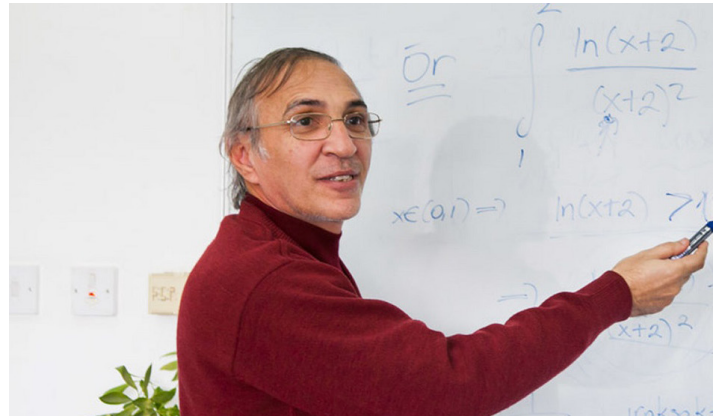




EMU ACADEMICIANS AMONG THE WORLD'S MOST INFLUENTIAL SCIENTISTS FOR THREE YEARS IN A ROW



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty academic staff member Prof. Dr. Osman Karatepe and EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty, Mathematics Department Chair Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov are among the world's most influential scientists for three years in a row. The list of the world's most influential scientists determined by a team of scientists from the USA and the Netherlands using the composite indicator scientific impact index consisting of variables such as the number of scientific articles, the number of citations, and the rank of authors, was published in the scientific journal Plos Biology. The list of the

world's most influential scientists specified in 22 disciplines and 176 sub-disciplines for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019. In 2019, a total of 196 scientists from Turkey made it to the list.

Prof. Dr. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Mahmudov have been ranked among the world's most influential scientists in the one-year impact and career-long impact categories in 2017, 2018 and 2019. EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel, Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Banking and Finance academic staff member Prof. Dr. Salih T. Katircioğlu and Faculty of Engineering, Computer Engineering Department academic staff member Prof. Dr. Hasan Kömürçügil also appeared in the 2017 one-year impact assessment.

"I Congratulate Our Academicians"

Releasing a statement on the subject, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca stated that he is proud that EMU academicians are on the list of the world's most influential scientists for three years in a row. Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca congratulated the EMU academicians for their appearance on the list. Stating that EMU is one of the leading universities of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and that it provides quality education as a state university, Prof. Dr. Hoca wished EMU academicians continued success.

CTBCA CHAIRMAN GÜRCAFER VISITS EMU



Cyprus Turkish Building Contractors Association (CTBCA) Chairman Gürcafer paid a courtesy visit to Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın. The visit took place on Wednesday, the 16th of September 2020, at 09:30. EMU Vice Rector for Social

and Cultural Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlü also attended the meeting. CTBCA Chairman Gürcafer wished Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın and his team success for their appointment period. Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın thanked CTBCA Chairman Gürcafer for the visit. Future collaborations between EMU

and CTBCA were discussed during the visit. Parties emphasized the importance of mutual support and unity between the business world and the university. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın presented CTBCA Chairman Cafer Gürcafer a Lefkara work souvenir at the end of the visit.

CWU RECTOR VISITS EMU



Cyprus West University (CWU) Rector Prof. Dr. Ömer Camcı paid a courtesy visit to Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın.

The visit took place on the 10th of September, 2020 – Thursday at 14:00 at Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın's office. CWU Rector Prof. Dr. Camcı wished Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın success for his recent instatement as the Rector of EMU. Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın thanked Prof. Dr. Camcı for the visit. Views regarding the 2020 – 2021 Academic Year were exchanged between two Famagusta university rectors during the courtesy visit. At the end of the visit, CWU Rector Prof. Dr. Ömer Camcı presented a souvenir to Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın.

EMU GRADUATE SHAHAB ANBARJAFARI OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS TO 3 STUDENTS



For the first time, an EMU graduate has supported the New Scholarship System launched by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) on 23 July 2020. EMU Engineering Faculty, Electrical and Electronics Engineering Doctorate Program Graduate (2010) Shahab Anbarjafari, providing the first international support to the New Scholarship System, has offered scholarships to 3 EMU students with financial difficulties. Only 9 years after graduating from EMU, where he received his undergraduate, graduate and doctorate education, Anbarjafari made the EMU Family proud after becoming a professor in his career. Anbarjafari is currently leading the Intelligent Computer Vision (iCV) research group affiliated with the Institute of Technology of Tartu University, one of the well-established universities of Estonia, and at the same time, works as Artificial Intelligence (AI) Manager at the headquarters of the Helsinki team of PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC), a global company with over 276,000 employees from 157 countries.

EMU graduate Shahab Anbarjafari, after receiving information about the New Scholarship System, contacted the EMU Rector's Office and stated that he wanted to support 3 students. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın talked to Anbarjafari via Skype on Wednesday, 16 September, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel and Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Assoc.



Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu were also present at the said meeting.

