



EMU HAS BEEN RANKED AS THE BEST UNIVERSITY IN THE TRNC IN THE SCIMAGO WORLD UNIVERSITIES RANKING



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has become the 1st university in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the 4th best university throughout the island of Cyprus in the 2023 World University General Rankings by SCImago

Institution Rankings (SIR), which ranks the world's best universities based on the Scopus database. Whilst EMU has been ranked as the best university in Cyprus in Chemistry and Mathematics in the SIR 2023 World University Field Rankings, it is also the only university in Cyprus to be included in the list in the field of Aerospace Engineering, which is a sub-field of Engineering. On the other hand, EMU has been named as the best university on the island of Cyprus in the sub-fields of Medicine, namely, Public Health, and Environmental and Occupational Health. EMU has also been ranked as the best university in TRNC and the second best university in Cyprus in the field of Social Sciences. EMU is also the only university from the TRNC to be listed in the field of Architecture, while ranking 2nd across the island of Cyprus.

EMU: The Face of Cyprus Opening to the World
EMU has also ranked 1st in TRNC in the field of Agriculture and Biological Sciences, and 2nd throughout the island of Cyprus. In the Food Science sub-field, EMU has been named as the best university in the TRNC and the second best university in the island of Cyprus. Ranking 1st in the TRNC and 2nd in the island of Cyprus in the field of Business Administration, Management and Accounting, EMU has made it to the 1st place in the TRNC in the Engineering field and to the 3rd place across the island of Cyprus. In the field of Building and Construction, EMU ranks 1st in TRNC and 3rd in Cyprus. EMU, which is the best university in the TRNC in the field of Civil and Structural Engineering and the 3rd best university in the whole island of Cyprus, is the only university from the TRNC to be included in the list in the field of Mechanical Engineering, and ranks 4th across the island of Cyprus in this field.

CHAMPION ANGELS AMPHITHEATER OPENED AT EMU FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES WITH A CEREMONY



The opening ceremony of the Champion Angels Amphitheater at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences took place on Friday, 26 May, 2023, at 09:30 a.m.. Present at the ceremony were Şifa Çolakoğlu, CTP Gazimağusa Member of the Parliament, Dr. Erdal Özçenk, President of the EMU Board of Trustees, Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın, Rector of EMU, Dr. Süleyman Uluçay, Mayor of Famagusta, Ruşen Karakaya, President of the Champion Angels Association, association members, faculty deans, academicians, and students.

“We Will Keep the Memory of Our Champions Alive with Projects of Hope”

In her opening speech at the ceremony, Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Dean of the EMU Faculty of Health Sciences, started by reciting the poem “Human Human” by Poet Muhyiddin Abdal and said, “On February 6th, we lost our children, siblings, parents, and young people with hopes and dreams for the future,

and we have also lost our joy of life since that day.” Prof. Dr. Malkoç completed her words by saying, “Our sole purpose will be to keep their memory alive with projects of hope. Today, by naming this amphitheater after our children, our champions, we aim to ensure that their memory will always live on. We will never forget you. Our shared cause Isias will continue until justice is served.”

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“Champions Never Die”

Ruşen Karakaya, President of the Champion Angels Association, spoke at the ceremony and said, “As an association and families, we are here now to seek justice, keep the memory of our angels alive through hopeful projects, and touch the lives of other children. Knowing that the name of our angels will live on forever in a center of knowledge and science like EMU, is important to us. We have lost our children, teachers, and parents due to ignorance and greed. But with their memory, thousands of young people will study and put an end to this ignorance. No more children, no more people will die due to this cause. We thank the officials of EMU and the Faculty of Health Sciences for their thoughtful consideration. Isias is our shared cause. Champions never die,”

“Isias is Our Shared Cause”

Speaking at the ceremony, Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanin, Rector of EMU, stated that EMU has been making every effort to establish justice since the very beginning. Prof. Dr. Hocanin stated that EMU’s Faculty of Engineering will evaluate and report on technical aspects, and the teams formed by EMU graduates will work to ensure justice and impose the heaviest sentences on those who acted irresponsibly and caused the loss of our children’s lives. Prof. Dr. Hocanin emphasized that the names of the Champion Angels will always be preserved at EMU

and concluded his words by saying, “Isias is our shared cause. EMU will always be its follower.”

