained that during this process, online education continued and students did not lag in their education, and that stated that “Difficult times create heroes. Whoever adapts to difficulties wins. During this process, as EMU, we have once again understood what proficient staff we possess.” At the end of his speech, Prof. Dr. Demirel thanked all of the people, institutions, and

organisations that stood by EMU during this difficult process. Prof. Dr. Demirel completed his statement by saying “It was a difficult process that will be hard to forget. To be able to help others during such difficult periods requires a good heart and virtue. I wholeheartedly thank our government, our ministries, unions, TRNC Civil Defense Organization, Turkish Cypriot Red Crescent, business people, institutions, organizations and everyone who contributed materially and morally.” Following Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Demirel’s speech, individuals, institutions and organisations that contributed to the EMU aid process from outside of the university,

were presented with certificates of thanks by EMU Board of Trustees Director Dr. Erdal Özçenk. After Dr. Özçenk received his certificate, “EMU Support Group” Director Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu and EMU Faculty of Tourism Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç were presented with thank you plaques and certificates by Dr. Erdal Özçenk and Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel. The ceremony came to a close with the presentation of certificates to the “EMU Support Group” comprising of academic, administrative, worker staff and students, and a group photo.

EMU IN FIRST PLACE ACROSS THE ISLAND IN THE NATURE INDEX 2020 RANKINGS

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Subject	Count	Share
Physical Sciences	95	6.95
Chemistry	6	0.99
Earth & Environmental Sciences	8	0.78
Life Sciences	15	0.54

Top 10 institutions from Cyprus

Institution	Count	Share
1. Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU)	8	3.78
2. University of Cyprus	81	3.38
3. The Cyprus Institute (Cyl)	7	1.58
4. Marine and Environmental Research Lab Ltd. (MER Lab)	1	0.13
5. British Cyprus IVF Hospital	1	0.11
6. XeUS Technologies Ltd.	1	0.09
7. Near East University (NEU)	17	0.04
8. Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics (CING)	4	0.03
9. Cyprus Wildlife Research Institute (CWRI)	1	0.02

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) is ranked as the best university in both North and South Cyprus in the Nature Index 2020 Rankings, Physical Sciences category.

EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, therefore, has established important success at Nature Index in the last 5 years. Nature Index ranks monthly and annual achievements by scanning articles related to Medicine, Health, Chemistry, Physical Sciences, World and Environmental Sciences. published in the most respected academic journals of the world. The EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean, pointed out that the departments of Physics and Biological Sciences under the umbrella of the EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences contributed greatly to the success achieved. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan stated that 6 of the 8 high-level scientific articles published in prestigious academic journals were the work of academic staff in

the Physics Department and 2 by academic staff in the Biological Sciences Department. Prof. Dr. Özarslan emphasized that the success of the Arts and Sciences Faculty increased yearly, which is a result of part of the faculty’s strategic plan, and without compromise; on quality, education, teaching and research continues. The EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Physics and Chemistry Chair Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı stated that the Department of Physics achieved the most points across the island and is ranked in first place, which he highlighted is a reflection of first the departments and then the faculty’s and EMU’s mission and vision.

The published articles by the EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Physics and Biological Sciences Department academic staff can be located at the following address: <https://www.natureindex.com/country-outputs/Cyprus>.

EMU PRESENTS CERTIFICATES TO PERSONNEL THAT CONTRIBUTED DURING THE PANDEMIC

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) presented certificates to members of staff working devotedly during the COVID-19 Pandemic period. The Certificate Ceremony took place on Thursday, 11th June, 2020, at 14:30 at the Senate Hall. Present at the ceremony were academic personnel, management and academic coordinators, those who had duties at the Dr. Burhan Nalbantoğlu State Hospital, Famagusta State hospital, and also on behalf of the staff working in ensuring coordination, cleaning and hygiene in the university, administrative supervisors and branch supervisors received certificates from EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Demirel.

“The Spirit of EMU Appeared”

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from education, and with the application of the curfew that followed, many of the students residing inside the campus and in Famagusta experienced difficulties. Around 13,000 food packs were prepared and the products were gathered and distributed by EMU volunteers.



During this period where people panicked and stayed in their homes, Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel thanked the academic personnel who worked at the State Hospitals, stating that he was proud to see that EMU's spirit appeared during these difficult times.

EMU'S JOURNALIST CANDIDATES CAME BEFORE JURY WITH ONLINE PRESENTATIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communications and Media Studies, Department of New Media and Journalism students, appeared before a jury with their digital newspapers. Digital newspapers prepared by graduate candidates of the 2019-2020 Spring Semester, within the scope of graduation projects, were evaluated for the first time with an online jury meeting. The newspapers, which were prepared under the supervision of EMU Faculty of Communication and Media Studies, Department of New Media and Journalism Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy and Dr. Engin Aluç, were presented in the newspaper format as well as in the magazine format. Among the jury members was EMU Faculty of Communications and Media Studies graduate and previous Editor in Chief of Detay newspaper, Oshan Sabırlı, who evaluated alongside EMU Faculty of Communications and Media Studies Vice Dean, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy and EMU New Media and Journalism Department academic staff member, Dr. Engin Aluç. Experienced journalist Oshan Sabırlı attended the presentations that lasted over 2 hours from Hungary due to his current research there. The EMU Faculty of Communications and Media Studies that started online education since



March with the rest of the university due to the COVID-19 pandemic, saw the New Media and Journalism Department providing the online jury experience to students and jury members for the first time this year.

