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Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2020 – 2021 Academic Year Spring Semester Associate and Undergraduate Degree Graduation Ceremony took place on Thursday, 8 July 2021 at 19:00 at the EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium. Nearly 1,400 graduates received their diplomas during the event. President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ersin Tatar, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy Erhan Arıklı, Minister of Public Works and Transportation Resmiye Eroğlu Canaltay, Minister of National Education and Culture Olgun Amcaoğlu, UBP General Secretary and Council member Oğuzhan Hasipoğlu, Council member representing CTP Erkut



Şahali, EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özcenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanin, EMU Board of Trustees members, ICU Board of Trustees vice president and Former EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Abdullah Öztoprak, administrative chiefs, academic staff members, graduates and families of the graduates attended the event. The total number of EMU graduates reached nearly 66 thousand with the 2020 – 2021 Academic Year Spring Semester graduates.

Held within the framework of pandemic measures, the graduation ceremony commenced with EMU Senate Members and the graduates entering the stadium





and welcoming the families. Following a minute of silence and the National Anthem, Faculty of Education, Department of Music Teaching top ranked student Sultan Avca Sungur and, School of Computing and Technology, Computer and Information Technology Systems Department Top ranked student Omid Taghipour delivered speeches on behalf of the 2020 - 2021 Academic Year Spring Semester Associate and Undergraduate Graduates. Following their speeches, Sungur and Tahgipour moved on to the symbolic tree planting session. EMU Student Council President Mustafa Kırılmaz, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocann, EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal



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Özcenk, Minister of National Education and Culture Olgun Amcaoğlu, TRNC President Ersin Tatar delivered speeches. Speaking at the ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocam congratulated the graduates and their families who successfully completed their education at EMU and said: "Wherever you are in the world, whatever profession you practice, you will always be successful with the quality education you receive here. Do not forget that being an EMU graduate will provide you with many privileges."

EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özcenk congratulated the graduates and their families in his speech and said, "Dear graduates, you have now completed your university education and you will set sail on a new journey starting today. In this journey, do not miss the love from your heart. Your success in your new journey will be our pride. I wish that your path will always be open and full of success, and I embrace you with love." Noting that the field of higher education is very important for the promotion and economy of the country, TRNC Minister of National Education and Culture Olgun Amcaoğlu said, "As a ministry, we embrace all our graduates in higher education led by EMU. Dear EMU graduates, this is your home. The doors of the TRNC will always be open to you, together with the doors of its heart."

"Being a Member of EMU Family is a Privilege"

TRNC President Ersin Tatar said, "I would like to congratulate our new graduates wholeheartedly. Congratulations on your success. Never stop working, producing and contributing to humanity. Always serve humanity. Keep in touch with your university and your friends. Being a part of the EMU family; is a wealth, a privilege and an opportunity to support you for life. I wish you success".

1,608 Graduates from 53 Different Countries

After the speeches, symbolic diplomas were

presented to the graduates of the 2019-2020 Academic Year Spring Semester and 2020-2021 Academic Year Fall Semester, which were held online due to the pandemic. Nearly 1,400 EMU 2020-2021 Academic Year Spring Semester Associate and Undergraduate Degree graduates received their diplomas. The ceremony, attended by a total of 1,608 associate and undergraduate graduates from 53 different countries, ended enthusiastically with the graduates throwing their caps in the air and musical performances accompanied by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanin's countdown.

The ceremony was live broadcasted through EMU's social media accounts (Youtube – <u>https://www.youtube.com/user/eastmeduniv,</u> Instagram - @emuofficial and Facebook – <u>https://www.facebook.com/eastern.med.</u> <u>univ/</u>) and EMU TV) for students who could not attend the ceremony. BRT 2 HD, Kıbrıs Genç TV, Kanal T and Ada TV also live broadcasted the ceremony.