Speaking at the ceremony, Dr. Erdal Özçenk, President of the EMU Board of Trustees, stated that this fire has burned the entire country and from now on, the best thing to do is to keep their memories alive, preserve their names, and create new opportunities for young people through them. Dr. Özçenk emphasized that the Champion Angels Association has accomplished many great things in a short period of time. Dr. Erdal Özçenk also stated that many activities have been carried out at EMU to keep the memory of the Champion Angels alive, and the “Champion Angels Amphitheater” is a valuable step taken to preserve their names and memories. Dr. Özçenk concluded his words by saying, “From today onwards, our students will keep the memories and names of our late athletes alive by attending classes and various activities in the Champion Angels Amphitheater.”

Charity Bazaar Organized

Following the ceremony, a charity bazaar was organized in the garden of the EMU Faculty of Health Sciences at 12:00. The bazaar attracted great interest from the members of EMU and the public. The proceeds from the bazaar have been donated to the Champion Angels Association.”

EMU FACULTY OF DENTISTRY HOSTED IMPORTANT GUESTS



Eastern Mediterranean University Alumni Relations and Career Research Directorate (EMU-MIKA), in collaboration with faculties and schools, organized the 11th International Career Days. As part of this event, EMU Faculty of Dentistry hosted two expert speakers. On 22 May 2023, Monday, at 10:30 am, in the Green Hall, the event featured Prof. Dr. Yasemin Özkan's, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at Marmara University, presentation titled "Smile Esthetics in Dentistry," and Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yılmaz Umut Aslan's presentation on "Digital Technologies in Prosthetic Dental Treatment."

During the opening of the event, Prof. Dr. Hikmet Solak, Dean of EMU Faculty of Dentistry at EMU, welcomed everyone and provided information about the Faculty of Dentistry. Prof. Dr. Solak expressed his gratitude to those who contributed to the organization of the event and wished for a productive seminar. In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocann emphasized that despite being a newly established faculty, the Faculty of Dentistry at EMU is one of the most ambitious faculties. Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocann highlighted that

EMU, as a state university, is at the forefront of higher education in both the fields of education and research in Northern Cyprus with its programs. Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocann stated that EMU has also fulfilled its responsibilities in terms of international collaborations and contributions to universal science. Mentioning that within the framework of EMU Career Days, experts from various fields have been hosted, Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocann expressed his belief that EMU will continue to progress steadily. Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocann wished everyone a successful event and stated his belief that the seminar would shed light on important insights and different perspectives. At the end of the event, Prof. Dr. Hocann and Prof. Dr. Solak presented plaques of appreciation to Prof. Dr. Özkan and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aslan for their contributions.

Following the presentations, a certificate ceremony was held to honor the students who achieved academic success during the 2022-2023 Fall Semester. The certificates of honor and high honor were presented to successful students by the Dean, Vice Dean, and faculty members.



MARMARA UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF DENTISTRY DEAN AND VICE DEAN VISITED EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. AYKUT HOCANIN



Marmara University Faculty of Dentistry Dean, Prof. Dr. Yasemin Özkan, and Vice Dean, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yılmaz Umut Aslan, visited Eastern

Mediterranean University (EMU) as part of a seminar organized by EMU Faculty of Dentistry in scope of the 11th International Career Days

and paid a visit to EMU Rector, Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın. The said visit took place on Tuesday, 23 May, 2023, at 14:30. Prof. Dr. Hikmet Solak, Dean of the EMU Faculty of Dentistry, Vice Dean Prof. Dr. Şükrü Tüzmen, and other faculty members were also present during the visit.

Prof. Dr. Özkan and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aslan expressed their satisfaction with visiting EMU and emphasized that they have been following the work of the EMU Faculty of Dentistry. Prof. Dr. Hocanın provided information about EMU during the visit, highlighting that despite being a newly established faculty, the EMU Faculty of Dentistry has achieved successful work and is among the ambitious faculties. Prof. Dr. Hocanın also put forth their intention to increase collaboration with Marmara University Faculty of Dentistry. At the end of the visit, Prof. Dr. Hocanın presented a special gift from EMU to Prof. Dr. Özkan and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aslan.

