

EMU SIGNS A COLLABORATION PROTOCOL WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, MINISTRY OF TOURISM, CULTURE, YOUTH AND ENVIRONMENT



A cooperation protocol titled “The Development, Planning and Revision Project of Northern Cyprus Tourism” has been signed between the Eastern Mediterranean University Tourism Research Center and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Deputy Prime Minister, Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın and TRNC Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment Fikri Ataoğlu signed the

cooperation protocol at 08:30 a.m. on Friday, January 2023. Present at the said signing ceremony were Ministry Undersecretary Serhan Aktunç, EMU Board of Trustees (BOT) President Dr. Erdal Özcenk, BOT Member Hasan Esen, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Aktuğlu and Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlü, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Vice Deans Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren and Assist. Prof. Dr. M. Güven Ardahan. In scope of developing the tourism industry, the

said protocol between EMU and the Ministry aims to present projections for the future by determining the basic policies in tourism planning according to the tourism regions targeted by the ministry, revealing the targets and strategies for current touristic products, identifying opportunities by researching the strengths and weaknesses of TRNC tourism, and suggesting regional plans and strategies as a result of the analysis of threats.

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continue to like this forever. Mentioning that EMU fulfills its duties in both academic and community service areas, Dr. Özçenk stated that he believes that the said protocol will contribute to the progress of the tourism sector.

“Road Map Will Be Determined”

In his speech, Deputy Prime Minister of the TRNC, Minister of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment Ataoğlu emphasized that the cooperation involving the combination of the fields of tourism and education will make a great contribution to the progress of the country’s tourism. Pointing out that the development of tourism will gain more importance with the opening of the new airport, Ataoğlu said that new projects should be realised in this area. Stating that the roadmap that will emerge as a result of the cooperation between the Ministry and EMU will be the roadmap of the people of the country, Ataoğlu emphasized that EMU has made a great contribution to the city of Famagusta. Putting forth that EMU has made a great contribution to the tradesmen from the past to the present, Ataoğlu stated that their aim is to further the efforts to make the students coming to the country and those involved in the sector more intertwined. Noting that the signed cooperation protocol is a step taken towards the further development of the country and its tourism, Ataoğlu wished that the protocol would be beneficial for the whole country.

“It Will Contribute to the Development of Tourism in the Country”

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hocann stated that they have come together to take the first step of a very important project, and added that higher education and tourism areas are the most important areas in the TRNC and that the efficiency of human resources in these areas is extremely important. Stating that EMU will contribute to the development of the country’s tourism with its accumulation, Prof. Dr. Hocann underlined that the cooperation with the ministry will continue in an increasing format. Prof. Dr. Hocann thanked the ministry for the support given to EMU and wished that the cooperation

protocol would be beneficial for the entire country.

“EMU Stands Tall”

Board of Trustees President Dr. Özçenk wished the protocol to be beneficial for the whole country and emphasized that EMU is the pearl of Famagusta in particular and the TRNC in general. Referring to the news about EMU in the TRNC press recently, Dr. Özçenk stated that contrary to what was written, EMU stands tall. Mentioning that the crisis is global, Dr. Özçenk stated that, as in the whole world, efforts are underway to take various measures in EMU. Dr. Özçenk emphasized that EMU is standing and will

Speaking after the signing ceremony, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean and EMU Tourism Research Center President Prof. Dr. Kılıç provided information about the protocol and emphasized that the project is for the development, planning and revision of TRNC tourism. Stating that the project covers a period of 7 months, Prof. Dr. Kılıç mentioned that the project will play an important role in determining the road map of the country. Stating that with the cooperation protocol, the strategy and planning of the products created in line with the vision of the ministry will be realised, Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined that the planned period has commenced.