EMU POSTGRADUATE AND DOCTORAL DEGREE STUDENTS RECEIVE THEIR DIPLOMAS





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Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2020-2021 Academic Year Spring Semester Postgraduate Graduation Ceremony took place on Wednesday, 7 July 2021 at 18:00 at EMU Rector's Office Poolside. The postgraduate graduation ceremony, where graduates of master's and doctorate degrees received their diplomas in a separate ceremony, was broadcast live to the whole world via EMU TV this year, as it was last year. Nearly 200 master's and doctoral degree graduates received their diplomas. EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özcenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın, Cyprus West University Rector Prof. Dr. Ömer Camcı, Rauf Denktaş University Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Ali Bıçak, Famagusta Chief of Police Ahmet Beşerler, DP Genera Secretary Afer Özcafer, EMU Board of Trustees members, Vice rectors, academic staff members, graduates and their families attended the ceremony.

The ceremony commenced with the entrance of 2020-2021 Academic Year Spring Semester Postgraduate Graduates and followed by a Minute of Silence and the National Anthem. EMU Faculty of Education, English Language Teaching Doctoral Program graduate Buse Sakallı delivered a speech on behalf of the graduates.



"Make a Difference as an EMU Graduate"

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanin delivered a speech during the graduation ceremony and said: "Dear graduates, today we are happy to graduate you from EMU as scientists. I congratulate you all. As Albert Einstein said, never stop questioning. Run after the unknown. Try to fill in the gaps in the literature in your areas of expertise. While always making important contributions to world science, we have no doubt that you will educate the new generation, which is our future, in line with the ethical values and principles you have acquired here. Our graduates, who will continue their careers in the public or private sector, always follow the innovations in your field, always continue to improve and learn. And most importantly, make a difference as an EMU graduate. I congratulate you and your families who have always supported you and wish you success in your future life".

"You will Shed Light on the path of Science"

Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özcenk also delivered a speech: "EMU, as a state university leading the field of higher education in our island, offers education and research opportunities at international



standards. Besides, our university has an integrated structure with the people of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the city of Famagusta. Thus; while conducting education and research activities, on the other hand, it grows more and more each year, intertwined with the society. You have also become a part of the EMU Family during your education and research process here. Wherever you are in the world, we have no doubt that you will proudly carry the torch of science at our university and will always illuminate the path of science. Dear graduates, I congratulate you wholeheartedly with these feelings and wish you all success in your life".

The 2020-2021 Academic Year Spring Semester Graduate Graduation Ceremony continued with the graduation of doctoral program graduates. At the ceremony, the thesis advisors and co-supervisors of the doctoral graduates were presented with plaques of appreciation. Following the presentation of their diplomas to graduates, the ceremony ended with EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanin's counting down from 10 and the students throwing their caps into the air with great enthusiasm.





EMU FACULTY OF PHARMACY SPRING SEMESTER GRADUATES TAKE OATHS







Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Pharmacy held an Oath Taking Ceremony on Monday, 5 July 2021 at 18:00 for its 2020 – 2021 Academic Year Spring Semester graduates. The event took place at the EMU Faculty of Pharmacy's outdoor lecture theatre. EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özcenk, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Aktuğlu, Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Aktuğlu, Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu, Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. Müberra Koşar, Faculty of Health Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Cyprus Turkish Pharmacists Association Chairperson Pharmacist Dr. Umut Öksüz, vice Deans, faculty academic staff members, graduates and their families were present at the event.

"You are Young Colleagues of Mine"

EMU Pharmacy Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Müberra Koşar delivered the opening speech by saying; "Dear Pharmacists. From this day forward, you are official pharmacists and young colleagues of mine. I am very proud of you. Today you are graduating and celebrating this day that you have longed for. Dear colleagues, never forget the oath that you are to take today and follow it as a guide throughout your professional life. EMU will



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always be your home and family. We will always be here for you whenever you need. This not an end but a new beginning. I wish you success in your future endeavors".

"You Have Deservedly Graduated"

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EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hasan Demiral also made a speech during the ceremony; "EMU has had more than 66 thousand graduates over 42 years. EMU graduates are now all around the world making success which we as the EMU family are very proud of. Faculty of Pharmacy has graduated total of 703 students since 2011-2012, the first semester student admissions had started. This year, another 123 students graduated from the faculty. Being a pharmacists means working very hard, being focused and believing. You believed, worked hard, focused and spent many sleepless nights and deservedly graduated from your faculty".

