

EMU TOURISM FACULTY GETS A GOLD MEDAL IN AEHT COMPETITION ORGANIZED TOURISM SCHOOLS OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism attended the 34th European Association of Hotel and Tourism Schools (AEHT) conference and several gastronomy competitions (Culinary Arts, Pastry, Barista, Tourism Destination) held in Tallinn, Estonia and won the first place medal in the Culinary Arts category.

EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç talked on the topic and said that European Association of Hotel and Tourism Schools has 400 European schools as members. Thus, Prof. Dr. Kılıç added that over 500 students tried their

best during the competitions. Dean Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed that EMU student Selma Hulusi who competed in Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management categories and won a golden medal is a pride for EMU family and, emphasized the importance of attending such international events in terms of promoting both our country as well as our university. Saying that attending an international competition contributes the students a lot in regards to vision and helps them to improve their self-confidence, Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined that as EMU Tourism Faculty, they make every effort to reach the top in terms of quality with their

physical, academic and international education. Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed his happiness that they returned to the island with bronze and silver medals in previous years, and that they won the gold medal in "Hospitality Management" last year, and this year they won the gold medal for EMU. Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that they participated in the general assembly of the events held for the 34th time this year as the Faculty of Tourism and they took steps to initiate joint studies by coming together with different tourism and hotel management schools from many European countries.

Stating that EMU Tourism Faculty strengthens its success in ShanghaiRanking with the accreditations and international memberships it holds in the field of Tourism and Hospitality as well as Gastronomy, Prof. Dr. Kılıç said that it is another source of pride for EMU to have Kurtuluş Özbaşar, EMU Faculty of Tourism academic staff member, to take part as a jury member in gastronomy competitions once again. Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that in addition to the Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department, which is a member of the World Association of Chefs (WACS), will participate in the competitions, Özbaşar also serves as a WACS officially approved jury member at these events.

Expressing that such achievements motivate both them and the students, and make an extremely important contribution to the promotion of our country, Prof. Dr. Kılıç shared his gratitude to all the teachers who supported and trained the students in their development, and to the EMU Rector's Office, who provided all kinds of support in the realization of this participation.

REPUBLIC OF TURKEY EMBASSY DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION OFFICE VISITS EMU RECTOR'S OFFICE

Republic of Turkey Nicosia Embassy Development and Economic Cooperation Office Coordinator Ömer Cihan paid a visit to the EMU Rector's Office on Monday, 8 November 2021 at 10:00 am. The said visit took place at EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın's office. Specialist Tuğba Sin from the Development and Economic Cooperation Office of the Turkish Embassy in Nicosia was also present at the said visit. Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın thanked Cihan, Development and Economic Cooperation

Office Coordinator, for their visit and provided information about EMU's activities. During the visit, views were exchanged on the cooperation between EMU and the Turkish Republic Nicosia Embassy Development and Economic Cooperation Office. At the end of the visit Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın presented a Cypriot Lefkara board to the Development and Economic Cooperation Office Coordinator Cihan.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIAN STUDENTS TR-ZONE VISITS EMU RECTOR'S OFFICE



Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), National Association of Nigerian Students visited Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector's Office. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca, Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlü, National Association of Nigerian Students Turkish Zone President El-Yakub Sabo Abdullahi and executive board members were present during the meeting held at the Senate Meeting Hall.

“EMU takes on a Pioneering Duty”

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca congratulated the new executive board of the association and wished all the student a successful academic year. Underlining that international student societies acting as an important bridge between the students and universities, Prof. Dr. Hoca stated that the first state university of our country, EMU, takes on a pioneering duty in terms of solving student problems and providing the necessary support. Saying that students from all over the world have been coming to our country for more than 20 years, Prof. Dr. Hoca emphasized that the TRNC is not unfamiliar

with the problems of students and that it is even more advanced than many developed countries in this regard. Stating that EMU is responsible for providing a good education and future, Prof. Dr. Hoca emphasized that they help students not only while they are studying but also after they graduate, and that they will continue to support them in all matters, including career planning.