WOMEN LEADERS OF THE COUNTRY SHARE THEIR MANAGERIAL EXPERIENCES IN EMU



The Gender Equality Certificate Program (TOCES) Preliminary Panel has been held with the cooperation of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Center for Women's Studies and Education Center (CWS), EMU Continuing Education Center (EMU-CEC) and North Cyprus Community Service Clubs Federation (KKTHKF). The panel titled "Women's Effect in Politics, Economy, Law and Social Life" was held on Thursday, 26 January, 2023 at 14:00 at EMU Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. The panel was moderated by EMU-CWS President Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilen. In the panel, women born and living in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and who hold or have held managerial positions shared their experiences on this path, their struggle against patriarchal rules and their success stories.

9 Female Leaders Participated in the panel

Onur Borman, the first female Minister of Economy and Finance of the TRNC, and the first female President of the Assembly of the Republic of the TRNC, Dr. Fatma Ekenoğlu, the first female Prime Minister of the TRNC, Dr. Sibel Siber, TRNC's first female Deputy Speaker of the Assembly Fazilet Özdenefe, TRNC's first female Supreme Executive Auditor Emine Dizdarlı, TRNC's first female Deputy Chief of Police Pervin Gürler, Şenay Ekingen, who has worked in politics and non-governmental organizations, Esen Yalın Aktoprak, the head of the Handicrafts Cooperative, one of the oldest cooperatives of the TRNC, and Aydan Başkurt, the former director of the Social Services Department for a period of more than 30 years, took part in the panel as speakers.

Successful Women Shared Their Managerial Experiences

Onur Borman, the first female Minister of the TRNC, former Minister of Economy and Finance, talked about the advantages of being a woman minister to women and gender equality, the difficulties of being the only woman in the work environment, and the initiatives she took to encourage all women during her tenure. The first female President of the Republic Assembly of the TRNC, Dr. Fatma Ekenoğlu talked about the advantages and disadvantages of being the first woman Speaker of the Assembly of the Republic, the contribution of women to life, their place in the organization of life and the process of passing the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women in the TRNC. The first female Prime Minister of the TRNC, Dr. Sibel Siber shared her views on the meaning of being the first female Prime Minister to the society and its contribution to gender equality. Dr. Siber talked about the work they have done in the gender discrimination monitoring committee, the happiness of young women hoping to be like them and the responsibility of being a role model. Fazilet Özdenefe, the first female Deputy Speaker of the Assembly of the TRNC, shared her views on the advantages that this duty she undertakes as a woman provides to the society and how these advantages are reflected in the laws. Stating that they expect the opinions and support of EMU-CWS in their efforts to prevent gender discrimination, Özdenefe stated that legal arrangements will be made to ensure gender equality. Emine Dizdarlı, the first female Supreme Administrative Auditor of the TRNC, talked about the benefits of being the first female ombudsperson in a male-dominated system to the legal system and society, and provided information

about the meaning of the word judge to dominate, to rule, and the consequences of a woman's taking this title. Pervin Gürler, the first female Deputy Director General of the TRNC Police force, shared her views on the contributions of her appointment to the police community and society. Gürler, who stated that she heard that she would last for a very short time when she was appointed as the Deputy Director General, stated that she did her duty by paying attention to everything by working hard to prove that women can succeed. Şenay Ekingen, who has many works in politics and non-governmental organizations, talked about the effects of her work so far on the inclusion of women in the economy. Stating that she often works up to 16 hours a day, Ekingen talked about the production and import process, the difficulties she faced and how she managed this process as a woman. Esen Yalın Aktoprak, the President of the Handicraft Cooperative, gave information about why the Handicraft Cooperative was not supported and came to the point of closure when support was given for new cooperatives. Aydan Başkurt, the former director the Social Services Department talked about why the Social Services Department is under a heavy burden today due to the consequences of economy, law and politics, and how she has influenced politics in order to achieve improvements in social life. Stating that recruitment for new staff was made by forcing the current conditions and aid was increased during her directorate, Başkurt talked about the progress made as a result of the Workshop on Combating Violence Against Women, which they held in cooperation with EMU-CWS.

At the end of the panel, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erbilen presented a certificate of appreciation to the panelists.