OLASUBOMI IGINLA AINA PAID A VISIT TO EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. AYKUT HOCANIN IN HIS OFFICE



Olasubomi Iginla Aina, member of the (Honorary) Excellence Leadership of the British Empire, Director of the Lightpub Foundation Association, and Global NGO Director, paid a visit to Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın, the Rector of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), in his office. During the visit, which took place on Monday, 22 May,

2023, at 14:30, Aina expressed their intention to listen to the experiences of African-origin students in the country throughout their higher education and share the acquired knowledge in Africa. Aina also expressed great happiness to be at EMU and receive up-to-date information from African-origin students. The visit highlighted the significant

contributions of international students at EMU to research activities as research assistants in postgraduate programs. During the visit, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hocanın shared information about EMU's activities and the situation of African-origin students studying at the university. Prof. Dr. Hocanın stated that EMU, which hosts more than 1000 academic staff from 24 different countries, provides quality education to approximately 15,000 students from 104 countries. Also mentioning that there are nearly 30 student clubs operating under the EMU International Activity and Student Societies Unit, and these clubs elect their own leadership to organize social and cultural activities promoting their countries and cultures throughout the academic year, Prof. Dr. Hocanın also provided examples of the opportunities provided to EMU graduates and the achievements of African-origin graduates. At the end of the visit, possible collaboration opportunities between the organizations Aina is affiliated with and EMU were discussed, and Prof. Dr. Hocanın presented a special gift from EMU to Aina.

HIGH INTEREST TOWARDS THE EMU ENTRANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP EXAM

Eastern Mediterranean University's 2023 – 2024 Academic Year Entrance and Scholarship Exam for the nationals of the TRNC and the Republic of Turkey who have been receiving uninterrupted education at the high schools or other equivalent schools in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) has been receiving intense interest from the public. According to an announcement made by the EMU Rector's Office, the university continues to receive high number of applications, and students can apply for the exam online until 30 May, 2023. This year's Entrance and Scholarship Exam will take place on Sunday, 4 June, 2023, between 10:30 – 13:00. The aforementioned exam, which students of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and students of the Republic of Turkey who have completed high school in TRNC after studying for an uninterrupted period of 4 years can participate in, will be held at Nicosia Turkish High School, EMU Campus, and Maltepe University Campus in Istanbul.

High Interest towards New Programs

With the new programs to be introduced in the 2023 – 2024 Academic Year in 11 faculties and 4 schools Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) will increase the total number of programs to 105. Among the new programs that will be launched are the Artificial Intelligence Engineering (in English) and Civil Engineering (in Turkish) at the Faculty of Engineering, Business (in Turkish) at the Faculty of Business and Economics, Social Studies Teaching (in Turkish) at the Faculty of Education, Paramedic (in Turkish) and Midwifery (in Turkish) undergraduate programs at the Faculty of Health Sciences, Pharmacy Services (in Turkish), Obstetrics (in Turkish), and Podiatry (in Turkish) associate programs at the School of Health Services, and the Civil Aviation Cabin Services associate program at the School of Tourism and Hospitality. Students wishing to take the exam can apply online at <https://www.emu.edu.tr/kktcsinav>. Further information about the exam can be obtained at 0392 630 11 11.



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EMU MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER ASSOC. PROF. DR. ARRAN FERNANDEZ INVITED TO THE HEIDELBERG LAUREATE FORUM WHERE ONLY 200 YOUNG RESEARCHERS ARE SELECTED



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Mathematics academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arran Fernandez has been invited to the Heidelberg Laureate Forum, a prestigious event where thousands of researchers from around the world in the fields of Mathematics and Computer Science apply, and only 200 young researchers who are master's/PhD students or scholars who have

completed their doctorates in the past five years are carefully selected and invited. During this week-long prestigious event, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fernandez will have the opportunity to meet with some of the most important scientists in the fields of Mathematics and Computer Science. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fernandez will also have the chance to meet laureates who have received prestigious awards equivalent to the Nobel Prize in Mathematics and

Computer Science, such as the Abel Prize, ACM A.M. Turing Award, ACM Prize in Computing, Fields Medal, IMU Abacus Medal, and Nevanlinna Prize. Additionally, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fernandez will participate in a special event where only 20 researchers are selected amongst the 200 young researchers, and he will have the opportunity to be interviewed by professional interviewers associated with Heidelberg Laureate Forum about his career and research. The interview of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fernandez will be broadcasted worldwide through the official social media accounts of the Heidelberg Laureate Forum.