“We Thank You for All Your Support”

National Association of Nigerian Students TR-Zone President El-Yakub S. Abdullahi thanked EMU for accepting their request for visiting the university. Stating that the association was launched six years ago and the first president of the association was an EMU student, current president of the association Abdullahi stated that after representatives from other universities took over the presidency, the presidency returned to EMU after six years. Thanking the vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlü for their continuous support to the association, Abdullahi expressed that the association's aim is to settle the matters of Nigerian students in TRNC and to continue to serve as a bridge

between the students and the universities. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca presented a souvenir to National Association of Nigerian Students TR-Zone executive board members at the end of the meeting.

Dinner at EMU Beach Club

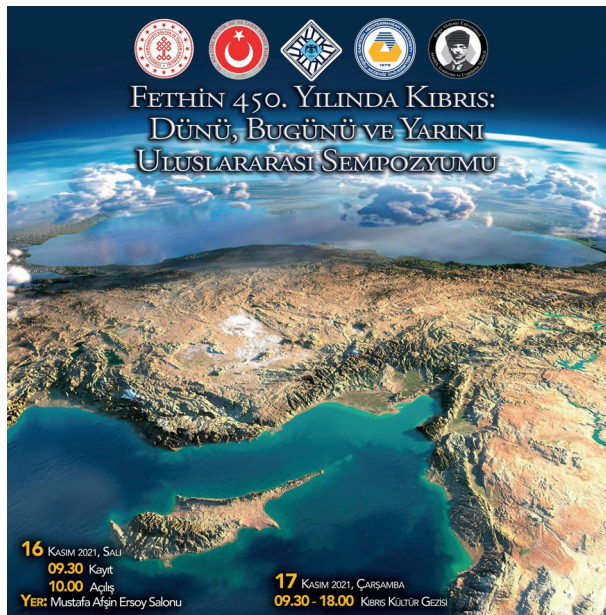
EMU hosted a dinner at EMU Beach Club on Saturday, the 6th of November 2021 at 19:00 for the members of the Association of Nigerian students TR-Zone which represents the Nigerian students studying in TRNC. Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlü was present during the dinner. Addressing the guests at the event, Prof. Dr. İşçiöğlü congratulated EMU student President El-Yakub Sabo Abdullahi and his team, who took over the flag this year, and wished success to the new administration. Prof. Dr. İşçiöğlü also thanked the Nigerian students who came to EMU from other districts for dinner and wished them a pleasant evening. Students from different universities who attended the dinner with their traditional clothes had the opportunity to meet each other.

EMU TO HOST AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM TITLED “CYPRUS ON THE 450TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONQUEST: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE”

An international symposium titled “Cyprus on the 450th Anniversary of the Conquest: Past, Present and Tomorrow” in cooperation with the Republic of Turkey Atatürk Culture, Language and History Supreme Institution, Turkish Historical Society Presidency and Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Atatürk Research and Application Center (ATAUM) will take place on Tuesday, 16 November 2021 at 10.00 a.m. at EMU Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall.

The symposium, which will start with a moment of silence and the National Anthem, will continue with opening addresses of EMU ATAUM President Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca, Vice President of the Turkish Historical Society Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kılınc, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Nicosia Ali Murat Başçeri and President of the TRNC Ersin Tatar. During the symposium, the book titled “Mujahideen Narrate”, which includes the memories of the mujahideen, published by the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey and prepared for publish by Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk and Süheyla Göktürk, will be presented to the mujahideen.

The first session of the symposium, which will be held in two sessions, will be chaired by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet



Kılınc. In the said session, Prof. Dr. Feridun Emecen will give a presentation titled “Grand Strategy and Conquest: Cyprus 1571”. Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Çınar will talk about “An Evaluation of the Foundations Established in Cyprus during the Ottoman Period” and Prof. Dr. Mesut Hakkı Çaşın will deliver a presentation titled “The Rising Star of the Mediterranean, the TRNC and Its Future”. Then,

Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk will talk about “The Greek Cypriot Orthodox Church in the Decision-Making Processes”. In the second session of the symposium to be chaired by EMU Faculty of Law Dean Prof. Dr. Prof. Turgut Turhan, Prof. Dr. Soyalp Tamçelik will deliver a presentation titled “Considerations Regarding Cyprus and Turkish Cypriots in the Turkish Foreign Policy of the Atatürk Era” and Prof. Dr. Sevinç Aliyeva will talk about “The Cyprus Issue in Russian Policy”. Prof. Dr. Nejla Günay will give a presentation titled “The Transition of Cyprus to British Administration and Its Effect on the Armenian Events” and Prof. Dr. Yücel Acer will talk about “Maritime Boundaries Problem in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Rights of the TRNC”.

