

EMU STUDENT COUNCIL VISITS EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. AYKUT HOCANIN



Following the 2022-2023 Academic Year Student Council elections held at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), the new Student Council Management, paid a visit of courtesy to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın in his office.

Present at the said visit were EMU Student Council President Ali Ardıç, Secretary General Melis Tokay, Member for Financial Affairs Hakan Melih Öztürk and International Member Representative Lisa Thandy Lucio Saffrao.

During the visit, Prof. Dr. Hocanın was provided information about the projects that the EMU Student Council plans to carry out in the new academic term. Wishing the new Student Council success in their duties, Prof. Dr. Hocanın presented those in attendance a gift unique to EMU. Also visiting Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel, Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Aktuğlu, Prof. Dr. Serhan Şensoy and Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu, the Student Council members introduced the Vice Rectors the team that will serve in the new academic year and provided information about the plans and projects to be realised.

AUTHOR SEVİL EMİRZADE VISITS EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. AYKUT HOCANIN

Sevil Emirzade, one of the important writers of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), paid a visit of courtesy to Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın. During the said visit which took place at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 9 January, 2023, Emirzade gifted her books titled “1908’den Günümüze İzler - Hilmi Damdelen Öğrencileri ve Ailesi”, “Con Rifat”, “Çifte Nikah”, “Uğurlar Olsun Kıbrıs’ın ‘Mavi Panjurlu Eski Hikayeleri’ Yazılsın ‘Dostlukla Yenileri’” to Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın. Emirzade also provided information about the content of her books.

Speaking during the visit, Prof. Dr. Hocanın expressed his pleasure to host Emirzade at EMU, and congratulated the author for her achievements. At the end of the visit, Prof. Dr. Hocanın presented Emirzade a gift unique to EMU.



EMU CONTRIBUTES TO THE ELDER RIGHTS WORKSHOP



With the contributions of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Salamis Bay Conti Hotel under the tutelage of the Presidency of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and the leadership of Sibel Tatar, Elder Rights Workshop was organized on 12-13 January, 2023. Coordinated by the EMU Center for Women's Studies (CWS) Director and Education Faculty member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilin, the event which was also attended by the TRNC President Ersin Tatar took place at Salamis Bay Conti Hotel. TRNC Minister of Labor and Social Security Hasan Taçoy, EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın also attended the event.

“Improving Elders’ Quality of Living was aimed”

Delivering the opening speech of the workshop, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erbilin stated that one of the areas that has been neglected in terms of human rights and where efforts are relatively low is the rights of the elderly. Noting that the Elder Rights Workshop, which was held for the first time

in the TRNC, was aimed at increasing the quality of life of elderly individuals, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erbilin stated that it is aimed to address all the factors affecting the lives of the elders. Also fulfilling the duty of workshop coordinator, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erbilin recorded that the population over the age of 65 in the country constitutes 9.8 percent of the total population, and the average life expectancy for women is 83.1 years and 79 years for men.

“EMU’s Goal is to Shed Light on the Society”

During his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın expressed that EMU as a state university plays a leading role in quality education, authentic scientific research and serving the public. Stating that EMU’s goal is to shed light on the society in studies to be created within the framework of scientific infrastructure, Prof. Dr. Hocanın said that they are pleased to contribute to the workshop.

TRNC Minister of Labor and Social Security Hasan Taçoy also made a speech and said that the population is

increasing due to the prolongation of life expectancy and at this point they have important duties to ensure that the opportunities are not insufficient. Minister Taçoy pointed out the importance of legal studies for the rights of the elderly and stated that the understanding of the social state requires this.

“I believe that the Workshop will have Important Outcomes”

In his speech, TRNC President Ersin Tatar stated that the ideas, suggestions and opinions of the participants in the workshops on children, families, persons with disabilities and the elders are very important. President Tatar underlined that the efforts to be made in order for the elderly in the country to be in a healthier place in the future are very valuable. President Tatar stated that he believed that in the workshop, serious ideas would emerge about using the services of ministries and local governments together in order to meet the elder’s home, nursing home and various needs of the elderly, and to use them in the most harmonious, effective and efficient way.

90 Participants who are Experts in Their Fields

90 participants who are experts in their fields attended the event that focused on Regulations and Inspection, Regulations for Elderly Care Centers, Care Services and Financing, Elder Rights and Visibility of the Elderly in the Community and Elderly Care Services. EMU Faculty Members Prof. Dr. Bahire E. Özad, Assist. Prof. Dr. Aybike Yektaoğlu, Assist. Prof. Dr. Bezar Eylem Ekinci and Assist. Prof. Dr. Handan Sezgin attended the workshop as moderators, Prof. Dr. Hatice Jenkins and Assist. Prof. Dr. Berna Arifoğlu as participants and, EMU Senior Instructor Nazmiye Kızılkaya, Research Assistants Eda Gülsüm Karasaç, Fatma Türüç, İlknur Kakıcı, Merve Nur Değerli ve doctoral student Sümeyye Rabia İstanbul as reporters.