EMU Will Be Represented for the Second Time

The Heidelberg Laureate Forum will feature lectures by renowned scientists. In addition to workshop sessions and discussion panels, various activities will be organized, including visits to universities in the region and opportunities for young researchers to meet each other as well as the award-winning scientists. This is the second time that EMU is being represented in this prestigious event. Previously, Dr. Arzu Ahmadova, a graduate of the EMU Doctorate Program in the 2021-2022 Academic Year Fall Semester, who was supervised by Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov, Head of the Department of Mathematics at EMU, participated in the Heidelberg Laureate Forum held in 2022 as one of the young researchers.

“MEDICINE IN THE LIGHT OF TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS” SYMPOSIUM HELD AT DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK FACULTY OF MEDICINE



As part of the 11th International Career Days organized in collaboration with faculties and schools, the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate (EMU-MIKA) held a symposium titled “Medicine in the Light of Technological Advancements” at EMU Dr. Fazil Küçük Faculty of Medicine.

During the symposium held at the Dr. Fazil Küçük School of Medicine, EMU Vice Rector Responsible for Academic Affairs, Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel, and Dean of Dr. Fazil Küçük Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora, were present alongside the students of the Dr. Fazil Küçük Faculty of Medicine. In their opening speeches at the symposium, the co-chairs and third-year students, Cemran Türkoğulları and Dilem Ömerağa, emphasized the importance of the relationship between medicine and technology in today’s world. The said students discussed how technology’s transformative impact is felt in various fields, ranging from diagnosis and treatment methods to patient care, data analysis, and artificial intelligence. Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora, Dean of Dr. Fazil Küçük Faculty of Medicine, highlighted that the COVID-19 pandemic directly affected lives in 2020 and 2021, and this year, the earthquake disaster also guided the community on the attitudes we should adopt regarding health. Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora emphasized that the integration of technological advancements into the field of medicine is crucially felt during these periods.



Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Demirel started his speech by extending his best wishes for the commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day. Discussing the importance of young minds in generating scientific knowledge, Prof. Dr. Demirel expressed his happiness to participate in an event organized by students as EMU is a student-centered university. Prof. Dr. Demirel stated that technological advancements increasingly support doctors in their decision-making processes but emphasized that technology cannot entirely replace doctors. Prof. Dr. Demirel also pointed out that progress can be achieved through multidisciplinary collaborations. Following the opening speeches, Prof. Dr. Pemra Cöbek Ünal delivered a presentation titled “Is There a Place for E-Health (Digital Health) in Primary Care Treatments?”, Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel discussed “Artificial Intelligence in Medicine: State-of-the-Art Technology, Current Trends, and the Future,” and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emil Mammadov presented information on “Experimental and Surgical Applications with 3D Printers.”



After the presentations, the certificate ceremony for the 2022-2023 Academic Year Fall Semester Honour and High Honour students took place. The certificates were presented to the successful students by the Vice Rector, Dean, and Faculty Members. Following the ceremony, a career meeting event was organized with Dr. Hülya Efetürk, Dr. Alptekin Özkoç, and Dr. Zehra Boracı. During this event, students were provided with advice regarding their career planning, and their questions were answered. The symposium ended after workshops on “Laser and Suturing Techniques for Doctors” conducted by Dr. Didem Rıfkı, “What is Motivational Interviewing?” delivered by Prof. Dr. Pemra Cöbek Ünal, and “How Do Oral Contraceptives Work? and What are Frequently Asked Questions?” presented by Dr. Soley Esmer.

EMU SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUB HOSTED SOBE FOUNDATION EDUCATION DIRECTOR ALPEREN SAĞDIÇ



In scope of the event organized by the Special Education Club operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Social and Cultural Activities Directorate Student Clubs Unit, Alperen Sağdıç, Education Director of the Selçuklu Autistic Individuals Education (SOBE) Foundation, gave a conference titled “Technology Supported Education in Special Education” at



EMU Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. Academicians and students showed great interest in the conference. During the conference, which was an inspiring event for educators, students and all those interested in educational technologies, Sağdıç talked about teachers’ use of technology in the classroom. Addressing the effects of technology on learning, Sağdıç also discussed artificial intelligence and education in his speech. Sağdıç,

who provided information to the participants about the assistive technologies used in education and the innovations that the developing technology will bring for individuals in need of special education, also shared the developmental methods applied using technology in special education schools with the students. Lastly, Sağdıç talked about future opportunities and challenges and various success stories.