"We are Proud of You"

A speech was also made by EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özcenk who said; "I remember my excitement and happiness 39 years ago when I took my Hippocratic Oath after I graduated from the Faculty of Medicine. Therefore, I can relate to the feelings who have right now. Dear young pharmacists, you will be



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successful pharmacists as long as you abide by the oath that you will take today. We have no doubt that you will not break your professional oath. I sincerely believe that each one of you are talented pharmacists. You will serve the humankind all around the world. You hold a vital role in healthcare. We are proud of you. I wish you success in your professional lives".

Young Pharmacists Took Their Oaths

Following the opening speeches, EMU Faculty of Pharmacy academic staff members' messages for their graduates were screened. The ceremony continued with the speeches of top-ranked students of the EMU Faculty of Pharmacy, Beyza Gürpınar B.Pharm. Program Top student and Alireza Dehdari D. Pharm. Program Top student. A video screening prepared for the graduates by the faculty was shown. Graduates took their oath in company with Cyprus Turkish Pharmacists Association Chairperson Pharmacist Dr. Umut Öksüz. Thus, graduates; They took their first steps in their professional life with the oath that they would use all their knowledge and skills to protect the health of patients throughout their professional life, that they would not abuse their profession, and that they would treat patients of all religions, languages and races equally and fairly.



EMU HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY ORGANIZED OATH-TAKING CEREMONY FOR SPRING SEMESTER GRADUATES





Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Health Sciences Faculty and School of Health Services organized the annual Oath-Taking Ceremony for its 2020 – 2021 Academic Year Spring Semester graduates on Tuesday, 6 July 2021 at 10:00 at the Pharmacy Faculty outdoor lecture theatre. Total of 395 newly graduated healthcare professionals took their professional oaths.

"Care for People until Your Last Day"

The opening speech of the ceremony was delivered by EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç which was as follows: "Our Faculty and School, which is one of the important windows of EMU, the first university of the TRNC, to the field of health, gained a great momentum in a short time and became a respected institution in the field of Health Sciences in national and international platforms with clinical studies and scientific research, as well as undergraduate and graduate education has become an institution". Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç congratulated the families of the graduates and addressed the graduates by saying; "The hardest thing in achiving success is taking the first step. Today you are taking this first step of your professional lives. Always remember our



motto, "Care for people until your last day."

"I wish you Success"

EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel also addressed the graduates and said: "EMU has had more than 66 thousand graduates over 42 years. Our Faculty and School has graduated over 2 thousand students until today. You will be joining among the healthcare professionals who serve the world. COVID-19 pandemic significantly affected the world and the healthcare professionals were among the sectors which took the lead during these difficult times". Advising the newly graduated healthcare professionals, Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel ended his speech by saying; "Try to be a life-long student, keep the learning techniques and methodologies you have been taught here in EMU. Make sure you improve yourself. Professional experience and professional training continues all throughout one's lifetime. I wish you success".

"We are Happy and Proud"

EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özcenk's speech addressing the students was; "The importance

of professionals working in all areas of health has been understood once again during the pandemic period that we have been fighting for one and a half years. As EMU, we are happy and proud to be raising healthcare professionals who are beneficial to humanity. I would like to thank you in advance for all the help you will contribute to human health and the world in your future life".

Graduates took their Oaths

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Students graduating from EMU Health Sciences Faculty, Departments of Nutrition and Dietetics, Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, Nursing, Health Management, Sports Sciences undergraduate programs and from Oral and External Health, Anesthesia, Operating Room Services, Dialysis, Physiotherapy, First and Emergency Aid, Radiotherapy and Medical Students associate degree programs took their oaths with accompanied by their program coordinators. EMU Health Sciences and School of Health Services graduates took an oath before starting their careers this year, as they do every year, and expressed their commitment to the principles and ethical values they will abide by throughout their professional lives.



EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK MEDICINE FACULTY GRADUATES TAKE THEIR OATHS





Operated within the cooperation of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty and Marmara University Medicine Faculty, International Medicine Program 2020-2021 Academic Year Spring Semester graduates took their oath and took their first step as medical practitioners. Total of 26 students coming from 8 different countries graduated from the EMU Dr. Fazıl Kücük Medicine Faculty. The Oath-taking Ceremony took place at the outdoor lecture hall of EMU Pharmacy Faculty. EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özcenk, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel, ICU Board of Trustees Assistant Chair and former EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Abdullah Yücel Öztoprak, Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökcora, Marmara University Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hakan Gündüz, EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. Müberra Koşar, faculty academic staff members, graduates and their families were present at the event. The ceremony started with the graduates' entrance followed by a music recital. Top ranked student Dr. Öykü Zaimoğulları delivered a speech on behalf of the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty 2020-2021 Academic Year Spring Semester graduates by expressing that their journey started 6 years ago with great excitement. Dr. Zaimoğulları stated that they left behind the tiring committee and internship exams and the shifts they had kept until the morning. Noting that they have a professional life ahead of them, Dr. Zaimoğulları thanked their friends, families and faculty members for their support in their education life.



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EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora thanked ICU Board of Trustees Assistant Chair and Former EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Abdullah Yücel Öztoprak for his contributions in establishing the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty. Dean Prof. Dr. Gökçora continued her words with: "Dear young physicians, dear colleagues. As the Founding Dean of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, I am very happy to graduate you. You worked hard for 6 years. From now on, you are starting to work as qualified physicians who can raise the health level of the whole society. You have made us and your families very proud. I sincerely congratulate you".

"We Share a Mutual Pride with EMU"

Marmara University Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hakan Gündüz thanked Prof. Dr. Abdullah Yücel Öztoprak and said: "Today, we share a mutual pride with EMU. It is very valuable for us to share the joy of our precious students, who have completed their education within the scope of the International Joint Medicine Program conducted with EMU as the Marmara University Faculty of Medicine, which has always been different with its pioneering and innovative vision in science, education and practice, taking their first steps into their professional lives today. Congratulations to our esteemed graduates".

"I wish You Success in Your Medical Service"

EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel also took the stage and expressed his



feelings; "Dear graduates; you have worked hard, deserved the success and now you are standing in front of us. Once again, I would like to congratulate you all. It has been better understood how important the medical profession is due to the recent pandemic. Your profession starts with the fight against the pandemic. Your success will carry us and humanity to better places. I congratulate you. I wish you success in your life and in your medical service".

"We are Proud of You"

EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özcenk also addressed the graduates with his words; "My dear colleagues, the profession of medicine is a sacred profession that requires a lot of dedication and constant empathy. You will witness that the happiness of restoring a person to health is worth all the hardships you go through. I sincerely believe that each of you is a very good doctor. You will serve humanity by practicing your profession in many parts of the world. We are proud of you. I wish you success in your professional live".

Following the speeches, top student of the faculty, Dr. Öykü Zaimoğulları placed her name tag on the graduation log. The oath-taking ceremony continued with a presentation titled "Being a Doctor in Post Pandemic World" by EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty academic staff member Prof. Dr. Ömür Çınar Elçi. Total of 11 graduates took their professional oaths with accompany of Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora and then tree planting to the garden of the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty took place.



EMU ACADEMICIAN CEREN BOĞAÇ RECEIVES AWARD FOR HER URBAN PEACE-BUILDING DESIGN PROJECT CARRIED OUT IN NEW YORK







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Being in New York as a visiting scholar within the scope of the prestigious scholarship program, Fulbright, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture, Department of Architecture academic staff members Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ceren Boğaç was granted the "Michael Hollander Award for Excellence in Architectural Drawing" for her "Nicosia Airport into a Gray Area" design project conducted within the framework of advanced architectural design studio. Acting as an architectural design studio instructor during the 2020-2021 Academic Year Spring Semester in New York Pratt Institute School of Architecture, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Boğaç created the "Urban Peace-Building Design Studio" based on the conflict zones. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Boğaç carried out the project together with the distinguished Professor Dagmar Richter. The studio aimed to reveal how and in what way public spaces will be designed to strengthen peacebuilding in conflict zones.

The awarded "Nicosia Airport into a Gray Area" project of EMU academic staff member was exhibited in New York. Providing training for 135 years, Pratt Institute "Michael Hollander Award for Excellence in Architectural Drawing", has a worldwide reputation in architecture and art education, encourages future architects to not only create aesthetic images, but also to conceptualize the information-bearing aspects of the building and make it a part of the design.

