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In the individual category, Maksim Shcharbinin (Necat British College Nicosia) came first in the I. Ali Karasel Secondary School Mathematics Competition organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University, Department of Mathematics with the participation of 272 students from 29 schools in two categories: namely, individual and team.

In the individual category of the competition:

- Maksim Shcharbinin (Necat British College Nicosia) came FIRST,
- Özay Fevzi Uluç (TMK) came SECOND,

•Ege Hamurtekin (Gazimağusa TMK) came THIRD.

In the competition, Tuğra Vurana (TMK) who came fourth was awarded the Ali Karasel Special Prize, Fatih Kerem Erbay (Gazimağusa TMK) who came fifth was awarded the Osman Çetintaş Special Prize, Su Gök (TMK) obtained the sixth place and was awarded the Champion Angels Special Prize.

In the team competition:

- Turkish Maarif College team, consisting of Özay

Fevzi Uluç, Tuğra Vurana, and Su Gök under the supervision of Sadiye Öksüzöğulları and Semay Soygür, came FIRST.

•Famagusta Turkish Maarif College team, consisting of Ege Hamurtekin, Fatih Kerem Erbay, and Nazra Öztüren under the supervision of Değer Eşrefoğlu and Emine Özergin, came SECOND.

• Necat British College Nicosia team, consisting of Maksim Shcharbinin, Demir Soyalp, and Ali Babagirav under the supervision of Mustafa Soygür and Sabire Gazivoda, came THIRD.



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•Students of 19 May Turkish Maarif College, namely, Selin Tüfekci, İrem Sarıbaş, and Rüzgar Dinler, under the supervision of Sena Kutlu and Gülcem Bullici, won the ‘Ali Karasel Special Award.’

Those who came fifth:

•Değirmenlik High School Students who came fifth, namely, Zalihe Gezdigeldi, Yağmur Şahin, and Sonuç Gezdigeldi, under the supervision of Fatma Yanık Ellidört and Lütfiye Tamel, won the ‘Osman Çetintaş Special Award.’

•And those who came sixth, namely Yiğit Çağan Yüksel, Yaşar Özüğurlu, and Gözde Leyla Gün, from Güzelyurt Turkish Maarif College, under the supervision of Şengül Özeriç and Sabiha Garabli, won the ‘Champion Angels Special Award.’

During the award ceremony held after the competition, Prof. Dr. Nazim Mahmudov, the Head of the Mathematics Department, Faculty of Arts and Sciences welcomed everyone and emphasized that they are planning to hold the Ali Karasel 1st Inter-School Mathematics Competition every year. Prof. Dr. Mahmudov also expressed his condolences to the families of those who had lost their lives, and reminded everyone that Ali Karasel was a former graduate of EMU. In his speech, Prof. Dr. Mahmudov also thanked those who contributed to the organization of the competition.

Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Ozarslan, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, expressed his gratitude to those who contributed to the organization of the competition and stated that they would undertake a new mission to keep the memory of Ali Karasel and the Champion Angels alive through making the competition a tradition every year. Prof. Dr. Ozarslan congratulated all the students who participated and succeeded in the competition.

Nedime Karasel, Ali Karasel’s sister, gave a speech on behalf of the Karasel family, thanking everyone who had supported them since the earthquake disaster and those who had contributed to the organization of the competition. After her speech, a video presentation that featured Ali Karasel’s students talking about him was screened.

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın emphasized that the loss of the Champion Angels and their teachers had led everyone to an indescribable pain, and stated that EMU would continue to organize such events to keep the memories of Ali Karasel and the Champion Angels alive. Prof. Dr. Hocanın also underlined that EMU would always be a follower of justice, and expressed his gratitude to those who contributed to the organization of the competition. The Ministry of National Education, General Secondary Education Director Cengiz Topel Uzun, stated that mathematics is not very popular in Turkish

society, and emphasized the importance of making math enjoyable. Uzun also highlighted Ali Karasel as one of the teachers who make math enjoyable. Topel stated that these types of competitions help increase self-confidence, and emotional moments were experienced when the commemoration activities and the competition merged. Topel expressed his condolences to the families of those who passed away and congratulated successful students and hardworking teachers, emphasizing that they will continue to support these types of events.

EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, who stated that he has known Ali Karasel and his family for a long time, described the competition as an example of gratitude. Dr. Özçenk welcomed everyone for their participation and emphasized that these types of events will continue forever. Following the speeches, plaques were presented to the schools by EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın, General Secondary Education Director Cengiz Uzun, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel and Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Aktuğlu, Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan, Ali Karasel and Osman Çetintaş’s families, and the members of the “Champion Angels Association” Executive Board members at the ceremony.