The symposium, which aims to examine the Cyprus issue with an international perspective, including its political, social and economic aspects, will be instrumental in bringing together academics and researchers on the subject. It is foreseen that the papers to be presented at the symposium will be beneficial in terms of fact-based and scientific discussion of the Cyprus issue, and that the results to be achieved at the symposium will shed light on those who produce strategies on Cyprus.

MEANINGFUL ORGANISATION FROM EMU TOURISM FACULTY: ATATÜRK'S FAVOURITE MEALS SERVED

As part of the 10 November Commemoration events of the Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, a menu consisting of Atatürk's favourite dishes was served at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty Tower Restaurant on Tuesday, 9 November 2021, at 12:00. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın, Vice Rectors, Deans of Faculties, Chair of Atatürk Research and Application Center (ATAUM) Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Gökçürk and faculty members attended the organisation.

Delivering the opening speech of the event, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın thanked all those who contributed to the organization of this event, marking the start of the commemoration activities and the invitation of the Faculty of Tourism, the achievements of which they are proud of. Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın stated that this event was extremely important for EMU in highlighting the meaning and importance of the day, that Atatürk's vision and thoughts guide them, and that they saw a different side of Atatürk through this event, held for the first time in the TRNC. Chair of EMU ATAUM Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Gökçürk, on the other hand, stated in his speech that this event, taking place for the first time, excited them, and that, besides Atatürk's military and administrative features, this event demonstrated another personal feature of Atatürk. At the end of his speech, Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Gökçürk thanked the Faculty of Tourism for organizing and hosting the event.



"He Enjoyed Eating Traditional Turkish Food"

In his speech, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç welcomed all those attending with excitement and happiness and evaluated Atatürk's life in terms of food and culture. Prof. Dr. Kılıç said, "We see the tradition of sitting at the table for a long time in Atatürk. Today, in modern societies, people sit at the tables for a long time. They argue, have fun, and get things done. Atatürk did the same. He used the table as a tool to solve the country's problems. In addition to white bean stew and rice, he loved traditional Turkish dishes as a Turkish person. The

fact that he maintained the Turkish tradition in the dishes is a proof of his not breaking away from the traditional Turkish culture." Within the scope of the event, the menu prepared by the Gastronomy and Culinary Arts students together with their instructors consisted of white cheese, melon, roasted chickpeas, lettuce, fava, yoghurt and pastry, Thessaloniki pastry with spinach, beans, rice with butter, rice with turkey, okra with meat, ayran, lemonade and semolina halva. At the invitation, the menu presented to those attending included Atatürk's eating habits, the story of his favourite dishes.

OPEN AIR FILM SCREENING IN EMU

With the support of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Cinema Club and Faculty of Communication, movielovers who could not watch movies together for a long time due to the pandemic came together at an open-air film screening. EMU students, who could not watch movies in large groups as cinemas have been closed due to health risks caused by the pandemic, enjoyed watching a movie in the open air. The Golden Globe and Academy Award-winning film *Black Swan*, starring Natalie Portman, met with the audience at the open-air screening held on Friday night, 5 November 2021, the Faculty of Communication yard.

Assist. Prof. Dr. Barçın Boğaç: "EMU Cinema Club is Getting Ready to Introduce New Projects During the New Academic Year"

EMU Cinema Club advisor Assist. Prof. Dr. Barçın Boğaç stated that they had to take a break from club activities during the pandemic, but they started to reintroduce their activities under current conditions. Assist. Prof. Dr. Barçın Boğaç added: "Realising the Open Air Cinema concept is something we wanted for a long time. The participation of not only from the Faculty of Communication, but of also students and university staff from many other faculties, points to the potential of an audience who miss watching movies together. Especially today, although we witness that watching movies in different technologies and platforms transform into individual forms, the place and taste of the collective viewing experience of cinema has always been different since its discovery; it will continue to be so".

Stating that they will continue to organize regular film screenings on campus as much as the weather conditions allow, especially in the spring semester, Assist. Prof. Dr. Boğaç also stated that they are continuing their efforts to



revive the collective and nostalgic film viewing experiences of the Cypriots in the 1950s, which were at the center of the social life, with wider, open-air film screenings to be organised within the Famagusta walls.