Dagmar Richter & Ceren Bogac Arazi: Lefkoşa Uluslarası Havalimanı Behar 2020

Successful Design Suggestions were made Stating that the teaching environment in the "Urban Peace-Building Design Studio" class taught in New York is not only consisted of students from the USA but also student coming from various different parts of the world such as China, Russia, South Korea and Philippines and, therefore is a place where intercultural dialogues are created, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Boğaç stated; "I am so happy to be given a chance to transmit my experience in design within conflict zones to a global community and negotiating possibilities to design a community bridge in Cyprus. I would also like to thanks once again to my institution Eastern Mediterranean University for their support and U.S. Embassy Cyprus, Pratt School of Architecture for this opportunity".

EMU Architecture Faculty academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ceren Boğaç believes that how or what to design in a conflict zone has become a global problem rather than an individual problem in the modern world order, where we are faced with different conflict typologies every day, and in this context, she collaborated with the distinguished Professor Richter of Pratt Institute for an urban peace-building design.

Within the scope of the architecture studio course titled "Destroy the Wall! Yay to the Wall!", the students were asked to choose a buffer zone between two areas divided by

political, military and religious conflicts as their project area. Stating that Ii the studio where students were invited to design spaces that would act as community bridges for these regions, they tried to produce architectural paratics that could overcome the tradition of siege, exclusion and division by using the concepts of discontinuity, unexpected mutations, deformation and creating spaces, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Boğaç indicates that the themes that the projects focused on was borders, buffer zones, wall and militarized border zones. The Gray Area Project inspired by Ceren Boğaç's "Cyprus and Urban Peace-Building" seminars delivered in New York, proposes the abandoned Nicosia Airport in the buffer zone, a bi-communal worker cooperative that allows refugees to benefit from the market in exchange for employment and build temporary accommodation with recycled materials.

About Fulbright Scholarships

Fulbright Visiting Scholar program offers Cypriot academicians who hold a PhD degree to teach in USA universities, conduct advanced research or to do both simultaneously. Architect and academician Ceren Boğaç stated that Fulbright not only offers prestigious scholarship opportunities, but also offers the opportunity to be a part of a very productive and intellectual world community as well as a unique cultural exchange experience.



EMU GOLDEN CROW NEW MEDIA AWARDS FIND THEIR OWNERS



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Organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication and sponsored by North Cyprus Turkcell, the Golden Crow New Media Awards event took place on Friday, 9 July 2021. The winners of the awards were announced during the ceremony held at EMU Beach Club and mini Golden Crow sculptures were presented to the award owners. At the ceremony where all participants were invited, the "EMU Special Awards" and the "Most Popular Turkish Cypriot Celebrity in New Media Award" were also presented.

More than 45,000 votes were cast by the public within the scope of EMU Golden Crow New Media Awards. Apart from the participants of the new media sector, EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özcenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın, Board of Trustees members, Vice Rectors, North Cyprus Turkcell General Manager Murat Küçüközdemir, EMU Faculty of Communication Dean Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu, Vice Deans, representatives of Cyprus Turkish Journalists Union, TRNC Foreign Press Association representatives, Basın-Sen representatives, academic staff members and press members were present during the award ceremony.

"I would like to thank the Public"

EMU Communication Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu delivered a speech during the event and emphasized the uniqueness of the Golden Crow New Media Awards as well as all the efforts that were put in during the organization process of the event. Prof. Dr. Çavuşoğlu continued his words by saying; "I would like to congratulate all the candidates who accepted to take part in this process. I would also like to thank and express my gratitude to the Turkish Cypriot society who voted and claimed the Golden Crow New Media Awards which was organized for the first time this year".

"Honored to be the Sponsors of the Event"

North Cyprus Turkcell General Manager Murat Küçüközdemir spoke on the matter and said: "As the leading technology company of the island, North Cyprus Turkcell are pleased to be the sponsor of such an event like this. For us, BİP is new media which we have created 22 channels until today. Total of 183 thousand people from Northern Cyprus has been following this channels. We have seen how successful new media is when presented through the right channels. I would like to express my respect and gratitude to EMU, the most established educational institution of our island, my team and everyone who supported this project.".