“EMU Alumni is a Big Family”

During the meeting, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın stated that with the scholarship system developed by EMU successful students with financial difficulties are provided with the support of charitable business people, institutions and organizations. Stating that he is very happy to see Anbarjafari, an EMU graduate years after his graduation, Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın expressed his pride in him. Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın said “Our graduate, who heard about our scholarship system, supports this project. I am very pleased that members of the EMU Alumni are helping each other and their institutions as part of a big family.”

Prof. Dr. Anbarjafari was my student in undergraduate, graduate and doctorate programs. I would like to thank him for being the first graduate providing international support to our scholarship project. Most of our university's programs are accredited by international organizations. No matter what field our graduates work in, they will surely be successful in their profession with the quality education they receive here. I wish our graduate Anbarjafari continued success.

“I am Very Happy”

EMU Engineering Faculty, Electrical and

Electronics Engineering PhD Program 2010 graduate Shahab Anbarjafari said, “It is an honor for me to support your scholarship project. I am very happy to have the opportunity to support the institution I was in for more than 10 years. What I have now is due to the high quality education I received at EMU. I am supporting 3 students within the scope of the project. I hope they will be successful and later contribute to the studies of 3 other students. Thank you very much”.

“We are Proud of You”

EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel, Shahab Anbarjafari's supervisor during his doctoral studies, said, “Anbarjafari came to my office in 2003 with a small lego robot. He was a very excited and inquisitive student. He got what he wanted immediately as we have very good academicians at our university. EMU has over 60 thousand graduates. Anbarjafari has worked hard in 9 years in countries like England, Turkey and Estonia. He is currently working as an academic at Tartu University. He is successful not only in production but also in research. This is a huge success. We're proud of you. We will train more Anbarjafaris with the scholarship he has offered to 3 students. Thus, we will expand our family. You showed how much you value the institution. Thank you very much for your support. We look forward to his visit to EMU as soon as the pandemic is over”.

NEW POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM FROM EMU SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND TECHNOLOGY



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) School of Computing and Technology launched the “Information Technology Master’s Program with Thesis (English medium)” by using the school’s only master’s program, the Information Technology Master’s Program without Thesis (Turkish medium), that holds ASIIN accreditation as well as the EuroInf certificate of quality as an infrastructure for the new program which is highly demanded by students. TRNC Higher Education Planning, Accreditation and Coordination Council (YÖDAK) and Republic of Turkey Council of Higher Education (YÖK) approved new master’s program with thesis started student admissions for 2020-2021 Academic Year

Fall Semester. Applications can be done via <http://grad.emu.edu.tr> address.

New Future, New Normal, Rising Field of Occupation: Information Technologies

EMU School of Computing and Technology made a statement regarding the issue; “During the COVID-19 pandemic period, we witnessed the importance of Information technologies on managing every aspect of our lives. The whole world being under a digital transformation and technology evolving towards it, today the notions of “new normal” and “new future” are being used synonymously with Information Technologies. All sector are seeking IT experts. The new master’s program aiming to

fulfill its graduates with the recent theoretic and practical information and skills to compete in the sector on a universal level, started student admissions for those who wish to become an “IT expert” or a leader as an academicians”. The statement continues as follows; “Students majoring in directions of their choices with the help of flexible curriculum, student-centered and project-based training system, have various job opportunities in IT sector such as information technology security, internet and mobile programming, e-commerce, software and project management, data bases, web and system management, software engineering and multimedia applications. Students who successfully complete their studies have a wide range of topics for their thesis work. Security, data mining, artificial intelligence, computer networks and communication, education-computer applications, software development and project management are some of the aforementioned thesis topics”.

Program Content and Admission Requirements

The statement made regarding the reason of EMU School of Computing and Technology launching a new master’s program and the program description is as follows; “The words of “information” and “technology” are very appealing for the students. Within this context, the countries granting scholarships for students to study in EMU especially demand for a master’s program in the field of Information Technologies. With such high demands, we aim to create alternative options for our students. The purpose of launching the Information Technology Master’s Program with Thesis is to meet such demands. Information Technology Master’s Program is an English medium program. The 21-credit, 7-course program with a non-credit seminar course and a thesis work is a 2 year program”.

In the statement made by EMU SCT, it was emphasized that the criteria determined for EMU’s post-graduate programs and the decisions of the Information Technologies Graduate Committee are based on the criteria for student admission to the English medium Information Technology Master’s Program, and that having a bachelor’s degree in a related field is the main criterion for applications.

EMU ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER BARÇIN BOĞAÇ DIRECTS EU PUBLIC SERVICE FILM PROJECT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication, Department of Cinema and Television academic staff member Barçın Boğaç directed a “Volunteering” themed public service project run by the Famagusta Culture Association. Within the scope of the LEAD (Learn, Experience, Apply and Develop) Project, the European Union public service project which emphasizes the individual and social importance of volunteering and, aims to create an awareness and behavior change in the society, met with the audience through local television channels and social media accounts. The scriptwriting and directing of the project was done by the Cypriot director and academic staff member Barçın Boğaç. EMU Department of Cinema and Television students participated in both casting and production team. Many “volunteer” people also contributed and supported the production process of the project.