Students who attended the film screening expressed their experience as follows:

Halil Efe Akdemir: We haven't been able to participate in activities at the university for a long time due to the pandemic. Watching the movie together with more than sixty people in a safe environment and feeling the emotions brought by the movie together even though we didn't know each other, remembering that we were students again, and being in a technology-free environment was an experience I've missed so much.

Yağmur Kayapınar: It was an extremely positive experience for me to watch a movie with my friends at our faculty yard. I even enjoyed every single moment of the movie even though I watched it before. In fact, I can

rewatch my entire film archive in the same environment. I hope we can do this very often and I can share my film archive with all of you.

Rohat Arslan: It was a very enjoyable and pleasant activity to watch movies with my friends after a long time of isolation. It helped me adapt to the environment and act as a motivational tool in my relations with my classmates.

Aydın Çınaroğlu: Meeting with my friends at our faculty yard after a long time made me really happy. It was a warm and beautiful environment. We watched the movie with the beauty of being together, which helped us bond more.

Yağmur Kaymak: It was a great feeling to watch a movie together in the open air after the period when we were confined to our homes. I would like to thank the cinema club for this beautiful event. I hope more will come and we will continue to sit on the grass and watch good movies and chat together.

EMU URDC AND EMU CWS HOLDS A JOINT EVENT ON THE OCCASION OF 8 NOVEMBER WORLD URBANISM DAY



Eastern Mediterranean University Urban Research and Development Center (EMU URDC) and Eastern Mediterranean University Center for Women's Studies (EMU CWS) held an online joint panel on the occasion of 8 November, World

Urbanism Day. The said panel, held on Monday, 8 November 2021, at 5.00 p.m. on MS Teams, took place under the moderation of EMU URDC Board Members Assist. Prof. Dr. Müge Rıza and Assist. Prof. Dr. Ayşenur Talat Zrilli.

Participating as a speaker at the panel on "City, Space and Gender", EMU-CWS President Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sühayla Üçışık Erbilin and Van Yüzüncü Yıl University Sociology Department Faculty Member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Selda Tuncer discussed the situation of cities in the world and in the country from the perspective of gender equality, a rarely spoken subject in the TRNC which forms the basis of contemporary urbanism approaches and is also a part of sustainable development goals.

The panel focused on the impact of gender on the experience of the city and public spaces, the urban rights of women from different walks of life, gender-based inequalities, and the new conditions and challenges created by the pandemic period. In the panel, it was determined that there are many problems in the TRNC and Turkey in terms of women living in the city to safely access the public spaces in the city, to benefit from the services offered by the city and to use their right to shape the city in line with their wishes and needs. Ways of improving the aforesaid problems were also discussed.

DEAN OF EMU ARCHITECTURE FACULTY PROF. DR. UĞUR ULAŞ DAĞLI RELEASES A MESSAGE ON WORLD URBANISM DAY



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture Dean Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağlı released a message on the occasion of 8 November World Urbanism Day. Prof. Dr. Dağlı's statement reads as follows:

"The development of cities in developed countries is discussed in the context of scenarios that will provide public benefit. Unfortunately, the development of cities in our country has meant the establishment of an undeserved profit system. Today, our cities, which are shaped under the management of 'the undeserved profit system' and rapidly built and equipped with tall buildings, are subject to both physical and social problems. In today's world where construction continues to increase rapidly, there is a need for zoning plans prepared by experts with the understanding of participation so that our cities do not surrender to the aforesaid undeserved profit system. However, when we look at what happened during the Famagusta - Iskele - Yeniboğaziçi Zoning Plan, the extent of the dangers our cities will be subject to is quite high. The City Planning Department started to work on the Famagusta - Iskele - Yeniboğaziçi Zoning Plan

in 2016 and completed the said plan by taking the opinions of many stakeholders, including us, in socio-cultural, economic, physical and ecological perspectives. The Plan was approved by the Joint Board of Municipalities and Planning Department in December 2019 but we have regretfully found out that it has not been put into effect. Later on, we were informed that it was put on the agenda again only under the control of the construction sector and a new plan was prepared.