The Newspapers were presented to the Jury's taste

The 3 newspapers evaluated by the jury were examined under the headings such as news selection, language used, visual design, ethical

values, critical view and distribution of the news by pages. Among the newspapers evaluated was “Kıbrıs'ın Sesi” newspaper prepared by Ali Ertoprak, Muhammed Açar's “Ulak” newspaper and Ahmet Tilki's “Gazetilki” newspaper, within the context of the newspaper final project for evaluation by the jury. The online evaluation meeting allowed for the jury members to not only evaluate the work, but also gave them the opportunity to share their experiences from the sector with the students.

EMU GIVES CASH CHEQUE AWARD TO SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) awarded students with outstanding success during the 2019 – 2020 Academic Year, Fall semester. Students who made it to the top 10 within their Faculty or Schools, were awarded with a 3 category cash cheque at a ceremony on Wednesday 10th June 2020, at 15:00, at the EMU Senate Hall. Present at the ceremony were EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel, Rector's Coordinator Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Aktuğlu, Electrical Electronic

Engineering Department Acting Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rasime Uygurolu and the students.

"I congratulate All Students"

Speaking at the beginning of the ceremony, EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel, stated that many students in Faculties and Schools displayed great success. Prof. Dr. Demirel advised that EMU financially supports students who achieve top 10 with cash cheques, and that he congratulates them

from his heart. Also thanking those who put in effort in the success of these students, Prof. Dr. Demirel stated that he wished their actual reward would meet them following their graduation in their working lives. The awards were given in 3 categories, with students achieving first place receiving 3 times the minimum wage amount, while second place students received 2 times the minimum wage amount and third place students received the amount equivalent to minimum wage.

EMU RECTOR CANDIDATES ADDRESSED EMU MEMBERS DURING PANEL



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), the locomotive of higher education in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and one of the leading input sources of its economy, is experiencing exciting times due to the upcoming Rectoral Election. EMU Rector Candidates came together at a panel organised within the scope of the election schedule determined by the EMU Rector Candidate Committee and addressed members of EMU. The panel in question took place on Thursday 11th June, 2020, between

10:00 – 13:00, at the EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Hall. The panel took place with maximum health precautions adhered to, with the attendees present with masks, their temperatures measured upon entry and in accordance with social distancing measures.

The Panel was Formed of 3 Stages

At the Panel, EMU Rectoral Candidates Prof. Dr. Turgay Avcı, Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın, Prof. Dr. Mustafa İlkan, Prof. Dr. Vedat Yorucu ve Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen,

spoke according to the order resulting from a draw. Rectoral candidate Prof. Dr. Dennis A. Signier was not present at the panel due to being unable to travel to the TRNC due to the pandemic. The panel, which was formed of 3 stages, observed 10 minute general presentations during the first stage, and during the second and third stages, had the candidates answering questions posed to them, again without exceeding 10 minutes each, and in order of a draw.

EMU STUDENT SELECTION, PLACEMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP SYSTEM APPLICATIONS EXTENDED TILL 15TH JUNE

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Student Selection, Placement and Scholarship System applications deadline that was previously announced as being 10th June 2020, has been extended till 15th June 2020, 23.59, due to high demand. As it is known, taking into account the pandemic process, EMU this year will accept students via the student Selection, Placement and Scholarship System, where students can make their online applications for all programs except for Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Dentistry, and will be selected according to their high school grade averages. According to the announcement made by the EMU Rectorate, over 1800 applications have been received upon the system, and due to further requests being continually received, the application deadline has been extended till Monday, 15th June 2020, and reminded that any applications that are yet to be completed and any new applications, must be completed by this date via the



address www.emu.edu.tr/tr. TRNC citizens (including dual nationality citizens), who have completed their high school education inside or outside of the TRNC with a high school or equivalent educational institution, or graduate candidates who obtained formal education inside or outside of the TRNC (4 years), students who have completed or

will graduate at an educational institution providing education and Turkish Nationals may apply. Students can make their applications without charge via the Student Selection, Placement and Scholarship System accessible at www.emu.edu.tr. The application results will be announced 19th June 2020.