Workshop Report to be released to the Public

TRNC President Ersin Tatar presented plaques to EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU CWS Director Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilin and Salamis Bay Conti Hotel General Manager Süleyman Kansu for their contributions to the workshop. Moreover, certificates of attendance were presented to all the participants of the event. The final draft of the decisions that were taken in four different sessions were presented to the Workshop Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilin as a preliminary report. In a statement released by EMU CWS, it was noted that the workshop report is to be sent to all shareholders and released to the public in the shortest time possible.

INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS FROM EMU ARTS AND SCIENCES FACULTY MEMBERS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Arts and Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan and Arts and Sciences Faculty, Mathematics Department academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arran Fernandez represented EMU in the “Fractional Calculus and Special Functions with Applications” Special Issue published in “Fractal and Fractional” journal, one of the leading journals in the field.

Prof. Dr. Özarslan, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fernandez and Prof. Dr. Ivan Area from University of Vigo, Spain took the task of guest editors of the special issue. The special issue published by “Fractal and Fractional”, which has an impact factor of 3.577 and is a Q1 ranked journal, consists total of 9 articles on the relevant field.



“TRNC SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM STRUCTURAL ISSUES, SUSTAINABILITY AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SOLUTIONS” PANEL TO BE HELD IN EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Business and Economics Faculty is to organize a panel on “TRNC Social Security System Structural Issues, Sustainability and Recommendations for Solutions”. The panel will be held on Wednesday, 18 January 2023 at 10:00 at the Senate Meeting Hall in Rector’s Office building. Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Minister of Labor and Social Security Hasan Taçoý will also make a presentation during the event.

Following the opening speeches, various presentations will take place where EMU Business and Economics Faculty, Department of Economics academic staff member Prof. Dr. A. Tarık Timur act as a moderator. The presentations to be made during the panel are as follows: “Necessity and Practicality of General Health Insurance” by TRNC Minister of Labor and

Social Security Taçoý, “Retirement Problems of Social Insurant Working with Minimum Wage and Recommended Solutions” by Turkish Cypriot Republican Party (CTP) Nicosia Parliamentarian Devrim Barçın, “Reform Process and Informal Employment in Social Security System” by TRNC Ministry of Labor and Social Security Former Undersecretary Erçin Tekakpınar, “Determinants of Labor Force Participation and Social Security Reflections of Perceptions on Women’s Labor” by EMU Business and Economics Faculty, Department of Economics academic staff member Prof. Dr. Fatma Güven Lisaniler and “Sustainability of the Social Security Pension System and Its Effects on the Financial Structure” by EMU Business and Economics Faculty, Department of Baking and Finance academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Ulaş Altıok.



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PANEL

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Yer: Senato Toplantı Odası, DAÜ Rektörlük Binası

PROF. DR. EMRE KESKIN MEETS WITH STUDENTS



Within the scope of the 11th International Career Days organized annually by the Eastern Mediterranean University Alumni Communication and Career Research Center (EMU-MIKA) with the collaborations of the faculties and the schools, Prof. Dr. Emre Keskin from Ankara University got together with the EMU students during a seminar organized by EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty, Biological Sciences Department.

Prof. Dr. Keskin delivered a presentation titled “Revealing Biodiversity: In Silico Short Stories from the Rainforests to the Pole” during the seminar which took place at Arts and Sciences Faculty Lecture Theatre.

Prof. Dr. Keskin stated that anthropogenic effects cause loss of biodiversity in all habitats, especially inland waters, and as a result, cause drastic changes on the ecosystem. For these reasons, Prof. Dr. Keskin underlined the need

to utilize faster research methods to develop conservation and management strategies and detect fluctuations in biodiversity.

During his statement of Prof. Dr. Keskin said: “In line with the conservation of living things and ecological approaches, developments in molecular biology-based methods have resulted in the rapid development of methods for obtaining genetic material using feathers, skin, feces and other biological materials left to the environment they live in, rather than living organisms. Among these methods, environmental DNA (eDNA) is the most widely used method.

The scientific community is beginning to recognize that environmental DNA offers a wealth of information about all the different types of organisms found in ecosystems. Therefore, the attempt to use at least partially this information contained in DNA molecules

has increased the interest in it in recent years. This scientific field has been further strengthened by the increased availability of next-generation DNA sequencing, which also enables high-throughput data collection.