This is by no means an acceptable situation. We demand that the mistake be rectified as soon as possible and that steps be taken again for the implementation of the former Development Plan approved by all stakeholders; In this context, on 8 November, World Urbanism Day, observed worldwide since the 1950s, I invite our administrators to use common sense for the future of our cities. Finally, on the World Urbanism Day, I extend my best wishes to all sensitive institutions and individuals who develop visions for cities with a consideration of the climate change, and constantly put forward their opinions towards the problems of the cities on our island."

EMU COMMEMORATES GREAT LEADER MUSTAFA KEMAL ATATÜRK



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) held a Commemoration Ceremony in front of the EMU Atatürk Monument on Wednesday, 10 November, 2021, at 08:45, on the occasion of the 83rd anniversary of the passing of the Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of the Turkish Republic. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın, Vice Rectors, Academic and Administrative Staff and students attended the ceremony held with the organization of EMU Atatürk Research and Application Center (EMU-ATAUM). Within the scope of the program, a wreath was laid on the Atatürk Monument by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın. Then, 10 November Statement was read by EMU-ATAUM Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Gökçür.

“The Atatürkist Thought System Stands Tall”

In his statement, Assist. Prof. Dr. Gökçür said : “The savior of the Turkish Nation and the founder of the Republic of Turkey, Great Leader Atatürk, accomplished great things in his short life of fifty-seven years, beyond the possibility of a mortal person, with the epic of the War of Independence, the miracle of Turkey and countless revolutions he created and is a unique figure in the world history, still maintaining his reputation to date. In the dark days of the First World War, he rose in Çanakkale as a national hero to the Turkish Nation and a beacon of hope to the other world nations under captivity. By uniting the Turkish nation into a single force in midst of poverty, he became the winner of the War of Independence and the leader of the torch of freedom in the

world. Despite all these difficulties, he established a modern republic on the homeland which was burnt and destroyed, and by establishing good relations with the nations he fought as enemies in a short time, he made the Republic of Turkey a state respected by everyone in the world. In addition, he realized the reforms that formed the foundations of modernization by working together with his nation. Atatürk neither pursued vain dreams nor believed in unrealizable goals. The great leader took all his inspiration from the facts of science and reason, and created his system of thought by experiencing it in life himself. Whilst the ideologies for which millions of people were dragged to death are buried in the darkness of history, the Kemalist Thought System is still standing tall and will continue to guide the Turkish Nation in the future, too.

The Turkish Cypriot community, whose members are an indispensable part of this nation, also saw Mustafa Kemal Atatürk as a savior and followed his steps. In this scope, Turkish Cypriots adopted the reform movements that Atatürk put into practice in the Republic of Turkey simultaneously, without any coercion. Together with the free and independent Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, which was established 38 years ago, the Turkish Cypriot community has shown at every opportunity that it is determined to keep Atatürk’s principles and reforms alive forever. The most evident example of this took place exactly 56 years ago, on 10 November, 1965, the Famagusta Sanjak Police Station Mujahideen sent a message to the Famagusta Sanjak from their trenches; “You as our Great Leader

taught Turks about struggle and freedom. We are fighting for our freedom in Cyprus inspired by you. As Karakol Mujahideen, we will follow in your footsteps and teach our enemies what it means to fight the Turks. We find this strength and power in the noble blood in our veins. How happy is the one who says I am a Turk...”

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After the statement, the ceremony continued with a moment of silence and the National Anthem, accompanied by sirens, at 09:05 a.m..

“We Commemorate Atatürk with Great Longing”

In his speech, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın said “On the 83rd anniversary of the demise of Great Leader Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, we have come together to commemorate him with respect and express our gratitude to his legacy. In order to save the occupied Turkey, on 19 May, 1919, Atatürk went to Samsun with his comrades, where he lit the torch of the National Struggle with the Turkish people. The young and old, men and women, the whole nation united, and saved the country from the enemy with great sacrifices, in the

face of poverty and impossibilities, and established the modern Republic of Turkey. Addressing the students in his message, Prof. Dr. Prof. Dr. Hocanın said, “I would like to remind you the famous statement of Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk: ‘To see me does not necessarily mean to see my face. If you understand and feel my ideas and my feelings, that is enough.’ You are the future of our countries. Understanding Mustafa Kemal Atatürk well and walking towards the future he showed us means walking towards a modern, contemporary and peaceful future.” Emphasizing that Atatürk’s greatest feature was always being together with the Turkish people, Prof. Dr. Hocanın said, “Even though he is not with us physically right now, he is with us with his ideas and thoughts and will remain with us forever. We will continue to keep Atatürk’s ideas alive and pass them on to the next generations. We commemorate with respect, love and great longing the Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, who devoted his entire life to the future of the Republic of Turkey and the Turkish People. May his soul rest in peace.”