EMU FACULTY OF PHARMACY HOSTS PROF. DR. HALA MOHTASEB WITHIN THE SCOPE OF CAREER DAYS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Pharmacy organized a seminar 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. Hala Mohtaseb, professor of Cell Biology from American University of Beirut (AUB), Lebanon got together with the students during the event.



Prof. Dr. Mohtaseb delivered a presentation titled “Investigating Novel Therapeutics in 2D and 3D Cancer Models: Challenges for Clinical Translation” and touched on the difficulties encountered in the transferring research data into clinical practice in the field of cancer by providing examples from her own studies. At the end of the presentation, Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. Müberra Koşar presented a plaque to Prof. Dr. Mohtaseb. At

the end of the seminar, Prof. Dr. Mohtaseb from the American University of Beirut and EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Faculty Members Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emre Hamurtekin and, academician and Pharmacist Shideh Roshani agreed to carry out a joint scientific project to investigate the effects of certain chemicals on T-lymphocyte cells infected with HTLV-1 virus. After completing her doctoral study at the Kansas State University, Prof. Dr. Hala



Mohtaseb joined AUB where she has been working there as professor of Cell Biology. Serving as the Chair of Department of Biology between 2006 and 2009, Prof. Dr. Mohtaseb also acted as the Director of Office of International Programs in 2013 and 2014. Being involved in fields such as colon cancer, stem cell, phytotherapy in cancer, Prof. Dr. Mohtaseb has an h-index of 41.



INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS FROM EMU MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT MEMBER ASSIST. PROF. DR. BABAK SAFAEI

Within the scope of the joint studies carried out by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the University of Johannesburg, the article titled “Emerging Atomic Layer Deposition for the Development of High-Performance Lithium-ion Batteries” in which EMU Engineering Faculty, Mechanical Engineering Department academic staff member and EMU Nanotechnology and Multifunctional Structures Research Center Director Assist. Prof. Dr. Babak Safaei plays a

part as an academic advisor is published in one of the leading academic journals in terms of impact factor in the world, the “Electrochemical Energy Reviews” (IF=32.804; SCIE; Q1). Assist. Prof. Dr. Safaei contributed to the University of Johannesburg doctoral student Sina Karimzadeh’s study along with two academics; Prof. Dr. Tian-Chen Jen from the University of Johannesburg and Prof. Dr. C. Yuan from the Case Western Reserve University.

EMU SAYMER PROVIDES PREGNANCY TRAINING FOR FUTURE PARENTS

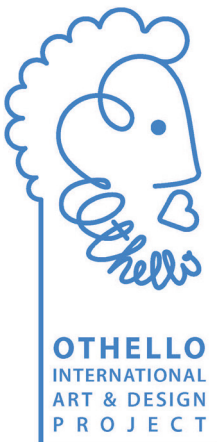
The first education seminar of 2023 was organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Health Sciences Faculty, Center for the Application and Research for Healthy Life (SAYMER) at EMU Health Sciences Faculty lecture hall. The seminar titled “Pregnancy Training” delivered by specialist academics in the field provided important information on the pregnancy period.

Moderated by EMU Health Sciences Faculty, Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Department Head Assoc. Prof. Dr. Berkiye Kırmızıgil and, the Director of SAYMER and Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ender Angın, the seminar various presentations on the topic: “Pregnancy and Birth” by Cyprus Central Hospital Obstetrician and Gynecologist Op. Dr. İçten Balık Kıvançlı, “Breast Feeding and Infant Care” by EMU Nursing Department academic staff member Specialist Nurse Gülsen Müsteyde Altan Denizer, “Importance of Nutrition in Pregnancy” by EMU Nutrition and Dietetics Department academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Seray Kabaran and, “Postural Changes and Importance of Exercise during Pregnancy” by EMU Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Department academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Ünal Değer.

Future parents showed interest and attended the event. A statement released by SAYMER noted that the SAYMER education seminars are to continue in March with a different theme.



