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Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Cyprus Foundations Administration (EVKAF) organized an Iftar Meal at EMU Atatürk Square on Tuesday, 12 April, 2022. Among those who attended the said organisation were President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ersin Tatar, TRNC Prime Minister Faiz Sucuoğlu, Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources Dursun Oğuz, Members of the Parliament, Representatives of the Turkish Embassy in Nicosia, EVKAF General Director Prof. Dr. İbrahim Benter, President of EMU Board of Trustees Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın, Vice Rectors, EMU staff and more than 2,500 students. Staff and students who came from all over the world to study at EMU broke their fast all together at EMU Atatürk Square. Lentil soup, roast chicken, white bean stew, rice, yoghurt, bread, revani, ayran and water were included in the iftar menu. In addition, a mini concert with ney and kudum instruments was

performed by the artists of the Ney Cyprus Music Academy, under the sponsorship of Cebbasket, during the Iftar Dinner.

“It’s So Nice to Be Together on This Beautiful Ramadan Night”

Speaking at the Iftar Organisation, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın stated that

EMU, which is a state university where different international cultures intersect, boasts students and faculty members from 120 and 35 different countries, respectively. Expressing that EMU attaches importance to social, cultural and sports activities besides education and research, Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın pointed out that this Iftar Organisation is



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among the important activities. Expressing his happiness to be together with the students on this beautiful Ramadan night, Prof. Dr. Hocanın wished everyone a good iftar and happy bairam at the end of Ramadan.

“The Month of Ramadan is Tolerance”

President of EMU Board of Trustees Dr. Erdal Özçenk also said, “Whilst welcoming you all at this beautiful Iftar dinner organized by EMU and EVKAF, I would also like to extend you my love and respect. The month of Ramadan represents tolerance, cooperation, love, sincerity and sharing. We must show each other love, respect and tolerance so that this holy month achieves its true purpose. We are desperately in need of these values these days. With these feelings and thoughts, I would like to say that I am happy to share this iftar table with you, and May God accept our fasting”.

“Time to Share and Get Together”

EVKAF General Director Prof. Dr. İbrahim Benter, on the other hand, stated that he is extremely happy to be with all those present at the Iftar Dinner. Emphasizing that the month of Ramadan is a time to share and come together, Prof. Dr. Benter said, “It is important to make a habit of tolerance, sharing, helping each other and supporting those in need, and I hope these good habits are also maintained throughout the year.”

DOYENNE ARCHITECTS COME TOGETHER AT THE 2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON “UNSPOKEN ISSUES IN ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION”



Organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture, Department of Architecture and Department of Interior Architecture, the second international conference titled “Unspoken Issues in Architectural Education” was held between 14 and 15 April 2022. The conference, which continued with the opening addresses after the opening with a musical concert at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center on Thursday, 14 April 2022, at 09:30 a.m., was held under the theme “Unspoken”.

Delivering the opening speech of the conference, EMU Architecture Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağlı started her address by thanking all the conference participants for accepting the invitation and coming, especially in today's world where the pandemic process still continues. Emphasizing that the key words of the conference are “Architecture and Education”, Prof. Dr. Dağlı stated that the words architecture and education are multi-layered terms and both words are human and society-oriented, therefore both represent extraordinary difference, diversity and change. Noting that they have organized the second conference to reveal what has changed in the period after the first conference, Prof. Dr. Dağlı also noted that they wanted to determine a new roadmap to an equation with many unknowns, based on the “new normal” environment revealed by the pandemic. Prof. Dr. Dağlı thanked everyone who contributed to the realization of the conference and emphasized that they



were especially proud of the support of the Northern Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Architects to the Faculty in such an organization. At the end of her speech, Prof. Dr. Dağlı stated her hope that during the conference all issues pertaining to architectural education are discussed in full and wished all participants a pleasant conference.