## EMU FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS ORGANISED “CAREER OVER COFFEE” EVENT

As part of the “11th International Career Days” organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University Alumni Relations and Career Research Directorate (EMU-MİKA), the Faculty of Business and Economics held a “Career Over Coffee” event on Wednesday, 17 May, 2023, from 10:00 to 12:00 at the Faculty of Business and Economics yard. Present at the opening ceremony of the event were EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel, Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Aktuğlu, and Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlü, Dean of the Faculty of Business and Economics Prof. Dr. Mustafa Besim, faculty members, and students.



The “Career Over Coffee” event, which aims to introduce students to the business world and markets, create job and internship opportunities, and provide guidance in career planning, had the participation of 25 companies.

In his opening address, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Besim, Dean of the Faculty of Business and Economics, emphasized the importance of industry-university collaborations and highlighted the presence of 25 distinguished businesses representing the economy of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in the traditional “Career Over Coffee” event. Prof. Dr. Besim mentioned that companies from various sectors including tourism, banking, construction, import and distribution, and local production, representing the country’s economy, interacted with students during the event. Prof. Dr. Besim also highlighted the significance of businesses for the development of society. Prof. Dr. Besim concluded his speech by expressing his gratitude to everyone who contributed to the organization of the event.



In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın emphasized that the “Career Over Coffee” event provided an environment where graduates and select businesses from the industry could interact with students, explore internship opportunities, and evaluate their education. Prof. Dr. Hocanın expressed his wishes for a productive event and thanked everyone involved in making the “Career Coffee” event possible. At the end of the event, plaques of appreciation were presented to the participating companies.



The event saw the participation of various firms, companies, and associations, including Garanti BBVA, Limasol Turkish Cooperative Bank, Asbank, Döveç Group of Companies, Kaner Group of Companies, The Arkin Group İskele, Acapulco Resort Hotel, Atakom Ltd, K. T. Cooperative Central Bank, Creditwest Bank, İlkey M. Genç Ltd., Kıbrıs İktisat Bank, Kreda Accounting & Consulting, North Cyprus Turkcell, Noyanlar Group of Companies, Akol Group of Companies, Başman Group of Companies, Kamacıoğlu Group of Companies, Merit International Hotels and Resorts, Ciddi Mutfak Ltd., Northernland Construction, Civic Space, Oza Kahve, C.T. Bar Association Nicosia Branch and Buff & Bloom.





## 10<sup>TH</sup> EMU INTERNATIONAL DESIGN WEEK ENDS



The 10th Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) International Design Week, traditionally organized by the Faculty of Architecture, was held on 17-18 May 2023 focusing on two parallel foci: EMU Faculty of Architecture (on campus) and within the walled city of Famagusta (in the city).

Commenced with the opening ceremony on Wednesday, 17 May 2023 at 09:30 at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, the 10th EMU International Design Week was organized with “Create!” theme. The opening ceremony was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel, Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Aktuğlu, and Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu, Dean of the Faculty of Architecture Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alpar Atun, Vice Deans, Faculty Members, and students.

In her opening address, Dean Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alpar Atun welcomed everyone to the 10th International Design Week and emphasized that this year’s theme is “Create!” which emerged as a wish for the end of the suffering caused by the pandemic, earthquakes, and economic crises, emphasizing its significance in continuing, taking

steps, and collaborating. Prof. Dr. Atun stated that the theme of “Create!” will enable us to take steps for a better future and expressed her gratitude to those who contributed to the organization and provided support.

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hocanın emphasized that the program of the 10th EMU International Design Week features important events, and highlighted the significance of the events taking place both on campus and within the walled city of Famagusta. Prof. Dr. Hocanın expressed his belief that the program, filled with high-quality events, will provide different visions on various topics. He emphasized that EMU is an international university, and such events are evidence of EMU’s international character. Congratulating those who contributed to the realization of the event, Prof. Dr. Hocanın stated that experts in the field will share their knowledge within the scope of the 10th EMU International Design Week. Prof. Dr. Hocanın concluded his speech by stating that as the Rector’s Office, they will provide continuous support for such events and wishing for a productive outcome

for the event. Following the opening speeches, a panel discussion titled “Architects Talking with Kalebodur” was held under the moderation of Abdi Güzer, featuring Ece Yalım, Salih Küçüktuna, and Yeşim Kozanlı. Then, at 14:00, the 10th EMU International Design Week continued with the exhibition opening of “Perec-Calvino Postcards” by artist Linda Parr at the Nestorian Church. Starting from 16:00 in the walled city of Famagusta, orff, guitar, and choir performances were held. The first day of the Design Week ended with a cocktail event held at Nestorian Church in Famagusta Walled City.