The environmental DNA method is a relatively new approach used to monitor the distribution of species. Using this method, it is possible to detect species without actually seeing or catching them. This method uses DNA-based molecular identification, also called barcodes, to identify species, using extracellular DNA or genetic material from cell remains that species leave in the environment. Studies show that eDNA breaks down in the aquatic environment at varying times within a few days to a month. Therefore, detecting the DNA of an aquatic species can be used to confirm the recent existence of that species”.

In the said presentation, eDNA met barcoding studies carried out on a wide ecosystem scale from rainforests to the poles from all over the world were explained, and the background of scientific studies carried out in extreme environments and the process from sampling to visualization of data were emphasized. At the end of the event, EMU Biological Sciences Department Vice Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Burak Ali Çiçek presented an appreciation plaque to Prof. Dr. Keskin.



ASSOC. PROF. DR. RAMADAN ÖZMANEVRA STARTS PATIENT ADMISSIONS AT EMU CLINICAL PRACTICE AND RESEARCH CENTER

Orthopedics and Traumatology Specialist Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ramadan Özmanevra started patient admissions at Clinical Practice and Research Center operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özmanevra is to admit patients on specific days of the week. Individuals wishing to

arrange an appointment can contact (0392) 360 3851 between 09:00-17:00.

EMU Clinical Practice and Research Center offers a 25% discount to EMU personnel and their immediate family members (spouse, offspring(s) and parents). Payments can only be made with credit card.

EMU DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ORGANIZES END OF SEMESTER EXHIBITION

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Education Faculty, Department of Elementary Education organized its annual exhibition event with “Multiple Imagination: Diversity in Mind and Creating” theme this year. The event that took place at the EMU Faculty of Education received great interest from the participants. EMU Education Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ahmet Pehlivan, department members, students and visitors attended the event.



Created with the Mission of Actualizing Knowledge

The exhibition consisted a selection of works created within the scope of theoretical and applied courses of the Elementary Education Department in line with the mission of actualizing knowledge within the framework of the international accreditation standards. Within the scope of Creativity, Visual Arts, Traditional Children’s Games, Science Education, Mathematics Education and Teaching Practices courses, the exhibition aims to reflect the knowledge, skills and educational approaches, which the teacher candidates gain during their education, to the educational environments

in their professions, in accordance with the requirements of current and contemporary education.

“Concrete Products of the Teacher Training Process”

EMU Education Faculty, Elementary Education Department made a statement regarding the exhibition and stated that the exhibitions, which take place at the end of each academic semester and are the concrete products of the teacher training process, will continue to be held with different themes in the future, as they are the main achievements for the professional competencies of teacher candidates. In the statement, it was also



emphasized that the continuity of such activities is important in accordance with the scientific and cultural mission of the Department of Elementary Education.

EMU FLEPS ORGANIZES CHARITY EVENT IN AID OF CANCER PATIENTS

Within the scope of the collaboration protocol between Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Help Those with Cancer Association (KHYD) and, framework of the Social Responsibility Projects of EMU Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (FLEPS), a charity bazaar was organized in aid of cancer patients. Students made sales of various items during the event that took place at the EMU Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School. The proceeds of the sales will be donated to the Help Those with Cancer Association in the upcoming days. The active participation of the EMU FLEPS Social Responsibility Projects Team Leader and project instructors, and the support of all students, academic staff members, administrative personnel, workers and part-time lecturers played an important role in the realization of this project. The charity bazaar was attended by many and received much enthusiasm. At the end of the



event, the project instructor and the students each expressed their happiness at completing another social responsibility project event with success. Certificates were awarded to

those who contributed to the organization of the event and those who were successful in the competitions organized during the semester.

10 DIFFERENT SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROJECTS FROM EMU FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STUDENTS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Education Faculty, Foreign Language Education Department, English Language Teaching Program students presented their social responsibility projects to their instructors within the scope of ELTE 310 course, “Application of Service to Community”. The course coordinated by faculty

member Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazan Doğruer aims to provide students with social consciousness by supporting their skills such as social sensitivity, awareness, cooperation, solidarity, effective communication and self-evaluation. Within the scope of the social responsibility projects, students worked in different groups on different

projects. Delegating duties within themselves, students planned and realized their projects after interviewing individuals relevant with their projects. Then, the groups delivered their presentations on their specific topics and shared the outcomes of the projects with their instructors and fellow students. Students included various materials such as posters, videos, photographs which they prepared during their projects.