Speaking after Prof. Dr. Dağlı, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın, on the other hand, expressed his pride for meeting with EMU faculty members, various academics and students at a conference worthy of EMU's name during the pandemic period and emphasized that quality in education is an issue that EMU takes very seriously. Noting that most of EMU's programs are accredited by international organizations, Prof. Dr. Hocanın added that it is not easy to gain accreditations. Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın thanked everyone who contributed to the realization of the event, and emphasised that it is very important to re-organize such events and wished the participants a productive conference.

In the sessions held after the opening speeches, presentations were delivered in fields including design, architecture, interior architecture, art and architectural history, engineering, urban and cultural studies, sociology, environmental science and education. On 14 April, 2022, at 17.00, a presentation on “Spatial Pedagogies for Non – Binary Ecologies” was made by Prof. Dr. Harriet Harris under the moderation of



Architecture Department academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ceren Boğaç. An opening Cocktail was held at 18.00 after the presentation.

Presentations Continued on 15 April

On Friday, 15 April 2022, the second day of the event, at 09:45 a.m., a presentation on “Spectres + Paradigms” was delivered by Prof. Dr. Graeme Brooker under the moderation of Faculty of Architecture Academic Staff Member Prof. Dr. Şebnem Hoşkara. After the presentations that continued throughout the day, at 15.00, the closing panel was held under the moderation of the Head of Architecture Department Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alpar Atun. Recent architectural developments and provocative thoughts on the future were the main themes of the closing panel attended by Mia Roth-Cerina, the Deputy Dean of the University of Zagreb and representative of the European Association for Architectural Education (EAAE), and Shashi Caan, President of the International Federation of Interior Architects (IFI).

Chair of Interior Architecture Department Assoc. Prof. Zehra Öngül, on the other hand, emphasized in her closing speech that they hope that the 3rd conference will be held in the next 2 years with more collaborations with other partners working on architectural education.

INDIVIDUALS SEEKING A CAREER IN TOURISM SECTOR GATHERED IN EMU



Organized within the collaboration between the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Deputy Prime Ministry, Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment, the “Eastern Mediterranean Tourism Fair 2022” which brought together the individuals seeking a career in TRNC tourism sector opened its doors for visitors on Thursday, 14 April 2022 at 10:00 at Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex. The opening ceremony was attended by the Republican Turkish Party (CTP) Famagusta Member of the Parliament Şifa Çolakoğlu, TRNC Deputy Prime Ministry, Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment, Department of Tourism Promotion and Marketing Director Mine Emiroğlu, EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özcenk, vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Prof. Dr. Deniz İşcioğlu and Tourism Faculty vice Dean Prof. Dr. Ali Öztinen as well as the sector representatives, high school and university students. The fair was visited by thousands of visitor throughout the day.

Nearly 100 Firms had Booths in the Fair

With the slogan of “Tourism is Reviving Once Again!”, the career fair aimed to meet both the needs of qualified personnel of the sector and to offer job and internship opportunities to young people who want to guide their careers in the field of tourism. Nearly 100 national and international hotels, restaurants, cafes, tourism agencies, tour operators and airline companies had booths in the event. Moreover, tourism career network HOSCO which has 7,000 members offered international career options for the interested individuals. The fair which had the Cyprus Turkish Hoteliers Association, Cyprus Turkish Tourism and Travel Agencies Association, Northern Cyprus Turkish Restaurateurs Association and Cyprus Turkish Travel Guides Association as the stakeholders was sponsored by Narin Enterprises, Kaner Group, Oza Coffee, Hediye Su, Petek Patisseries, Mardo, Ekor and Garga Tourism.



“Have a Career Full of Achievements”

Delivering the opening speech of the fair, EMU Tourism Faculty vice Dean Prof. Dr. Ali Öztinen stated that along with the participants, they aim to revive the TRNC tourism following the pandemic period and said that according to the latest data, a 130% increase in tourism is observed during the first three months of 2022 when compared to 2021. Indicating that such data suggests a continuous increase in the tourism, Prof. Dr. Öztinen stated that the fair is a huge opportunity for the students and advised them to visit all the booths while they are at the fair. Prof. Dr. Öztinen ended his speech by saying: “Let’s revive the tourism once again. I wish you a career full of achievements”.