### Panel held in the Focus of Earthquake in cooperation with the KTMMOB

On Thursday, 18 May 2023, the second day of the 10th EMU International Design Week, a dance show by Studio 21 took place both on EMU campus and at Famagusta Walled City. In scope of the events, at 14:00, a panel titled “Create Together-Impact/Earthquake” was held in cooperation with the Cyprus Turkish Union of Chambers of Engineers and Architects (KTMMOB). The event hosted participants from various sectors such as the central government, relevant departments, municipalities, academics and sector representatives. The panel proceedings will make an important contribution to the creation of a common voice.

The International Design Week continued with “Bernard Khoury Re-create with Architecture” presentation by Bernard Khoury, the extraordinary and visionary architect of Beirut at 18:00 at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Conference Hall. On the other hand, Lefkoşa Municipality Choir performed at the Nestorian Church at 19:30. The event ended with a closing cocktail at 20:00 at the Nestorian Church.



## EMU FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE HELD HONOUR AND HIGH HONOUR CERTIFICATE CEREMONY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture, Department of Architecture, held the 2022-2023 Academic Year Fall Semester Honour and High Honour Certificate and Award Ceremony. Approximately 100 students received certificates at a ceremony held at the EMU Activity Center.

The ceremony started with an art exhibition by PhD student Enar Sayatova and a music performance by undergraduate students Hayri E. Durmuş and Amir Hesam Falah Davoodi. In her opening speech, Prof. Dr. Rafooneh M. Sani, the Chair of the Department of Architecture, Faculty of Architecture, highlighted that the Department of Architecture has two important accreditations, NAAB (The National Architectural Accrediting Board) and MIAK (Architectural Accreditation Board), and emphasized that these accreditations prove that the department is the best among the architecture departments on the island and within the region.

Prof. Dr. Resmiye A. Atun, Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, emphasized the challenging times due to recent earthquakes and expressed the value of being involved in such an organization with the students. Prof. Dr. Atun congratulated all the students at the end of her speech.

Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın stated that the students receive high quality education at the Department of Architecture with the accreditations it holds, which meet world standards. Prof. Dr. Hocanın also emphasized the importance of receiving high quality education and congratulated the students on their achievements. After the opening speeches, the successful students were presented with their achievement certificates by Prof. Dr. Hocanın, Prof. Dr. Atun, Prof. Dr. Sani, and the faculty members.



## EMU HOSTED A SEMINAR TITLED "THE LOOMING CIVIL WAR IN AMERICA – A GATHERING STORM"

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Cyprus Policy Center (CPC) and the Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Political Science and International Relations, organized a seminar titled "The Looming Civil War in America – A Gathering Storm."

The opening speech of the seminar was delivered by Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen, Chair of the Department of Political Science and International Relations and the CPC. The guest speaker was Graham Day, a former officer in the British and Canadian navies, as well as various international peace-building agencies such as the United Nations. Graham Day started his presentation by explaining that the likelihood of a civil war breaking out in America has become a stronger possibility over time. Day detailed his topic under three subheadings: motives, means, and opportunities. Day conveyed that motives are the driving factors that push people towards engaging in violent conflicts. He pointed out that poverty is often the main reason why individuals join extremist groups. When discussing means, Day explained how

and with what individuals engage in violent conflicts. He described how cyber elements that encourage civil disobedience, the widespread carrying of weapons by individuals, the politicization of income distribution, and the loss of legitimacy in the court system all contribute to the means of conflict.

Regarding opportunities, Day stated that they are events that ignite individuals and create the conditions for a civil war. He provided examples of opportunities such as anti-vaccine movements, people angered by excessive responses from law enforcement, and indigenous rights aligning with economic issues, which mobilize people. Finally, Day used the Cynefin Framework to outline five lessons to be learned from the Golden Age of Peacekeeping and discussed the importance of strong leadership, the advantages of having a law and order regime, the need to include political parties, the importance of compromise over economics, and the role of non-kinetic actions in building trust and legitimacy. During the seminar, Graham Day responded to questions



from students, moderated by Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen, and discussed potential future scenarios in America. At the end of the seminar, Prof. Dr. Sözen presented Graham Day with a certificate of appreciation.