A Full Experience on “Volunteering”

While writing the script of the public service film, Boğaç mentioned that most of the people can neglect both themselves and the values in the environment they live in, especially in the hustle and routine of daily life, and added his words: “We should sometimes get away from the intensity and routine of the daily life, listen to ourselves, then our surroundings and those around us. Receive love and give love”. Stating that he believes that the individual, in particular, and a society in general, can only achieve a healthy and happy existence in this way, Boğaç explained, “Participating in volunteer activities is one of the most



effective methods that nourish our soul in this direction”.

As Boğaç continued his speech, he stated that; “we should approach every phenomenon that lives with us, from the sea we swim, the street we walk to, the city we live in as much as the people and animals around us, and we can contribute to our peace of mind by participating in voluntary activities without waiting for a benefit, and we can also make things beautiful in our lives. Within this respect, everyone who participated in the public service announcements contributed to the film with complete devotion, harmony and joy”.

“First Public Service Ad to be shoot with Hyperlapse Technique”

By stating that public service announcement

being important not only because of their contents but also with their production processes, Barçın Boğaç indicated that the project film is the first public service film to be shoot with the Hyperlapse technique in Cyprus. Being a lecturer of courses such as “Fundamentals of Lighting”, “Audio Production”, “Creative Video”, “Creative Montage” in EMU Cinema and Television Department, Boğaç stated that many production and post-production techniques such as time-lapse and masking are also used in the film. 19 different locations were used during the film-making process in order to ensure the visual richness. 16 individuals played a part in the film and 28 people participated in filming crew. The filming process provided a huge experience in various aspects for the students.



EMU COMMUNICATION FACULTY DEAN PROF. DR. SENİH ÇAVUŞOĞLU'S WORKS TO BE EXHIBITED IN POLAND



Prepared by the Dean of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu and the Director of Art Works Studio at the Institute of Fine Arts of the Polish University of Silesia, Katarzyna Handzlik, the exhibition “Waste / Taste Of Time” will open on 22 October 2020 at the Bielsko-Biala History Museum, one of the most important museums in Poland. The works of Çavuşoğlu and Handzlik will be exhibited until January 3, 2021 at the prestigious art gallery “Old Factory” located in the museum. EMU has an international agreement with the University of Silesia in Poland since 2019.



In a catalogue prepared for the exhibition, the following statements about Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu were given:

“Highlights the Alienation Created by Popular Culture”

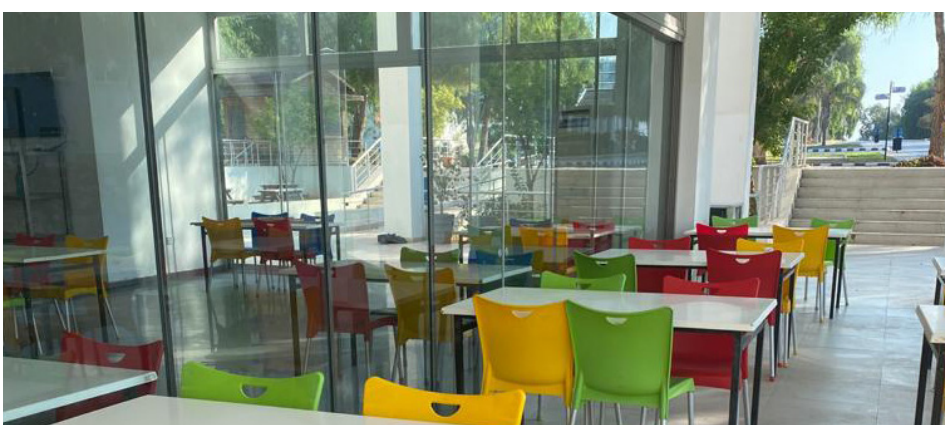
“Using their past and present qualities, Senih Çavuşoğlu creates new aesthetic uses on objects that have disappeared, decayed and outdated over time. With the beginning of their lives, they transform into reflections that evolve from object to micro places. The reproduction process of these small outdated objects, together with the addition of miniature figures, highlights how life is standardized within the cycle of production and consumption. The said works point to the serious problems of humanity by showing the alienation created by popular culture. Thus, he states that the serious problems of humanity are the loss of values and, ironically, turning into a cult poverty. His works show us how fragile the happiness we build on the fragmented phenomena is.”



EMU TABLDOT RESTAURANT STARTS SERVICE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tabldot Restaurant started service on the 14th of September, 2020. In a statement made by EMU regarding the matter, it was specified that all the disinfection work in the restaurant was completed including the eating area, kitchen and the dish washing unit.

All the measures to be taken in cafeterias as specified by the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of Health regarding the COVID-19 pandemic were applied. The statement emphasized that all the staff members going through training on the measures to be taken during this pandemic period. Moreover, all the staff members did PCR tests and the results are all negative. Following the completion of the necessary procedures, EMU Tabldot Restaurant is open to business with its reasonably priced and healthy menus.



This Week's Academic Publications

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