“A Troubled Period in Tourism”

Stating that the tourism sector is one of the TRNC’s leading sectors, the Cyprus Turkish Travel Guides Association Director Dener Öymen shared information on the troubles experienced in the sector. Öymen wished a successful tourism season.

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“Humanity First”

Drawing attention on the fact that the biggest capital in service sector is the human resource, the Cyprus Turkish Hoteliers Association Director Dimağ Çağınır said that the most important factor in this manner is humanity. Stating that tourism is a work of heart, Çağınır said: “Tourism will be much better with youth like you”.

“Ministry is seeking an Alternative Market”

The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Deputy Prime Ministry, Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment, Department of Tourism Promotion and Marketing Director Mine Emiroğlu indicated that the Ministry focused its planning on different alternative searches due to the interrupted travel rules for the last two years caused by the COVID-19 restrictions. Emphasizing that the TRNC, which is a center of attraction for Russian and Ukrainian tourists, who make up a significant part of the country’s tourist portfolio, aims to spread the Middle East and Turkey foot to a wider range through digital platforms, by taking the necessary measures in order not to experience any disappointment in tourism due to the war between these countries, Emiroğlu wished the fair to be beneficial.

“The Aim is to Contribute to the Tourism Sector”

Expressing that the university aims to contribute to the TRNC tourism sector which is getting ready to welcome the new season, EMU vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu thanked all the stakeholders and sponsors who contributed the realization of the fair as well as the participants who attended the event.

Our Aim is to Contribute to the Elimination of the Need for Qualified and Equipped Personnel in the Tourism Sector

Stating that the higher education and tourism sectors, which acted as the locomotive in closing a large part of the TRNC current account deficit during the difficult pandemic process, were adversely affected and especially with the lack of international personnel in the sector, EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, pointed out that with the fair, they aim to re-create the tourism sector with a national and high-quality workforce. Dr. Özçenk wished the fair to meet the needs of the sector and TRNC.

Following all the speeches, EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk and vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu presented appreciation plaques to the stakeholders and sponsors.



ARTIST AYHAN MENTEŞ'S "MEANINGFUL COINCIDENCES" EXHIBITION INAUGURATED IN EMU WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF SİBEL TATAR



Organised with the cooperation of the Eastern Mediterranean University Center for Cyprus Studies and the Mediterranean European Art Association (EMAA), the exhibition titled "Meaningful Coincidences" featuring the works of painter Ayhan Menteş, who passed away in 2016, was inaugurated on Wednesday, 13 April, 2022, at 18:30, at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center Exhibition Hall within the framework of the 15 April World Art Day celebrations and with the participation Sibel Tatar, spouse of Turkish Republic of Cyprus (TRNC) President Ersin Tatar. The exhibition opening was attended by the late artist Ayhan Menteş's daughter, Uzay Güvendik, and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca, Vice Rectors, EMU-CCS President Assoc. Prof. Dr. Netice Yıldız, the Mediterranean European Art Association Co-President Prof. Dr. Gökçe Keçeci, EMU Art Coordinator Zehra Şonya, Exhibition Curator Assist. Prof. Dr. Esra Plümer Bardak, local artists and art lovers.

"Thanks to Those Who Have Contributed"

Uzay Güvendik, daughter of the late artist Ayhan Menteş, who delivered the opening speech of the exhibition, thanked all the participants who came to the exhibition opening and those who contributed to the creation of the exhibition. Güvendik expressed her satisfaction for observing the value given to his father again through this exhibition. EMAA Co-Chair Prof. Dr. Gökçe Keçeci provided information about the activities of EMAA since its establishment and the joint projects carried out with EMU-CCS. Expressing that there is a greater need for the curative and liberating aspects of art in the fight against pandemic, war and poverty, Prof. Dr. Keçeci wished that the creative power inherent in human beings be used to heal, enlarge and unite, not to kill, destroy

or marginalize. EMU-CCS President Assoc. Prof. Dr. Netice Yıldız provided information about the history and importance of the World Art Day. Thanking those who contributed to the realization of the exhibition, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yıldız stated that 110 pieces selected from the numerous works of the late artist Ayhan Menteş were included in the exhibition and drew attention to the fact that these paintings were created by the artist with a deep philosophy