## EMU CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT ORGANISED CIVIL ENGINEERING WEEK ACTIVITIES



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Engineering, Department of Civil Engineering, organized the 28th Civil Engineering Week activities, which took place from 15 May to 17 May, 2023. The opening ceremony of the event was held on Monday, 15 May, 2023, at 10:00 am at EMU Department of Civil Engineering. Speaking at the ceremony, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eriş Uygur, the Chair of the Department of Civil Engineering, stated that the founder of these enjoyable activities, where participants would have a good time, was the late Prof. Dr. Erdil Rıza Tuncer, who served as the Chair of the Department of Civil Engineering at EMU from 1992 to 1994 and later as the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering for approximately 6 years. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Uygur provided information about the department's activities and mentioned that the EMU Department of Civil Engineering boasts prestigious accreditation from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), which is one of the leading organizations worldwide that evaluates technology and engineering programs. He also stated that this accreditation has been extended for a period of 6 years. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Uygur announced that the non-thesis Construction Management and Real Estate Master's Program will commence their educational activities next year and that applications for the joint non-thesis Master's Program in Civil Engineering and Materials Engineering with the University of Illinois, Chicago, are now open. Interested individuals can submit their applications via EMU's website.

### 142 Academic Publications in Respected Journals within the Past 5 Years

Emphasizing the continuous development of the EMU Department of Civil Engineering to meet the needs of the community and students, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Uygur stated that they have measured and reported the seismic resilience of 14 public buildings and numerous private buildings. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Uygur also mentioned the

academic achievements of the department, stating that the faculty members and research assistants of the EMU Department of Civil Engineering have published 142 academic publications in respected journals in the past five years, with an average of two publications per person per year. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Uygur also highlighted the success of EMU Department of Civil Engineering graduates, noting that over 90% of the graduates find employment within six months following their graduation.

### "We Are Proud of EMU Department of Civil Engineering"

Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Dean of EMU Faculty of Engineering, expressed his satisfaction with being together with academicians, expert guest speakers in their fields, and talented students. He stated that the Civil Engineering Week activities would broaden the participants' horizons and that the latest developments in the field of civil engineering would be discussed. Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı mentioned that the EMU Department of Civil Engineering has taken on a significant responsibility in measuring the seismic resilience of public and private buildings in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) following the recent earthquake disasters. Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı also emphasized the importance of the scientific reports produced by the department. Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı highlighted that the role of the EMU Department of Civil Engineering in serving the community fills them with pride and stated that the department's successful completion of the ABET accreditation process for the third time with a perfect score confirms the quality of education provided here. Prof. Dr. Özkaramanlı wished all participants a great time in the activities. After the speeches, as part of the technical sessions, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Abdullah Ekinci, the General Secretary of the Union of Turkish Cypriot Engineers and Architects, delivered a presentation titled

"An Outlook on the Buildings and Soil in Northern Cyprus after the Kahramanmaraş Earthquake". After Prof. Dr. Ekinci, Prof. Dr. Tahir Çelik delivered his presentation on Construction Control.

### Study of the Geological Structure of Degirmenlik

The second day of the event began with a field trip to examine the geological structure of Degirmenlik at 9:00 am. At 2:30 pm, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Cemal Genç, faculty member of the EMU Department of Civil Engineering, delivered his presentation titled "Turkey's Earthquake, Seismicity, Regulations, Applications, and Other Perspectives," which he had previously prepared for the Mexican Association for Earthquake Engineering. The second day of the event concluded after the table tennis tournament group matches held at the entrance of the EMU Department of Civil Engineering. On the third day of the event, Wednesday, May 17, 2023, the activities started with a bridge testing activity held on the ground floor of the department at 9:00 am. At 10:30 am, the backgammon tournament group matches, semi-final matches, and the final match took place. At 12:00 pm, the semi-final and final matches of the table tennis tournament were played. At 1:30 pm, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Metin Kunt, faculty member of the EMU Department of Civil Engineering, delivered his presentation titled "Reflections of 10 Years of Coding Experience in Education," which he had prepared for ICCME23, Cleveland State University, during the current academic period.

The 28th Civil Engineering Week activities at EMU concluded with the closing ceremony held at 2:30 pm. The closing ceremony included a classical music performance and the presentation of high honor and honor certificates to successful department students, as well as the awarding of certificates to the top performers in the activities organized during the event.



## EMU INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS RESEARCH AND APPLICATION CENTER ORGANISED A SEMINAR TITLED “GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION IN THE CONTEXT OF HALLOUMI”



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Intellectual Property Rights Research and Application Center (FIMAUM), organized a seminar on “Geographical Indication in the Context of Halloumi.” This first event following

the cooperation protocol signed between EMU FIMAUM and the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Industry (KTSO) on 2 May, 2023, commenced with an opening speech by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba, the Chair of EMU FIMAUM.