EMU PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT - ONE OF EMU’S SHINING STARS

Prof. Dr. Fatih Bayraktar, Chair of Eastern Mediterranean University Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Psychology Department provided a statement regarding the department’s achievements. The statement included the following remarks: “Eastern Mediterranean University, Psychology Department has accomplished numerous firsts and achievements since its establishment in 2007. Starting with a small team of five members, the department has made steady progress over the past 15 years. Today, it continues its journey with a strong team consisting of 13 full-time faculty members, all of whom hold doctorate degrees, six part-time faculty members, also with doctorate degrees, and five research assistants. The Psychology Department’s faculty houses experts from various subfields including developmental, social, cognitive, clinical, forensic, traffic, and health psychology, making it a notable and comprehensive department among universities in Northern Cyprus and Turkey.

In 2007, the department launched its English-medium Psychology undergraduate program. Currently, in addition to Turkish and English undergraduate programs, the department offers master’s and doctorate programs in General Psychology with a focus on Developmental, Social, and Cognitive Psychology. All programs are approved by the Higher Education Council of Turkey (YÖK), and the department consistently brings up graduates who meet international standards at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. The majority of the approximately 1500 department alumni either obtain qualified positions or gain admission to master’s/doctoral



programs within one year following their graduation. The EMU Psychology Department also stands out for its increasingly robust infrastructure. Being the first in Northern Cyprus to possess a developmental observation laboratory, the department has a second laboratory equipped with an EEG system and a dedicated computer laboratory. With these strong features, the EMU Psychology Department is one of the 12 accredited departments recognized by the Turkish Psychological Association in Turkey and the only psychology department in Northern Cyprus ever accredited by the said association, enjoying international recognition. “EMU Psychology Department, which operates with the

mission of promoting psychology as a science in the broadest and most accurate sense, is also hosting the EMU Psychology Days, in collaboration with the EMU Psychology Students Club, this year for the 15th time and maintains its status as the longest-running single event in its category.

With a vision of ongoing development, the department has plans such as the establishment of the Psychology Sciences Research and Application Center, and minor programs expected to be implemented in the coming months.”

VISUAL DESIGN EXPERT HAYATİ EVREN GIVES A SEMINAR AT EMU PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT



Organized annually by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate (MİKA) in collaboration with faculties and schools, the 11th International Career Days continued with

an event organized at the EMU Faculty of Communication, Department of Public Relations and Advertising. A seminar titled “The Future of Artificial Intelligence Design in Advertising” was offered to EMU Public Relations and Advertising Department

students by Visual Design Expert Hayati Evren at the Purple Hall of the EMU Faculty of Communication.

Evren conducted an entertaining seminar by presenting his visual design works mixed with humor to the students. Besides, Evren, who shared his artificial intelligence work and his knowledge and experience related to design with the participants, answered the questions from the students at the end of the seminar.

Prof. Dr. Anıl Kemal Kaya, Chair of EMU Public Relations and Advertising Department, thanked Hayati Evren for the enjoyable seminar and presented him with a plaque.

EMU FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION, CENTER OF RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATION FOR PEACE (CRCP) HOSTED PROF. DR. NİYAZI KIZILYÜREK



Member of the European Parliament, Prof. Dr. Niyazi Kızılyürek, was the guest of the “Peace Talks” organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication and the Center of Research and Communication for Peace (CRCP). Prof. Dr. Kızılyürek has been serving as a member of the European Parliament since 2019.

Speaking at the opening of the event, Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu, Dean of the EMU Faculty of Communication, emphasized the importance of Prof. Dr. Niyazi Kızılyürek’s representation in the European Parliament for the Turkish Cypriot community and thanked him for including EMU CRCP in his busy schedule. Prof. Dr. Hanife Aliefendioğlu, the President of CRCP, highlighted the contributions of Prof. Dr. Kızılyürek to peace efforts

in Cyprus, noting his numerous works such as books, films, articles, and more, pertaining to the Cyprus issue.

In his speech titled “Turkish Cypriots and the European Union (EU),” Prof. Dr. Kızılyürek summarized the relationship between the EU and the Turkish Cypriots, emphasizing the importance of both Turkey’s EU membership and Cyprus at the 1999 Helsinki Summit. Prof. Dr. Kızılyürek stressed that progress towards Cyprus’ EU membership has brought the resolution of the issue to a closer point since that time. Prof. Dr. Kızılyürek also noted that Turkish Cypriots need to turn towards the EU, stating that this isolation is unsustainable, and emphasized the existence of the Turkish Cypriot community within the EU, urging acceptance of this reality and acting accordingly.