EMU will Continue to Support the Community"

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca stated that as a state university, EMU supports the society in artistic, cultural and sportive activities besides quality education and research; Expressing that he is proud of the past and future activities that EMU has realised since its foundation, Prof. Dr. Hoca emphasized that EMU boasts around 30 centers, each of which carries out studies in their own fields. Pointing out that the exhibition was held in cooperation with EMAA and one of the centers within EMU, Prof. Dr. Hoca stated that the

university will always be effective in cultural activities and continue to serve the society.

"A Source of Pride for the Turkish Cypriots"

Sibel Tatar, spouse of TRNC President Ersin Tatar, expressed her honor to open the exhibition. Tatar also thanked those who contributed to the exhibition, as the exhibition, in which 110 works will be exhibited, will remind the artist to those who know the artist once, and will also introduce the artist to younger generations. Sibel Tatar stated that the artist is remembered not only for his art but also for his contributions to education. Sibel Tatar said, "On this occasion, I commemorate our artist with respect and mercy, and extend my best wishes to the entire art community on 15 April, World Art Day." After the opening speeches, the exhibition was inaugurated with ribbon cutting. The opening ceremony ended with a cocktail held after the art lovers visited the exhibition. The "Meaningful Coincidences" exhibition can be visited between 10:00 – 17:00 on weekdays until 30 April, 2022.



“INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS” PANEL ORGANIZED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE EMU 10TH INTERNATIONAL CAREER DAYS

Within the scope of the 10th International Career Days organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate, Faculty of Law organized an “Intellectual Property Rights” panel on Friday, 8 April 2022 at 11:30 at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Conference Hall.

The panel commenced with the speeches delivered by the Chair of EMU Intellectual Property Rights Research and Application Center (FIMAUM) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba, Law Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Turgut Turhan and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın. In the opening speeches, it was emphasized that despite the importance of intellectual property rights, violations of these rights are common in our country and that FIMAUM will be an important center for raising awareness in terms of intellectual property rights in our country.

During the panel which was chaired by the FIMAUM Advisory Board member, EMU Law Faculty and Atılım University Law Faculty academic staff member Prof. Dr. Celal Göle, the panelists were FIMAUM Advisory Board members; EMU Law Faculty and Atılım University Law Faculty academic staff member Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kılıçoğlu, Ankara University Law Faculty academic staff member and Ankara University Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights Research and Application Center (FISAUM) Director Prof. Dr. Arzu Oğuz, Özyeğin University Law Faculty academic staff member Prof. Dr. Nuray Ekşi and Ankara University Political Sciences Faculty academic staff member Prof. Dr. Feyzan Hayal Şehirli Çelik. The panelists informed the participants about what intellectual property rights are and how these rights can be protected against infringement. Moreover, emphasized that need of developing the necessary legal regulations as soon as possible for the effective protection of intellectual property rights in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Within the scope of the panel, application examples were also given to students who want to continue their careers in the field of intellectual property law after graduation. Law Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Turgut Turhan presented traditional Cypriot souvenirs to Prof. Dr. Celal Göle, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kılıçoğlu, Prof. Dr. Arzu Oğuz, Prof. Dr. Nuray Ekşi and Prof. Dr. Feyzan Hayal Şehirli Çelik. At the end of the panel, participants of the FIMAUM logo competition were presented with certificates of participation. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba presented the awards to the winning contestants.



“ARE THE UNRECOGNIZED STATES TIED TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS LAW?” SEMINAR IN EMU FACULTY OF LAW



The fourth event of the “People Worrying about Injustice: Cultured Lawyer Seminar Series” initiated by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Law and Law Club operating under the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate was organized. The topic of “Are the Unrecognized States tied to the Human Rights Law?” was approached with different aspects and discussed in detail during the seminar which hosted Cyprus International University (CIU) Law Faculty academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Erçakıca as a guest speaker. Mentioning the subjects and scope of the international law within the framework of the seminar, Assist. Prof. Dr. Erçakıca defined the word “state” and provided information on the differences between the recognized states and unrecognized states during

his speech. During the seminar, the resolutions and reports of the United Nations on the subject were conveyed to the participants, and the links between these texts and human rights were established. At the end of the seminar, Assist. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Erçakıca answered the students’ questions and was presented a certificate of appreciation by the EMU Law Club advisor Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazime Beysan.