In her speech, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alibaba explained that they have established EMU FIMAUM together with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hakan Bilgeç and Assist. Prof. Dr. Emine Koçano Rodoslu to ensure the implementation, dissemination, and development of intellectual property rights. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alibaba stated that they also aim to raise awareness among the relevant sectors of society about the nature, significance, and protection of these rights, thereby fostering the establishment

and advancement of a culture of intellectual and industrial property rights within the community. Following the opening speech, Kemal Öztürk, agricultural engineer and officer in charge of the Certification Unit at KTSO, provided information about what geographical indication is, its types, and its importance. He also informed the participants about the registration of Halloumi as a Protected Designation of Origin (PDO) within the European Union. At the end of the seminar, Kemal Öztürk was presented with a certificate of appreciation by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hakan Bilgeç, the Vice Dean of the Faculty of Law at EMU. The event, attended by a large number of students, concluded with the participants being offered samples of halloumi and traditional village buns.





## EMU CULTURE, SPORTS AND ART DAYS CONTINUE



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) aims to heal the deep wounds caused by the earthquake disaster that occurred in the Republic of Turkey and affected many provinces, as well as in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), through culture, sports, and art activities.

In this respect, the “EMU Culture, Sports and Art Days” events organized by the EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate and EMU Sports Affairs Directorate commenced on Wednesday, 17 May 2023. Aiming to reach a stronger future all together with culture, sports, and art, the first event titled “Integrated Life of Disabled Individuals with Society: Art and Sports” took place at 11:00 at EMU Activity Center, organized by the Atatürk Ideology Club and the Special Education Club, featuring Ahmet Akdeniz, the President of the TRNC Presidential Office, Disabled Persons Committee. At 16:00, Grass Volleyball, Grass Tennis,

Five-a-Side Tournaments were held at EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium. At the same time, “Extreme Parkour Games 2023” was held by the EMU Search and Rescue Club and Mountaineering and Nature Sports Club at 16:00 at EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium. The events continue with EMU Culture, Sports and Art Days Opening Match at 17:00.

### “Entrepreneurship Summit” was held

On Thursday, 18 May 2023, at 10:00, the Entrepreneurship Club organized the “Entrepreneurship Summit” at the Activity Center, where the challenging journey of entrepreneurship were discussed and esteemed entrepreneurs participated. At 14:30, the Photography Club held a Creative Portrait Art Exhibition titled “Unique Irregularities” at the Central Classroom Halls Building. At 16:00, Grass Volleyball, Grass Tennis and Five-a-Side Tournaments continued for a second day. Moreover, at 16:30, Mural Art

Workshop was held at the Central Classroom Halls Building. At 17:00, EMU Student Clubs promoted their international student associations with various events at EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium. Workshops will continue until the last day of the events (same place at same time).

### “19 May Walk Will Be Organized”

On Friday, 19 May 2023, the activities will commence at 10:00 with a Streetball Tournament to be held at the Open Basketball Courts. At 16:00, a workshop titled “Create and Play Your Instrument with Zehra Onbaşılar” will take place at EMU Golf Course. Furthermore, at 19:19, 19 May Walk will be held. The walk, organized in collaboration with the EMU Atatürk Research and Application Center (EMU-ATAUM) and the Atatürk Ideology Club, will commence at the EMU Atatürk Square and finish at Famagusta Development Academy.



## EMU CULTURE, SPORTS AND ART DAYS CONTINUE



### Theatre Performance: “No to Money” Will Be Staged

On Saturday, 20 May 2023, Saturday, various activities will take place as part of the events. At 11:00, there will be a “Skills Showcase” at Yasin Düşüner Stadium, followed by the Lady Crows - NEU Angels Flag Football Match at 13:00. At 15:15, an American football match will be held between EMU Crows and NEU Brothers followed by various games at 18:00. At 13:00, a talk with Cem Gölbaşı

will be organised by the Fenerbahçe Fan Club EMUFEB, at the EMU Activity Center.

At 16:30, Sıla Tüfekçioğlu (Hayal Gezer) will deliver a workshop titled “Performative Multimedia Workshop” at the Activity Center, and at 17:00, a workshop titled “Drama and Revolution with Oya Akın” will take place at the Golf Course. Additionally, at 20:00, the play “No to Money” by Lefkoşa Municipality Theatre will be staged at the

Rauf Raif Denктаş Culture and Congress Center. The play, written by Flavia Coste, translated by Can Kapyalı, and directed by Osman Ateş, features Kurtuluş Altaylı, Aysel Açelya Bükülmez, Özgür Oktay, and Fuat Zorali. As part of the “EMU Culture, Sports, and Art Days” events, Grass Volleyball, Grass Tennis, and Five-a-Side Tournaments will be organized at EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium at 16:00 on May 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2023.