After the speeches, in the scope of the Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk commemoration program, a music concert was performed by the choir consisting of EMU Education Faculty, Fine Arts Education Department, Music Teaching Program students. At 09:30, the Atatürk Photography Exhibition was opened in the Lobby of the Central Classrooms Building. The exhibition attracted great attention and participation.

EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. AYKUT HOCANIN'S MESSAGE ON GREAT LEADER ATATÜRK'S DEATH AND 15 NOVEMBER REPUBLIC DAY MESSAGE



Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın's 10 November Statement

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın released a message on the occasion of the 83rd anniversary of the death of Great Leader Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. In his message, Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın said "We commemorate the founder of the Republic of Turkey, Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk with respect on the 83rd anniversary of his passing, and express our gratitude to his legacy. In order to save the occupied Turkey, on 19 May, 1919, Atatürk went to Samsun with his comrades, where he lit the torch of the National Struggle with the Turkish people. The young and old, men and women, the whole nation united, and saved the country from the enemy with great sacrifices, in the face of poverty and

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Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın's 15 November Message
Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın released a message on the occasion of the 38th Anniversary of the foundation of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC).

Extending his best wishes to Turkish Cypriot people on 15 November Republic Day, Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın said, "The Turkish Cypriot people, under the leadership of our late leader Dr. Fazıl Küçük and our late Founding President Rauf Raif Denktaş, founded the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus on 15 November 1983 and brought it to the present day. Despite the embargoes applied by the international community, since the day it was founded, the TRNC has proven itself to the world in many areas, especially in higher education, and continued its development. EMU is one of the most important symbols of this development."

Stating that EMU, which is a state university, has graduated over 65 thousand students to date and has more than 17 thousand students from over 100 countries, Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın continued his statement as follows: "Our university has become a leading force amongst higher education institutions in our country with the high quality education it offers, its successful achievements in world university rankings and its programs accredited by the most prestigious accreditation institutions in the world. EMU always aim at improving itself and will continue to contribute to our country's and the Turkish Cypriot Community's welfare. On 15 November Republic Day, I extend my best wishes to the whole nation."



EMU-ATAUM'S STATEMENT ON 10 NOVEMBER AND 15 NOVEMBER REPUBLIC DAY MESSAGE

Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk's 10 November Statement

Chair of the Eastern Mediterranean University Atatürk Research and Application Center (EMU-ATAUM) Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk released a statement about the Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, who will be commemorated with various ceremonies on the 83rd anniversary of his passing. Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk's statement reads as follows:

"The savior of the Turkish Nation and the founder of the Republic of Turkey, Great Leader Atatürk, accomplished great things in his short life of fifty-seven years, beyond the possibility of a mortal person, with the epic of the War of Independence, the miracle of Turkey and countless revolutions he created and is a unique figure in the world history, still maintaining his reputation to date.

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Despite all these difficulties, he established a modern republic on the homeland which was burnt and destroyed, and by establishing good relations with the nations he fought as enemies in a short time, he made the Republic of Turkey a state respected by everyone in the world. In addition, he realized the reforms that formed the foundations of modernization by working together with his nation.

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are an indispensable part of this nation, also saw Mustafa Kemal Atatürk as a savior and followed his steps. In this scope, Turkish Cypriots adopted the reform movements that Atatürk put into practice in the Republic of Turkey simultaneously, without any coercion. Together with the free and independent Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, which was established 38 years ago, the Turkish Cypriot community has shown at every opportunity that it is determined to keep Atatürk's principles and reforms alive forever.

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Chair of the Eastern Mediterranean University Atatürk Research and Application Center (EMU-ATAUM) Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk released a statement on the 38th Anniversary of the foundation of the TRNC. Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk's statement reads as follows:

"Every nation has special days in its history that can never be forgotten. 15 November, 1983 is a special day when the Turkish Cypriot people crowned their struggle for



existence and freedom, of which they will always be proud, by founding a state. The Turkish Cypriot community, whose members went through very painful times, carried out their own struggle for existence and freedom under very difficult conditions, taking as an example the national struggle carried out by the great Turkish Nation under the leadership of Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and the Republic they founded. This struggle reached the peak with the foundation of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, established with the free and independent will of the Turkish Cypriot People, after the Peace Operation jointly carried out by the Turkish soldiers and the Mujahideen.