Faculty of Law organized a High Honor and Honor Ceremony for Successful Students

EMU Faculty of Law organized a certificate ceremony for students who became entitled to receive 2021-2022 Academic Year Fall Semester High Honor and Honor Certificates. The opening speech of the highly attended ceremony was



delivered by EMU Faculty of Law Dean Prof. Dr. Turgut Turhan who congratulated the students on completing the semester with success and emphasized in the importance of receiving high honor and honor certificate. Touching on the difficulties of the law profession, Prof. Dr. Turgut Turhan wished students future success in their studies. Following the opening speech, successful students were presented with their certificates by Prof. Dr. Turgut Turhan, vice Deans Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba and Assist. Prof. Dr. Hakan Bilgeç, academic staff members Assist. Prof. Dr. Ulaş Gündüzler, Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazime Beysan and Assist. Prof. Dr. Emine Koçano Rodoslu, instructor Nail Gün and Communication Faculty, Cinema and Television Department Head Prof. Dr. Bahire Özad.



HIGH SCHOOL SEMINAR AND COMPETITION TITLED “JOURNEY OF DATA IN THE DIGITAL WORLD” TO BE HELD IN EMU

Organised by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) School of Computing and Technology (SCT) in cooperation with the Famagusta Women’s Center (MAKAMER), a high school seminar and competition will be held within the scope of “Girls in Informatics and Technology (BITEK) Project”. The event, which will be held at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center on Thursday, 21 April 2022, will commence with seminars at 09:30 a.m. After the competition, to be held at 14:00, an Award Ceremony will be take place at 16:30.

Press Conference to Be Held

A press conference during which detailed information will be shared on the seminar and competition, an event which aims to inform and motivate girls in the fields of informatics and technology, will be held. At the press conference to be held at Nicosia Concorde Tower Hotel on Monday, 18 April, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın,

EMU SCT Director Assoc. Dr. Nazife Dimililer and MAKAMER President Sıdıka Özdoğan will provide information about the aforesaid event. The event, in which 10th, 11th and 12th grade female students from all high schools in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) will attend, will be held in two sessions, the first of which will be a seminar and workshop, and the second second of which will be the presentation and evaluation of the projects prepared by the students according to the topic given. At the end of the organisation, an award ceremony will take place. The event, which will be sponsored by Dağlı Insurance, TRNC Telsim and Cyprus Central Hospital (Famagusta Medical Center), aims to increase the interest of female students in the fields of informatics and technology, to improve their knowledge in these fields and to encourage them to seek their future in the informatics and technology sector at the career choice phase.

EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK FACULTY OF MEDICINE RELEASES A STATEMENT ON WORLD HEALTH DAY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazil Küçük Faculty of Medicine academic staff member and Neurology Specialist Assoc. Prof. Dr. Amber Eker Bakkaloğlu and 2nd Year Representative of Fazil Küçük Medicine Faculty İrem Oben made statements on the occasion of the World Health Day, under the theme of “Our Planet, Our health” within the context of EMU Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate 10th International Career Days. In the statement, it was put forth that human health does not only consist of physical condition, but also mental health, ignored by the majority of the society and is also very important for human health. Mentioning that environmental pollution and situations such as war put human health at risk, it was also noted that cancer and neurodegenerative diseases will increase exponentially in the coming years if the rapidly increasing environmental pollution in the world is not minimised in the near future. The statement pointed out that this situation would pose a great risk for the society, and added that the lack of practical application of education given to children from a young age, such as protecting the environment, keeping it clean and recycling, led to the discouragement of both children and adults. It was noted that eliminating these shortcomings is important for public and environmental health.