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Following his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanin presented a Golden crow statue to the North Cyprus Turkcell General Manager Murat Küçüközdemir.

"I hope the Golden Crow New Media Awards becomes a Traditional Event"

Stating that EMU has always been supporting this kind of projects, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanin expressed his desire of making the Golden Crow New Media Award traditionalized. Mentioning that over 45 thousand people casting votes during the voting period of the event, Prof. Dr. Hocanin said; "I wish this beautiful organization to become a traditional event". Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanin thanked the project's communication sponsor, North Cyprus Turkcell and everyone who contributed the event.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanin was presented a Golden Crow statue by EMU Faculty of Communication Dean Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu. On the other hand, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanin presented the EMU Rector's Office Special Award to Ayşe Teksu and Kenan Teksu, known as Ayşe Aba and Kenan Amca on social media. EMU graduates Anselem Irechukwu Nkoro, Hakan Kütahya and Yiğit Can İç were presented awards within the category of EMU Special Awards. The Most Popular Turkish Cypriot Celebrity in New Media Award was presented to Hazar Ergüçlü. Ergüçlü could not attend the ceremony therefore the award was presented to Aygün Kencer upon the request of Hazar Ergüçlü.

Following the presentation of Special Awards, the Golden Crow New Media Award Winners elected by the voting session were announced:

Best Online Content – Video Content Producer: Neydi Olacağı Best Mobile Application: Cep Basket Best Online Blogger: Meliz Berg Best Gamer: Hulusi Tanil Best Podcast: Garip Zamanlar Best Online Humor Page: Urban Cypriot Best Social Media Phenomenon: Mehmet Ekin Vaiz Best Influencer: Batu Özsusuzlu Best Online Television Program: Damla Dabis İle Güne Başlarken Best Online Character: Aygün Kencer (Eniştem)













DELEGATION FROM İTU VISITS EMU



A delegation from İstanbul Technical University (ITU) paid a visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın on Saturday, 3 July 2021. Present at the said visit were EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Aktuğlu, Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu and Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serhan Şensoy. Among the delegation of ITU visiting EMU were ITU Rector Prof. Dr. İsmail Koyuncu, ITU- TRNC Rector and Executive Board Chair Prof. Dr. Cumali Kınacı, ITU Vice Rector and ITU TRNC Executive Board Member Prof. Dr. Bülent Güloğlu, ITU TRNC Executive Board Member Prof. Dr. Huriye Şebnem Burnaz, ITU TRNC Executive Board Member and Advisor to the Rector Dr. Aslı Çekmiş Kanan and ITU-TRNC Secretary General Dursun Koç.

During the visit, both parties exchanged information on strategic cooperation between the two institutions. After the visit, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın presented a gift to the ITU delegation. ITU Rector Prof. Dr. İsmail Koyuncu presented a frame to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın.

ISBANK TRNC DIRECTORATE VISITS EMU



Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Isbank Directorate paid a courtesy visit to Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın. The visit of Isbank TRNC Director Serhan Akşahin and Famagusta District Director Hüseyin Öksüz took place on Tuesday, 13 July 2021 at Prof. Dr. Hocanın's office. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hocanın provided information on EMU's activities and parties shared opinions on matters such as finance and investment in the field of higher education. At the end of the visit, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın presented souvenirs to TRNC Isbank Director Serhan Akşahin and Famagusta District Director Hüseyin Öksüz.

SÜLEYMAN BELEDİOĞLU VISITS EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. AYKUT HOCANIN



Eastern Mediterranean University's (EMU) Turkey Educational Consultant Süleyman Beledioğlu paid a courtesy visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın on Tuesday, 13 July 2021 at 16:00. EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel, Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu, Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serhan Şensoy and İsmail Yolcu were present during the visit. EMU's Turkey Educational Consultant Süleyman Beledioğlu, who helps students during their choice periods by organizing various educational programs on Turkish television, is also known by the nickname "Bonus Hoca" (Bonus Teacher).