## TOURISM DAYS OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY (EMU) FACULTY OF TOURISM TO HELD UNDER THE THEME OF 'ZERO WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT' FROM 22 MAY TO 29 MAY, 2023



**ZERO WASTE ENVIRONMENT**

Eastern Mediterranean University  
MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>-29<sup>TH</sup>  
**24<sup>TH</sup> TOURISM DAYS**

**MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**10:30 - CAREER JOURNEY IN GASTRONOMY WITH EXEC. CHEF ALI RONAY**  
SPEAKER: CHEF ALI RONAY - RONAY'S DELI RESTAURANT, ISTANBUL  
HIGH HONOUR AND HONOR CERTIFICATE CEREMONY FOR GASTRONOMY AND CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM AND PASTRY AND BAKERY PROGRAM STUDENTS. LOCATION: MUSTAFA AFŞİN ERSOY HALL, EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY, CENTRAL LECTURE HALLS

**11:30 - THE FUTURE OF THE AVIATION INDUSTRY**  
SPEAKER: ASSOC. PROF. DR. CENGİZ MESUT BÜKEÇ (CHAIR, DEPT. OF AVIATION MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY OF KYRENIA)

**MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**AIRPORT GROUND OPERATIONS**  
SPEAKER: FARID HAZARI (FORMER STATION MANAGER OF DUBAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, GROUND OPERATIONS EXPERT)  
HIGH HONOUR AND HONOR CERTIFICATE CEREMONY FOR CIVIL AVIATION CABIN SERVICES PROGRAM  
HIGH HONOUR AND HONOR CERTIFICATE CEREMONY FOR TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (FOR 4 AND 2 YEARS PROGRAMS) - LOCATION: FACULTY OF TOURISM BUILDING TH108

**MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00 - FOOD WASTE AND ZERO WASTE IN THE KITCHEN**  
SPEAKER: NAZAN HOCANIN, LOCATION: FACULTY OF TOURISM BUILDING TH108

**10:00 - BEACH CLEANING PROJECT**  
LOCATION: DEPARTURE FROM EMU FACULTY OF TOURISM BUILDING ARRIVAL AT BEACH CLUB AND BEACH CLEANING

**10:15 - ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS**  
SPEAKER: SERDAR ATAİ (PRESIDENT OF FAMAGUSTA WALLED CITY ASSOCIATION)  
SPEAKER: CEMİLE KOCAREİS (PROJECT ASSISTANT OF FAMAGUSTA WALLED CITY ASSOCIATION)

**11:00 - UNDERWATER CLEANING AND SCUBA DIVING**  
SPEAKERS: EROL & MİNE ADALIER (DEEP DIVE DIVING CENTER)

**MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>-26<sup>TH</sup>**

**(12:30 - 16:30) - ZERO WASTE PROJECT/ THURSDAY MARKET (25<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY)**  
UTILIZING THE WASTE PRODUCTS THAT ARE NOT SOLD IN THE MARKETPLACE AND THEIR CATERING BY EMU GASTRONOMY CLUB STUDENTS

**GÜZELYURT-LEFKE-GEMİKONAĞI-YEŞİLIRMAK TRIP WITH ACCOMMODATION**

- GÜZELYURT ARCHAEOLOGY AND NATURE MUSEUM
- SANT MAMAS MONASTERY
- GÜZELYURT-BANDABULIYA
- THE ANCIENT CITY OF SOLİ
- HISTORICAL LEFKE MANSIONS AND ADULECTS
- CENGİZ TOPEL MONUMENT
- LEFKE DAM
- YEŞİLIRMAK STRAWBERRY FIELDS
- ACCOMMODATION: YOUNG KING HOTEL (BED AND BREAKFAST)

**MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**10:00 - LAST DAY'S PROGRAM**

- OPENING SPEECH
- VOLLEYBALL MATCHES TO BE PLAYED IN MEMORY OF THE CHAMPION ANGELS AMERICAN FOOTBALL
- CULTURAL STANDS
- FOOD AND BEVERAGE STANDS
- RECREATION GAMES

ALLIANCE UNWTO FIBAA City & Guilds THE World University Rankings 2023 TOP 600

24th Tourism Days, annually organised by the Eastern Mediterranean University Tourism Faculty will be held between 22 and 29 May 2023 under the theme "Zero Waste and Environment"

### Chef Ali Ronay to Share his Career Journey in Gastronomy

On Monday, May 22, 2023, at 10:30 am, Chef Ali Ronay, owner of Ronay's Deli Restaurant in Istanbul, will deliver a seminar titled 'Career Journey in Gastronomy' at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall at EMU. Following the seminar, EMU Faculty of Tourism will present high honor and honor certificates to successful students of the Gastronomy

and Culinary Arts Program and the Pastry and Bakery Program.