Effects of Environmental Factors on Human Health Evaluated

The statement pointed out the following: “The human is a social species living in an environment. Being in good physical and mental health is not the only criteria for good health. It is very important that the environment he lives in and the social environment he exists are both healthy. Not only the living, but also the inanimate environment is important. Community problems are also valuable for human health. In the era of globalization, not only the society we live in,



but the whole world’s health can affect us, as in the example of the pandemic. Wars can continue to affect not only the mental and physical health of individuals, but also societies for centuries”. In the statement, which provides information on the extent of environmental, air, water and soil pollution pose threats for public health, it is also stated that “Not only genetic but also environmental factors contribute to the occurrence of diseases such as Alzheimer’s disease, which is one of the important public health problems of today, where cells are lost faster than the normal aging process, and cancer, where cells multiply uncontrollably. Environmental, air, water and soil pollution can cause these diseases. Even our genetic makeup, which we think is unchangeable, can change their function with the effects of the environment and cause diseases.” In the statement, it was highlighted that not reducing pollution in the environment and the world could lead to many diseases, and measures should be taken as soon as possible regarding environmental pollution.



“We Should Set an Example for Future Generations”

The statement, which also contained information on how to increase awareness on environmental protection in different age groups, continues as follows: “The theme of ‘Our Planet, Our health’ determined for this year also emphasizes the importance of the environment in health. Environmental health is important not only for preventing diseases, but also for quality life. Although we educate our children in different ways to protect the environment, we cannot find the necessary materials in the environment to implement what they have learned. For this reason, we should implement active recycling practices and benefit from our country’s clean energy resources. We do not have the luxury of leaving the responsibility of ensuring a clean future to the educated new generation. Whatever we are going to do, we must start right now and leave a beautiful planet for our children through setting an example.”



EMU TOURISM FACULTY DOCTORAL STUDENT RECEIVES BEST PAPER AND HONORABLE MENTION AWARD



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Tourism for a better world

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty attended the Third Conference on Managing Tourism Across Continents (MTCON'22) organized in Antalya by the Association of Turkish Tourism Academics. With an active participation of 30 papers, EMU Tourism Faculty academic staff members and research assistants attended the panels and training organized within the scope of the congress. EMU Tourism Faculty academic staff member Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Oxford Brookes University academic staff member Prof. Dr. Levent Altınay acted as the co-chairs of the congress. On the other hand, the chair of the Association of Turkish Tourism Academics and Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University academic staff member Prof. Dr. Muharrem Tuna attended the event as the chair of the Honorary Board. As it was the first face-to-face event after the pandemic, a significant number of academics at national and international level attended the congress, which was realized as part of a series of events held within the scope of

the Turkey Tourism Summit. While 230 academics from Turkey and 293 from abroad participated in the event with their research studies, 65 universities from Turkey and 113 universities from abroad contributed the event. Academics from 43 different countries participated in the congress where the editors of the world's most influential journals in the field of tourism held panels and workshops. EMU Tourism Faculty achieved an important success during the congress which was actively participated by the EMU Tourism Faculty academic staff members and research assistants. EMU Tourism Faculty research assistant Laiba Ali received the "Best Paper and Honorable Mention Award" with the paper titled "Antecedents and Outcomes of Guests' Emotions and Satisfaction in Malaysian Peer to Peer Accommodation Sector".

Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç: "I Congratulate "Laiba Ali" on her Success

Making a statement on the topic, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç emphasized

that the faculty does not only train qualified graduates for the sector but also that it is one of the most respected institutions in the world, which makes a significant contribution to the academic literature with its graduate and doctoral programs with nearly 200 students, in collaboration with advisors, and international publications. Stating that the most striking and recent example of it is EMU being listed as the 38th university in the world's most prestigious universities list of the Shanghai Ranking in 2021, Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined the fact that the Tourism Faculty is at the top of the list in terms of publication quality in both Turkey and Cyprus. Saying that having international publication is a prerequisite for graduating from the doctoral program, Prof. Dr. Kılıç congratulated Laiba Ali for her success, stating that it was a source of pride for them to receive the best paper award at such a prestigious international conference while Laiba Ali is still continuing her doctoral studies.