JOINT PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN EMU AND UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and University of North Texas (UNT) in the USA signed a 3+2 years joint undergraduate and postgraduate program agreement. The agreement was signed by EMU Computer Engineering Department Head Prof. Dr. H. Işık Aybay, Engineering Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel.

Within the scope of the joint program agreement, EMU Computer and Software

Engineering students will be able complete their final year courses with UNT equivalent courses and receive the EMU undergraduate diploma. Then, students will have the opportunity to continue their postgraduate studies in UNT Computer Sciences program and receive the UNT postgraduate diploma.

Equivalents of courses taught in final year of both EMU and UNT were identified within the scope of the signed agreement. Students will be able to complete their higher education in a shorter time, which they will take some EMU senior courses from UNT equivalent graduate courses. Following the agreement taking effect, the first applications for the joint program were made by EMU final year students. The applications will be evaluated by the EMU-UNT Joint Committee.

EMU ARCHITECTURE FACULTY AND ESTU ORGANIZE JOINT SEMINAR



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Architecture Faculty and Eskişehir Technical University (ESTU) Architecture and Design Faculty started a series of Joint Academic Events as a first step following the recent protocol signed between the two institutions. The first seminar of the "Lessons of Sustainability from Traditional Architecture" event series took place on 13 July 2021 on online Zoom platform. Participated by many, the seminar commenced with the opening speeches delivered by the Turkey Chamber of Architects Eskişehir District Director and the Turkish Cyprus Engineer and Architect Chambers Director. The directors touched on the benefits of an event like this as well as underlining the importance of "Sustainability".

Pointed Out the Importance of the Sustainability

The event continued with the speeches of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanin and ESTU Rector Prof. Dr. Tuncay Döğeroğlu. Expressing their pleasantness on organizing a joint event in a short time period after the collaboration agreement signed between the two universities, Rectors Hocanın and Döğeroğlu stated the hope that the cooperation of the two successful universities will develop further. Drawing attention to the importance of sustainability on a global scale, the Rectors underlined how

many criteria this magical word has in terms of content, not only in the field of architecture, but also in other fields and that it should be taken into account.

The morning session of the one-day seminar was moderated by EMU Faculty of Architecture Dean Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağlı and ESTU Architecture Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Alper Cabuk. On the other hand, the afternoon session was moderated by EMU Faculty of Architecture vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Afet Coşkun and ESTU Academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Javad Eiraji. Apart from the ESTU and EMU academic staff members, participants from SEPEV, Universita di Bologna and Sapienza University di Roma attended the online event. While the speakers and participants discussed the subject of "Sustainability" from different perspectives, they also focused on which steps should be taken for the future with these lessons from the past in the architectural profession.



EMU TOURISM FACULTY STUDENT SUCCESFULLY GRADUATES FROM VIRGINIA TECH UNIVERSITY



Within the scope of the collaboration agreement signed between Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty and Virginia Tech University, EMU student Taira Ibragimova successfully completed her last semester training at Virginia Tech University in the USA.

12th Best University in the World

EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed his appreciation of Ibragimova on her success and experiences she gained during her time in the USA. Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that the agreement with Virginia Tech University provides EMU Tourism Faculty students the opportunity to

graduate from a university that is among the top five universities in the USA in the field of Hotel Management and Tourism Management. Virginia Tech University is also ranked as the 12th best university in the world by the ShanghaiRankings.

"Thankful for the EMU for Providing Such **Opportunity**"

Taira Ibragimova stated that thanks to the highquality education she received at the EMU Faculty of Tourism, she went to America with a very qualified knowledge in the field of Tourism and Hotel Management, and thus successfully completed her courses. Expressing her gratitude to the EMU Faculty of Tourism, which offers its students this unique opportunity like no other, Taira stated that the courses she took at Virginia Tech made a significant contribution to her career, and that, in addition to her academic development, studying in the USA allowed her to make memories that will last a lifetime.

This Week's Academic Publications

School of Computing and Technology 1. Hama Aziz, Roza Hikmat, and Nazife Dimililer. "SentiXGboost: enhanced sentiment analysis in social media posts with ensemble XGBoost classifier.' Journal of the Chinese Institute of Engineers (2021): 1-11. (Early Access)

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Faculty of Arts & Sciences

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Faculty of Medicine

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