### The Future of the Aviation Industry and Tourism Management

On Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 11:30 am, a seminar titled 'The Future of the Aviation Industry' will be presented by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Cengiz Mesut Bukeç, Head of the Aviation Management Department at Girne University, at Seminar Hall TH108 in EMU Faculty of Tourism. Later, Farid Hazari, former Station Manager and Ground Services Specialist at Dubai International Airport, will deliver a seminar titled 'Airport Ground Services.' In

addition, prominent figures from the industry will give seminars on their career journeys to Tourism and Hotel Management students over two days. The second day of the 24th Tourism Days will conclude with the presentation of high honor and honor certificates to successful students of EMU Faculty of Tourism's Civil Aviation Cabin Services Program, Tourism and Hotel Management 4-year program, and 2-year program.

### Beach Cleanup

On Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 9:00 am, a seminar titled 'Food Waste and Zero Waste in Kitchens' will be presented by Nazan Hocanın, Head of EMU Housing and Guesthouses Department, at Seminar Hall TH108. At 10:00 am, participants will proceed to the EMU Beach Club as part of the Beach Cleanup Project, where the beach will be cleaned. At 10:15 am, President of Famagusta Walled City Association (MASDER), Serdar Atai, and MASDER Project Assistant Cemile Kocareis will deliver a seminar on Environmental Cleanup. At 11:00 am, Erol Adalier and Mine Adalier, owners of Deep Dive Diving Center, will provide the participants with underwater cleanup and scuba diving training.

### Thursday Market and Excursions

On Thursday, May 25, 2023, from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm, as part of the Zero Waste Project, a stand at the Thursday Market will be set up at the old Lemar area in Famagusta. The EMU Gastronomy Club will serve waste products that are not for sale at the market. Additionally, various excursion activities will be organized on May 25-26, 2023. Participants will embark on an overnight trip to Güzelyurt, Lefke, Gemikonağı, and Yeşilirmak. The trip will include visits to Güzelyurt Archaeology and Nature Museum, St. Mamas Monastery, Güzelyurt Bandabuliyi, Soli Ancient City, historical Lefke and Ottoman Mansions with Aqueducts, Cengiz Topel Monument, Lefke Dam, and Yeşilirmak Strawberry Gardens.

### "Support for the Champion Angels Association"

On Monday, May 29, 2023, a series of activities will be carried out at EMU Faculty of Tourism Yard in order to support the Champion Angels Association. The opening ceremony of the activities will commence at 10:00 am. Opening speeches will be delivered during the ceremony. Afterward, volleyball matches will be played on the grass area in the Faculty of Tourism's yard in honor of the Champion Angels. Following the volleyball matches, American football competitions will take place. After the competitions, participants will visit cultural stands as well as food and beverage stands. Various recreational games will also be played during the event, with a total of 70 stands participating. All proceeds collected from the stands will be donated to the Champion Angels Association."



## EMU FLEPS ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER PERAY HİLMİ HARMAN'S NOVEL "FALLING AWAKE" RELEASED FOR READERS' ENJOYMENT

"Falling Awake", a novel titled authored by Peray Hilmi Harman, academic staff member at the Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (FLEPS) at the Eastern Mediterranean University (DAU), has been released for readers' enjoyment. Published by Işık Bookshop, the novel draws inspiration from a story of a close friend of Peray Hilmi Harman.

### Dedicated to Those Facing Pressure and Manipulation

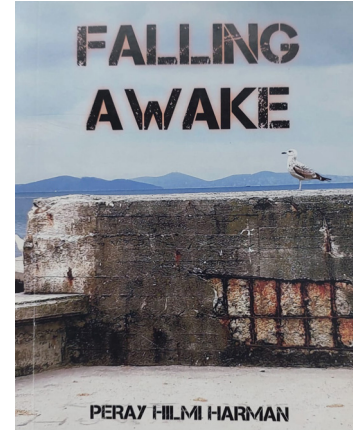
Providing information about the content of the novel, Harman narrates the story of Tamara, representing her friend, who questions her life and herself, wondering why she experiences pressure and violence from her family during her upbringing and later from her spouse, despite not doing anything wrong. Harman states that she wrote the novel as a dedication to all those who experience pressure and manipulation worldwide and emphasizes

its psychological and philosophical nature. Examining why people do what they do and the consequences that result from their actions, Harman also addresses the issue of how one can achieve greater happiness and peace of mind in the novel. Expressing that nobody wants to be deprived and disillusioned with life, Harman suggests that if people want to improve their lives, they should start by looking within themselves. Suggesting that the current situation may be a result of karma, but the future is shaped by the actions people take today, Harman highlights that change begins from within and that individuals can attain their own happiness, emphasizing that when they stop blaming others and God, then they can embark on the path of healing. Referring to Gandhi's quote, "An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind," Harman explains that anger does not bring wellness or kindness.



