



NEW DECISIONS FROM EMU FOR THE STUDENTS AFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKE



Whilst spending its best efforts to heal the wounds of two major earthquakes with a magnitude of 7.7 and 7.6 taking place in Pazarcık and Elbistan districts of Turkey's Kahramanmaraş province on 6 February, 2023, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) continues to take additional decisions for those affected by the earthquake. During the past

days, EMU released a statement which reads as "The first-degree relatives of our citizens who have passed away in the earthquake disaster and whose residence address is in the TRNC will be deemed to have full scholarships for the duration of their pedagogical formation, associate, undergraduate, graduate or doctoral studies at EMU, without any

time limit." In addition to the said decision, EMU has recently taken additional decisions for students who are already registered. According to the decisions, those students who reside in a province or provinces declared as the state of emergency zones in the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria will be granted the opportunity to take a leave of absence for the 2022-2023 Academic Year Spring Semester, if they wish, without paying any fees (including the fund) regardless of their date of application.

According to the statement of EMU, necessary arrangements have also been made to grant the right of course registration for the 2022 - 2023 Academic Year Spring Semester to those students who reside in a province or provinces declared as the state of emergency zones in the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria without any payment requirement until 14 April 2023, regardless of their outstanding financial obligations and the 2022 - 2023 Academic Year Spring Semester tuition fee. Students wishing to benefit from these decisions may apply via the links on their student portals.

EMU ORGANIZES TRAINING FOR STAFF MEMBERS ON PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT AND COMMUNICATION WITH STUDENTS DURING THE EARTHQUAKE DISASTER



Following the "Psychological First Aid" activities organized for Psychological Counselor and teachers by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), another training session was held for EMU academic and administrative personnel on psychological support and communication with students during the earthquake disaster period on Thursday, 23 February 2023 at 11:00 at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall.

The training sessions delivered by EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty, Psychology Department academic staff member and clinical psychologist Assist. Prof. Dr. Şerif

Türkkal Yenigüç focused on topics such as psychological trauma, post-traumatic processes, reactions to trauma, post-traumatic stress disorder, post-traumatic adaptation and post-traumatic growth. The training that was held prior to the course registration and commencement of the classes week, 27 February – 3 March, aimed to raise awareness among university staff about the psychosocial support to be given to students affected by the earthquake and what needs to be considered in the classroom environment. The event was attended by intense participation and ended with a question and answer session.

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY TO OFFER TUITION FEE DISCOUNT FOR EMU GRADUATES WHO ARE TO REGISTER POST GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) took new decisions on the implementation of tuition fee discount to be offered to EMU graduates (except the students who dropped out and are to re-register) who are to register to post graduate programs (with or without thesis) for the first time during the 2022 – 2023 Academic Year Spring Semester.

According to the recent decisions, the students who are to register to the post graduate programs without thesis for the first time in the 2022 – 2023 Academic Year Spring Semester will be offered an extra of 15%

tuition fee discount for a period 3 academic semesters by EMU. Moreover, the students who are to register to the post graduate programs with thesis for the first time in the 2022 – 2023 Academic Year Spring Semester will also be offered an extra of 15% tuition fee discount for a period of 4 academic semesters by EMU. If the students who will enroll in the non-thesis and thesis master's programs continue to the English support and/or Scientific Preparation program before the relevant program, the same discount will be valid in these programs in addition to their semesters in the master's program.



EMU FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE DEAN PROF. DR. RESMIYE ALPAR ATUN ATTENDS MİDEKON MEETING



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture Dean Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alpar Atun attended the Ordinary General Assembly Meeting of the Deans Council of the Faculties of Architecture (MİDEKON), formed by the deans of the faculties in Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), where the basic disciplines of architecture (architecture, design, planning, etc.) are covered. At the MİDEKON General Assembly Meeting held at the Middle East Technical University (METU) in Ankara, views were exchanged taking into account education, research problems, the European Union (EU) and global developments. Prof. Dr. Atun emphasized that the meeting focused on the quality, duration and content of education, as well as professional practices within the scope

of national and international accreditations and equivalencies. In her statement, Prof. Dr. Atun highlighted the following: “It is important to carry the architectural education to a 5-year period and to ensure coordination within the scope of international equivalence, to conduct an analysis on the existing studies on TUBITAK / R&D projects and to develop new strategies for the future. In order to ensure coordination between the communication groups formed by the departments within the Faculty of Architecture (Architecture Schools Department Heads Communication Group, Turkish Planning Schools Association, Design, Planning, Accreditation Association), views have been developed to enable the necessary communication, comparison and joint decision-making platform to operate effectively.”



EMU NIGERIAN STUDENTS SOCIETY ORGANISED A COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

EMU Nigerian Students Society operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) International Student Activity and Student Societies Unit and NANS TR-ZONE, which represents Nigerian students studying in the Republic of Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) organised a commemoration ceremony at the EMU Central Lecture Halls Building on Wednesday, 22 February, 2023, for those who have lost their lives in the earthquake disaster and NANS TR-ZONE Cabinet Member Akola John Anzanku, who lost his life as a result of a traffic accident in Nigeria on the day of the earthquake disaster. EMU Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioglu also attended the ceremony.