Social Responsibility Projects on 10 Different Topics

Education Department, English Language Teaching Program students carried out 10 different social responsibility projects within the scope of ELTE 310 course, “Application of Service to Community”:

- 1- Helping stray animals (EMU Campus and Famagusta Animal Shelter)
- 2- Stationery, books and toy donation to the SOS Children’s Village
- 3- Clothing donation and visit to Elders’ Home
- 4- Clothing collection campaign for donating the Cancer Patients Association
- 5- Flower planting in various places of EMU Campus
- 6- Recycled paper making workshop by re-using used papers
- 7- Marbling art and handcraft workshop with Special Education students
- 8- Organizing activity with children that need Special Education
- 9- Trash cleanup event in Laguna region
- 10- Book donation to a village nursery school and a day spent with the students there

EMU STUDENT COUNCIL AND FENERBAHÇE FAN CLUB SUPPORT THE STUDENTS DURING THE EXAMS PERIOD



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Student Council operating under the EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate



and EMU Fenerbahçe Fan Club (EMU-FEB) supported the students during the final exams period by offering drinks, food and deserts

at the Özyay Oral Library. Setting up a booth in front of the library, EMU Student Council served rice with chicken and chickpeas and “ayran”. Fenerbahçe Fan Club also set up a booth at the same spot on a different day offering students “lokma”, a traditional Turkish desert.

EMU Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioglu attended both events and supported students. Students studying at the library enjoyed themselves with the treats.

ULTRASLAN HELPS OUT NEEDY STUDENTS IN VAN



Within the scope of the Eastern Mediterranean University's (EMU) social responsibility project, Galatasaray Fan Club ultraSLAN operating under EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate, helped out students in need in Erciş county of Van, Turkey. Within

the organization of ultraSLAN UNI which has 144 representative agencies in the Republic of Turkey and 9 university representatives in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, a help campaign with the slogan of "uA UNI Warms up the Hearts" has been carried out in schools located in villages of all counties in the Republic of Turkey. EMU ultraSLAN Fan Club also supported the campaign and made students' day by donating 45 boots to Şeker Fabrikası Secondary School in Erciş county of Van.

Stating that they always give a place to social responsibility projects in their activities and events, EMU ultraSLAN representative said; "Dear children, the future of our society! We love you and we will always be supporting you".

EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. AYKUT HOCANIN VISITS SPORTS AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hocanın visited and congratulated the EMU Sports Affairs Directorate staff by virtue of their recent achievements in various fields. EMU Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu, Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu and Directorate staff members

were present during the visit. Delivering a speech during the visit, Prof. Dr. Hocanın expressed that they are proud of the achievements of EMU athletes in various sports competitions held in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) as well as abroad and, congratulated all the coaches and the team who contributed the process. Stating

that they are content with the achievements of EMU in the field of sports, EMU Sports Affairs Director Konnolu emphasized that they are once again assertive in all branches of sports for the upcoming semester and thanked EMU Rector's Office for their support.



KKTC Kurucu Cumhurbaşkanı Rauf Raif DENKTAŞ'ı Sevgi, Saygı ve Özlemle Anıyoruz.

We Commemorate The Founding President of TRNC Rauf Raif DENKTAŞ, With Love, Longing and Respect.



Prof. Dr. Aykut HOCANIN
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This Week's Academic Publications

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Faculty of Pharmacy

1- Far, Bahareh Farasati, Mohammad Reza Naimi-Jamal, **Maryam Safaei**, Kimia Zarei, Marzieh Moradi, and Hamed Yazdani Nezhad. "A Review on Biomedical Application of Polysaccharide-Based Hydrogels with a Focus on Drug Delivery Systems." *POLYMERS* 14, no. 24 (December 2022).

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Analyses." *CHEMISTRY \& BIODIVERSITY*, n.d. (Early Access)

Faculty of Business & Economics

1- **Kinis, Fatma**, and **Cem Tanova**. "Can I Trust My Phone to Replace My Wallet? The Determinants of E-Wallet Adoption in North Cyprus." *JOURNAL OF THEORETICAL AND APPLIED ELECTRONIC COMMERCE RESEARCH* 17, no. 4 (December 2022): 1696–1715.

2- Radulescu, Magdalena, Daniel Balsalobre-Lorente, **Foday Joof**, Ahmed Samour, and Turgut Tuersoy. "Exploring the Impacts of Banking Development, and

Renewable Energy on Ecological Footprint in OECD: New Evidence from Method of Moments Quantile Regression." *ENERGIES* 15, no. 24 (December 2022).

Faculty of Medicine

1- Akhtar, Saghir, Fawzi Babiker, Usman A Akhtar, and **Ibrahim F Benter**. "Mitigating Cardiotoxicity of Dendrimers: Angiotensin-(1-7) via Its Mas Receptor Ameliorates PAMAM-Induced Cardiac Dysfunction in the Isolated Mammalian Heart." *PHARMACEUTICS* 14, no. 12 (December 2022).

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