Today, many nations in the world spend great efforts to establish their own state and live in peace. The ultimate goal of us, who have achieved this with our blood and soul, should be to show our determination to keep this independent state alive forever by working harder in every field.

Whilst celebrating the 38th Anniversary of our Republic, which is the symbol of the glorious resistance and sovereign existence of the Turkish Cypriot Community, with honor and pride, we commemorate our late Leader, Dr. Fazıl Küçük and our late Founding President Rauf R. Denктаş, all our martyrs with gratitude and respect. We also salute our veterans with respect, and wish you all a very happy 15 November Republic Day.

II. 15 NOVEMBER REPUBLIC RUN HELD IN EMU



Organised by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Sports Affairs Directorate, “2nd 15 November Republic Run” was held on Friday, 12 November 2021, at 3.00 p.m.. The race started in front of EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Center and finished at EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium. At the said event, all participants ran for EMU and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. The Republic Run was held in 4 age categories, namely, 20 – 29, 30 – 39, 40 – 49 and over 50.

President of EMU Board of Trustees Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel, Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Aktuğlu and Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlu, academic, administrative staff and students attended the event.

Medals Given in Four Categories

At the end of the 2nd Republic Run, first, second and third place medals were given to the winning participants in each category. In the women's age category of 20 – 29 age group, Duygu Ağcabay came first, Beyza Çelme came second, and Sıla Okur came third. Aymana Mazaur came first, Redha Albaloushe second and Ersencan Akbaşak third in the 20-29 age men's category. Naile Günbay came first and Eda Sarı

came second in the 30-39 age women's group, and Gülseren Dayanık took the first place in the 40-49 age group. Aydın Kayol won the first place in the men's category in the 40 – 49 age group, while Hasip Hasipoğlu took the first place in the men's category over the age of 50.

On the other hand, special awards were also presented to participants in the 2nd 15 November Republic Run. Ersencan Akbaşak received the youngest runner award from EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk. Hasip Hasipoğlu received the most mature male special award from EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın and Gülserek Dayanık, the winner of the most mature woman award, received the said award from Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlu.

Certificate of Participation to All Runners

Awards for winning participants in the run were presented by the President of the Board of Trustees Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel, Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Aktuğlu and Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlu. Certificates of participation were also presented to all those participating in EMU's Republic Run by EMU Sports Affairs Directorate.

KKTF 2021 PRIME MINISTER'S CUP GOES TO EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) won the North Cyprus Tennis Federation (KKTF) 2021 Prime Minister's Cup. EMU, the third in the league, and Lefkoşa Şehir Kulübü, the fourth in the league played "Cup" matches at the courts of the Tennis Federation. EMU won the match with a score of 6-1.

KKTF Prime Minister's Cup included 7 different tennis matches which were; 2 single men, 2 single women, 1 double men, 1 double women and 1 mix double. During the matches played between EMU and Lefkoşa Şehir Kulübü, Şevki Öksüzogulları and Mustafa Zorba played in the single men categories and, Fatma Kayol and Şengül Tilki played in the single women category representing EMU. Fatma Kayol and Elaleh Ashrafiyan participated in the double women category and, Mustafa Zorba and Şengül Tilki for the double mix category from EMU. EMU won the games in single men, single women and double mix categories. Sehan Şeyh and Yusuf Göktürk Gökbayrak participated in the double men category representing EMU but unfortunately lost the game. EMU Tennis teams practiced for the tournament with the coaching of Aydın Kayol from EMU Sports Affairs Directorate. Cups and medals were presented to the winners during the Awards Ceremony held following the end of the matches.



EMU STUDENT MUSTAFA ALNAR BECOMES U23 EUROPE BILLIARD CHAMPION

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Sports Sciences student and North Cyprus Billiard Federation National Sports Player Mustafa Alnar has become the European Under-23 Champion in the European Billiards Championship. Representing the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in the U23 category of the EURO TOUR organization held by the European Pocket Billiard Federation in Antalya, our student Mustafa Alnar defeated Luca Menn of Germany with a score of 8-2 and has become the owner of the gold medal and the championship cup.





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