EMU VISUAL ARTS AND VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN DEPARTMENT CHAIR PROF. DR. SENİH ÇAVUŞOĞLU RECEIVES AN AWARD

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication, Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Department Chair, Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu, has been deemed worthy of the “Hakan Çakmak Special Award” at the 19th “Kutlu Adalı Press Awards”. The “Kutlu Adalı Press Awards” ceremony organised every year by the Press Workers Union, is to take place on Monday 6th of July, 2020, at Lefkoşa Great Inn. At the ceremony, EMU Faculty Communication, Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Department Chair, Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu, has been deemed worthy of the “Hakan Çakmak Special Award”, by the Press Workers Union. The people and

establishments who have been deemed worthy of a prize by the Press workers Union are: İsmail Kemal (Kutlu Adalı Honour Award) Serhat İncirli (Basın-Sen Special Award), Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu (Hakan Çakmak Special Award), Haber Kıbrıs (New Media Award) Meyil Avcı (Young press Worker Award), Dila Şimşek – with the ‘Unauthorized, Unregistered, Boarding Religion Course’ news (Best News Article Award), Ertuğrul Senova – with “They Moved to the South on the condition of no return” news (Video news of the Year), Afet İlban – Emine Uysal – İsmet Oyal – Onur Evrensel (Press Workers Award), Fatma Tahsin Keleş, Erten Kasımoğlu, Fatma Oya Kışmır, Rasih Reşat (Profession Effort Givers Award).



MEMBERS OF EMU WALK AGAINST RACISM

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) organised a “A Solidarity Walk against Racism” at the EMU Activity Centre on 10 June 2020, at 18:00. The solidarity walks that began as protests across the world as a reaction towards Police violence, as a result of the death of George Floyd in America that has become a symbol, was also held at EMU. Releasing a press release prior to the walk, the students stated “We have gathered to protest against the racism against black people, as it is being done across the world. Our aim is to walk in raising awareness against racism. We want the deaths and discrimination of people due to skin colour to come to an end”. EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel was also present at the walk.

They Protested by Kneeling to the Ground

Within the press statement, the students added, “Georg Floyd is a symbol. Many of us may believe there is no racism on our island. We have a culture that sees different cultures as a source of wealth. However, we display a prejudice against African, especially black students, and the normalisation of events

occurring in life prevents the racism behind them from being visible. In the recent past, in a project where more than 500 students took part, 90% stated that they have been subjected to or witnessed racism in Cyprus. Every sentence that begins with ‘I am not racist but...’ contains racism. Racism does not just comprise of verbal expressions. This

walk aims to raise awareness of people who are subject to discrimination due to their skin colour. No to all kinds of racism and discrimination where people are the other!” Members of EMU who walked in the campus, chanted “Black Lives Matter” and “George Floyd” slogans, and protested by kneeling to the ground.



This Week's Academic Publications

Source: Web of Science

Faculty of Pharmacy

1- Tabanca, Nurhayat, Ayse Nalbantsoy, Paul E. Kendra, **Fatih Demirci**, and Betül Demirci. “Chemical Characterization and Biological Activity of the Mastic Gum Essential Oils of Pistacia lentiscus Var. Chia from Turkey.” *Molecules* 25, no. 9 (2020): 2136.

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

1- Mazharimousavi, S. Habib, Mustafa Halilsoy, and Khashayar Kianfar. “Thin-shell wormholes in f (R)-gravity coupled with nonlinear electrodynamics.” *The European Physical Journal Plus* 135, no. 6 (2020): 440.

Faculty of Engineering

1- Teimourian, Amir, **Arian Bahrami**, Hanifa Teimourian, Maryam Vala, and Abdullah Oray Huseyniklioglu. “Assessment of wind energy potential in the southeastern province of Iran.”

Energy Sources, Part A: Recovery, Utilization, and Environmental Effects 42, no. 3 (2020): 329-343.

Faculty of Business & Economics

1- Ike, George N., Ojonugwa Usman, Andrew Adewale Alola, and Samuel Asumadu Sarkodie. “Environmental quality effects of income, energy prices and trade: The role of renewable energy consumption in G-7 countries.” *Science of The Total Environment* 721 (2020): 137813.

2- Joshua, Udi, **Gizem Uzunur**, and Festus Victor Bekun. “Revisiting the causal nexus between coal energy consumption, economic growth, and pollutant emission: sorting out the causality.” *Environmental Science and Pollution Research* (2020): 1-10. (Early Access)

3- Nasifoglu Elidemir, Servet, Ali Oztüren, and **Steven W. Bayighomog**. “Innovative Behaviors, Employee Creativity, and Sustainable Competitive Advantage: A Moderated Mediation.” *Sustainability*

12, no. 8 (2020): 3295.

4- **Gokmenoglu, Korhan K., and Abobaker Al Al Haddood**. “Impact of US unconventional monetary policy on dynamic stock-bond correlations: Portfolio rebalancing and signalling channel effects.” *Finance Research Letters* 33 (2020).

Faculty of Tourism

1- **Nasifoglu Elidemir**, Servet, Ali Oztüren, and Steven W. Bayighomog. “Innovative Behaviors, Employee Creativity, and Sustainable Competitive Advantage: A Moderated Mediation.” *Sustainability* 12, no. 8 (2020): 3295.

Faculty of Health Sciences

1- Zukowski, Lisa A., **Gözde Iyigün**, Carol A. Giuliani, and Prudence Plummer. “Effect of the environment on gait and gaze behavior in older adult fallers compared to older adult non-fallers.” *PLoS one* 15, no. 3 (2020): e0230479.



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