INTERNATIONAL PROJECT FROM EMU FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION: THE SHADOW-RETHINKING THE STORY OF OTHELLO



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication is carrying out the Othello International Art & Design Project with the concept of “The Shadow: Rethinking the Story of Otello”. Participating in the said project are 22 universities from 19 different countries (USA, Italy, Albania, China, France, Republic of Turkey, India, Palestine, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, San Marino, Poland, Iran, Romania, Lebanon, Kazakhstan, Belgium, Netherlands and Bulgaria) and working groups formed by artists/designers from different art/design institutes and independent artists.

In a statement made by the EMU Faculty of Communication regarding the project, it was stated that the Otello Castle, located in Famagusta, where a part of Shakespeare’s famous Otello tragedy took place and where EMU is also located, constitutes the main theme of the project together with Shakespeare’s Othello tragedy. The aim of the project is to create intercultural

art practices by bringing together contemporary artists and designers from different cultures, backgrounds and disciplines of Shakespeare’s world-famous play and story. EMU Communication Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu stated that as an institution of higher education located in the city that hosts such a world-famous story, they are excited that this story will turn into conceptual experiments for international art practices, and that as the host institution, they will add a visual package (photograph, video, etc.) to the project as a guide. Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu also stated that the participants will be able to practice art without having to come to Cyprus.

The project will be completed in September 2023 and will be exhibited on different platforms both at the EMU and at other participating institutions and universities. The project will also be presented to the audience with a printed catalogue.

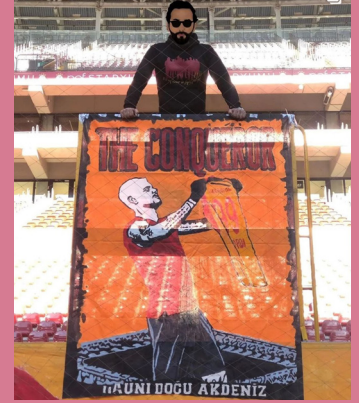
SUPPORT TOWARDS HELP THOSE WITH CANCER ASSOCIATION FROM EMU FLEPS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (FLEPS) organized a charity fundraiser event within the scope of the 2022-23 Fall Semester Social Responsibility Projects with the great contributions of the teachers and students involved in the project. Proceeds from the fundraiser event were presented by EMU FLEPS Director Assist. Prof. Dr. Ramadan Eyyam to Yıldız Yaman, Regional Manager of the Help Those with Cancer Association. At the presentation ceremony, EMU FLEPS

Assistant Director in charge of Student and Administrative Affairs Sen. Inst. İpek Meneviş, Assistant Director for Academic Affairs Sen. Inst. Emete Kaptan Mavili, FLEPS Social Responsibility Projects Team Leader Sen. Inst. Mehşen Ercanlar, and FLEPS Administrative Officer Ercan Ercanlar were also present. The Help Those with Cancer Association relayed their appreciation to the EMU FLEPS directorate and instructors who were involved in the project and presented them with "Certificates of Honor".

ULTRASLAN EMU'S ICARDI BANNER SHARED WITH MILLIONS



Galatasaray Fan Club ultraslan operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Social and Cultural Activities Directorate continues to attract attention with its Eastern Mediterranean activities. Designing banners throughout the year for creating awareness on important social events and significant individuals, ultraslan EMU's banner design of Galatasaray's famous Argentinian player Mauro Icardi was shared with millions. Before the match, Icardi shared the banner designed by EMU Communication Faculty, Digital Game Design Department 3rd year student Kutluk

Kağan Bahar on his social media account. A banner with the words "The Conqueror" - ultraslan Eastern Mediterranean was hung behind the goal post of Nef Stadium during the Galatasaray-Antalyaspor match of the Turkish Super League, played on 21 January, 2023. Scorer Icardi did not neglect to share his pose celebrating the victory in front of the banner after the match on social media. The photos shared by Icardi on his Instagram account, which has 9.2 million followers, attracted great attention by many sports-related social media accounts with thousands of followers.

This Week's Academic Publications

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