### "Falling Awake" at EMU Deniz Plaza and Nicosia Işık Bookshop

Harman aims to use literature as a bridge to help those who are under pressure and manipulation find solace and fill their hearts with joy and delight once again. She emphasizes that the novel, with its cathartic structure, can provide



psychological relief by addressing emotions powerfully.

Book enthusiasts can obtain the novel "Falling Awake" at EMU Deniz Plaza and Nicosia Işık Bookshop or by visiting the websites <http://isikkitabevi.net> and <http://denizplaza.net>.

## EMU FLEPS CONTINUES ITS STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (FLEPS) continues its fun activities organized for its students with high participation during the 2022-2023 Academic Year Spring Semester. Commencing with the "Quiz Monsters" Competition, the activities continue with Backgammon Tournament and Social Responsibility Project trips.

### "Quiz Monsters" Competition is Held

EMU FLEPS students had the chance to test their English knowledge in a fun way. During the "Quiz Monsters" competition organized in April in 2022-2023 Academic Year Spring Semester, EPS B1 level students answered the questions testing their vocabulary and grammar knowledge. Representing their classes in groups of 4, participating students fought tooth and nail. The competition, where the scores were very close to each other, was the scene of a very competitive struggle. The group that came first in the competition won surprise gifts. The competition was organized by the EMU FLEPS Extra Curricular Activities Team academic staff members and contributed by FLEPS academic staff members, student assistants and volunteering students. Attending the event both as participants and audience, the EMU FLEPS students expressed their contentedness on having such kind of activities and hope there will be more activities like this being organized in the future.

### Students had Fun in a Backgammon Tournament

EMU FLEPS also organized a backgammon tournament for its students. Attended by many students, the tournament took place at EMU FLEPS English Preparatory School A Building – Ground Floor. Having retired academic staff member beloved Veli Mutlu as a referee in the tournament, top three students received awards. Being a scene of struggle, EMU FLEPS students experienced the happiness of both participating in the competition and having the opportunity to have a fun time with their friends. Once again organized by the EMU FLEPS Extra Curricular Activities Team, the tournament was also contributed by FLEPS academic staff members, student assistants and volunteering students.

### Social Responsibility Projects received Great Interest

Organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (FLEPS) Social Responsibility Projects Team member and within the scope of the Turkish Cypriot Culture and Rainbow Environment Projects, EMU FLEPS students carried out their observations, activities and visits in Nicosia, Famagusta and Karpaz regions.

### Turkish Cypriot Culture Introduced to the Students

Cyprus Turkish Culture project teachers and students visited the Arabahmet Mosque, Derviş Paşa Mansion, Selimiye Mosque and



Büyük Han in Nicosia on the first of their observation trips with the aim of closely observing these special and historical places that reflect the Turkish Cypriot culture and life, getting information and taking plenty of photos. Students had the chance to get closely familiar with the Turkish Cypriot culture thanks to the projects. In their second event, the Turkish Cypriot Culture project teacher and students firstly visited Salamis Ruins then observed Boğaztepe region, having a lunch at a local restaurant located in the village of Turnalar where they tasted traditional Turkish foods. In these activities, where history and Cypriot culture were synthesized, the students had the opportunity to observe, take photos and taste some of the Turkish Cypriot cultural dishes, and at the end of the day, the students expressed that they were happy to get to know the Turkish Cypriot Culture closely.

### Nature Walk and Cleaning Activity Took Place

Within the scope of the Social Responsibility

projects, EMU FLEPS students carried out the Rainbow Environment Project where they visited Bedis Picnic Site and Bedis Beach cleaning the site. Project students stated that they will be much more sensitive to the environment in the future and that they will raise awareness of the people around them. After completing the cleaning event, the project students and teachers had the opportunity to visit and explore the region, and stated that life is much more beautiful in a clean and well-groomed environment. The students of the same group carried out their next activity with a nature walk in Büyükkonuk. Observing the wooden house picnic site in Büyükkonuk, project team members had the opportunity to examine nature on site. After the nature walk and observations, the students stated that they enjoyed being in touch with nature. While expressing the important role that being sensitive to the environment plays in the future of our world, the students wished less construction, more green space and natural environment for future generations.





19 Mayıs Atatürk'ü Anma,  
Gençlik ve Spor Bayramı'nı en içten dileklerle kutlar,  
Ulu Önder Mustafa Kemal Atatürk'ü sevgi ve özlemle anırım.

*On the occasion of  
19 May Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day,  
I extend my best wishes to you all and commemorate  
Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk with love and great longing.*



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