ROCK FESTIVAL IN EMU

Organized annually by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Social and Cultural Activities Directorate, 10th “Rock’n EMU” event was held at EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, 8 April 2022. Youngsters from all over the island attended the festival. Students from different universities came to EMU by bus to enjoy the Rock’n EMU event. The youth and the public, who filled the stadium, had great time during the event.

As it is every year, the event was held with great enthusiasm and participation. Famous rock groups and rock singers of Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) performed in the event. The festival commenced with the performances of Oto Pilot and Midnight Ceremony rock groups operating under the EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate and continued with the performance of our country’s popular rock group, Force Awakens.

Following Force Awakens, international rock group Decapitated took the stage performing popular songs such as “Blood Mantra”, “Cancer Culture” and “Spheres of Madness”. One of the performers was Redd who delivered “Hala Aşk Var Mı?”, “Kaniyorduk”, “Kalpsiz Romantik” and its other popular songs.

Rock Music Feast by the Groups

The final performance of the night was delivered by Manga who had represented Turkey in the Eurovision Song Contest with its “We Could Be The Same” song. Manga entertained the audience with amazing rock songs like “Dünyanın Sonuna Doğmuşum”, “Beni Benimle Bırak” and “Cevapsız Sorular”.

At the end of event, EMU vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu presented Oto Pilot, Midnight Ceremony, Force Awakens, Decapitated, Redd and Manga appreciation plaques. Prof. Dr. İşçioğlu thanked all the rock groups for their joyful performances and the audience for being there.



“PORTRAITS, STYLES AND STORIES” PROJECT GETTING REALIZED ON SATURDAY IN EMU



Developed by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector's Office, the “Portraits, Styles and Stories” project will commence with an exhibition opening by Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus President Ersin Tatar on Saturday, 16 April 2022 at 17:00 in the Museum Area located at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. To be open for visitors on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays between 10:00 and 17:00 for a year, the exhibition is to display portrait artworks made by the local artists of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). At the same time, special education programs developed for children, youth and adults in relation to the exhibition will be

applied throughout the year. Along with these programs are workshops with different content varying according to the different age groups, studies to be held at the location of the exhibition focused on the perception of the artwork, talks with the artists and exhibition examining.

Workshops and Tours to Begin in May

Within the scope of the “Portraits, Styles and Stories” exhibition and project program, various workshops and tours will be organized as of May including the following events: Collage Portrait Workshop (for 5-7, 8-11, 12-14, 15-17 age groups) which will provide training on what the collage is and the technics to be applied; Bust Workshop (for 5-7, 8-11, 12-14, 15-17 age groups) which will study the sculpture, in other terms 3-dimension studies, letting the participants explore and apply the 3rd dimension; Abstract and Cubist Workshop (for 12-14 and 15-17 age groups) which will be an experience on how a visible / realistic form can turn into an abstract or cubist structure by giving information about art techniques and understandings; Tour Program (for 13-16 and 17+ age groups in Turkish or English language) which will consist of a preliminary briefing by the exhibition team, an exhibition tour accompanied by art historians, and a question-answer/survey section at the end of the tour, Excursions and Tours with Artist Participation (for 17+ age groups), where an artist who works in the exhibition will be invited, a conversation will be held on the artist's work, and after the conversation, the exhibition will be visited and/or the workshop will be held in company with the artist; Excursions with Appointments/Programs for Special Groups to be organized in company with the program to be prepared specifically for the desired activity or group, provided that the number and participant information are given two weeks before the date of arrival.

Workshops on Thursdays, tours on Fridays, special groups/programs on Saturdays and talk with an artist, tour and/or workshop on the first Saturday of each month will be organized. The project intends to ensure the active participation of children and young people, to enable them to understand the works of art by talking, discussing and examining, and then to enable them to create their own works / portraits in a fun and free environment by using their creativity. For more information on “Portraits, Styles and Stories” project or to make an appointment, call 0539 118 42 77, e-mail artcollection@emu.edu.tr or make contact via the <http://artcollection.emu.edu.tr> link.

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