Students Planted Trees in Memory of Those Who Passed Away

NANS TR-ZONE Deputy Chair Kingsley Ifeanyi Nweke, Vice President Innocent Uzebu, Senate Deputy Chair Izu Nwamara, Diaspora Representative Opeoluwaseun Ojekemi, former presidents and executives delivered speeches in the said ceremony. In addition, Anzanku's father and family, friends and relatives also made speeches by connecting to the ceremony online from Nigeria and thanked everyone for the organisation of the ceremony. The Commemoration Ceremony ended with the closing speech delivered by EMU Nigerian Students Union President Peter Japhet. Nigerian students also held a candle lighting and tree planting ceremony at EMU Atatürk Square in memory of those who lost their lives in the earthquake disaster and Akola John Anzanku, who passed away as a result of an accident.



EMU URBAN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER CHAIR AND ARCHITECTURE DEPARTMENT ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER PROF. DR. ŞEBNEM HOŞKARA TO SERVE IN ISOCARP'S SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Urban Research and Development Center Chair and Faculty of Architecture, Department of Architecture academic staff member Prof. Dr. Şebnem Hoşkara has been elected to serve in the new Science Board of the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP). Prof. Dr. Hoşkara will take part in the ISOCARP Scientific Committee for the period 2023-2025.

and important technical planning issues. Among the duties and responsibilities of the Scientific Committee are helping the community stay at the forefront of planning, thinking and implementation, providing concrete insights that will help the board and secretariat continue to shape ISOCARP's proactive and progressive agenda for sustainable urbanization and regional development, and provide evidence-based analysis that enables the association to make public contributions to international debates on critical issues relating to cities and regions and supporting the aims and objectives stated in the charter of the association.

The ISOCARP Scientific Committee is appointed to advise the International Society of City and Regional Planners Executive Board on professional and academic integrity and competence,



Scientific Committee 2023-2025

ISOCARP has a newly composed Scientific Committee! Congratulations to all members!

These are the members of the Committee for the period 2023 - 2025

Chair: **Dr. Ulrich Graute*** Berlin Germany
 Co-Chair and new Member: **Dr Li Fan** Berlin Germany/China

Continued Membership 2020-2022 and 2023-2025

Dr Ismael Fernandez Mejia	Mexico City	Mexico
Dr Nasim Iranmanesh	Tehran	Iran
Dr Hendricus Andy Simarmata	Jakarta	Indonesia
Wenjing Luo (Helen Lambert)	Wuhan	China

Newly nominated Members 2023-25

Arch. Hadeel Abuzaid	Amman	Jordan
Dr Pia Carrasco	Caracas	Venezuela
Arch. Martina Juvara	London	UK / Italy
Prof Dr Şebnem Hoşkara	Famagusta	North Cyprus
Prof H. Magidimisha-Chipungu	KwaZulu-Natal	South Africa
Eng. Urara Takaseki, PhD abd.	Tokyo	Japan
Dr Tijana Tufek-Memisevic	Arlington Heights	USA
Prof Dr Zeynep Enli	Istanbul	Turkey

* Ulrich Graute was appointed as Chair by the President of ISOCARP, Pietro Elisei

EMU 25TH SPRING SEMESTER ORIENTATION DAYS CONTINUE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 25th Spring Semester Orientation Days continue with different activities. Within the scope of the Orientation Days which is organized with the communication sponsorship of Northern Cyprus Turkcell and Telsim Freezone, students who have recently registered to EMU are welcomed and are accompanied to their dormitories where they will stay. Organized by the EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate at the beginning of each academic semester with the aim of supporting the adaptation process of the new-coming students, the Orientation Days continued with seminars on various topics for the new students and their families.

Seminars for New Students

“Safety in TRNC” seminar that aimed to provide information on immigration, criminal punishment and traffic rules was delivered by the TRNC Police Department and EMU Safety Affairs Unit on Thursday, 23 February 2023, at 14:00 at EMU Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. The second seminar was delivered at the same place at 15:00 on “Adapting the University Life: Turning Challenges into Opportunities” by EMU Psychological Counselling, Guidance and Research Center



(EMU-PDRAM). During the seminar, EMU Health Center also informed students about the free of charge services provided by the Health Center.

EMU 25th Spring Semester Orientation Days aim to prepare new students in the best possible way for the 2022 – 2023 Academic Year Spring Semester, which will commence on 1 March, 2023.

This Week's Academic Publications

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Faculty of Communication and Media Studies

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News Agencies on the Syrian Crisis.” *INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION GAZETTE*, (Early Access)

Faculty of Business & Economics

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Faculty of Engineering

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Faculty of Architecture

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Faculty of Tourism

1- **Yavuz, Oguzhan**, M Mithat Uner, Fevzi Okumus, and **Osman M Karatepe**. “Industry 4.0 Technologies, Sustainable Operations Practices and Their Impacts on Sustainable Performance.” *JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION* 387 (2023).



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