Prof. Dr. Kızılyürek mentioned that the conditions changed at the 2002 Copenhagen Summit and stagnation began after the voting on the Annan Plan. Prof. Dr. Kızılyürek stated that ongoing consultations with both EU and Republic of Cyprus authorities are taking place regarding the use of the Turkish language in relevant committees of the European Parliament and the participation of universities in Cyprus in the Erasmus program. Prof. Dr. Kızılyürek conveyed the need to increase collaboration with political groups to become more visible within the EU.

Prof. Dr. Kızılyürek reminded that the geographical indication for halloumi was approved in April 2021, bringing the two communities in Cyprus closer and making it possible for Turkish Cypriots to open accounts in banks in the South through recent efforts. He mentioned that he will continue consultations with EU authorities and Cypriot Greek officials regarding the “stateless” group consisting of Turkish Cypriots who cannot obtain citizenship in the Republic of Cyprus due to mixed marriages. Prof. Dr. Kızılyürek emphasized the need for the Turkish Cypriot community to take action and become visible within the European Union, along with civil society organizations, academics, university students, and all relevant stakeholders. Prof. Dr. Kızılyürek highlighted the importance of questioning to what extent Turkish Cypriots who are EU citizens utilize their concrete identities and emphasized that being represented in the European Parliament, the only elected institution in the EU, is a significant opportunity.”

WORKSHOPS HELD AT EMU CINEMA AND TELEVISION DEPARTMENT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication, Department of Cinema and Television, organized workshop activities. Firstly, Evren Özfirat, one of the best “Gaffer” lighting chiefs in the Turkish film industry, conducted a workshop titled “Lighting Techniques in Cinema” at the EMU TV Studio.

Özfirat, a former graduate of the EMU Cinema and Television Department, expressed his happiness to be at EMU and shared his industry-related knowledge during the workshop. He discussed the duties and career steps of lighting chiefs and shared practical insights on lighting techniques in cinema with the students. At the end of the event, Özfirat also discussed internship opportunities with the students and emphasized his readiness to assist them in their career planning.

Özfirat, who has worked for leading companies in the industry, is currently pursuing an independent career. Having previously worked on films such as *Yahşi Batı*, *Patron Mutlu Son İstiyor*, and *Kocan Kadar Konuş*, Özfirat has become one of the preferred names for international productions in Turkey, as international production companies show interest in the country.

Workshop on Radio Broadcasting Conducted

Meanwhile, Soydan Korkmaz, another former graduate of the Cinema and Television Department, conducted a workshop with students at the Faculty of Communication. Soydan, who is a DJ and Producer at NRG Group Radios, shared practical insights on “Radio Broadcasting” by demonstrating the process with the equipment set up for creating a radio program. Soydan expressed his emotions about being part of the event and reuniting with the faculty members from his university years. He emphasized the importance of inviting students to the radio station to experience the radio environment firsthand.

Prof. Dr. Bahire Özad, the Head of the EMU Department of Cinema and Television, expressed her satisfaction in welcoming the department’s former graduates. Prof. Dr. Bahire Özad highlighted the benefits of the workshops held for students and their potential to shed light on their career planning.

Certificate Ceremony Held

Following the workshops, Honor and High Honor Certificates for the 2022-2023 Academic Year Fall Semester were presented to successful students in the Turkish and English programs of the Cinema and Television Department. The students received their certificates from Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yetin Arslan, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Communication, Prof. Dr. Bahire Özad, Head of the Cinema and Television Department, and other faculty members who attended the ceremony.



EMU'S CULTURE, SPORT AND ARTS DAYS HOSTED COLOURFUL SCENES



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) tries to heal the wounds of deep sorrow caused by the earthquake disaster that affected many provinces in the Republic of Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) through cultural, sports, and art activities. In this context, EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate and EMU Sports Affairs Directorate organized the EMU Culture, Sports, and Art Days from 17 to 20 May, 2023, which has been completed with colourful events.



International Night by the International Student Societies

The events, which aim to reach stronger tomorrows through culture, sports, and art, continued with the International Night organized by the International Student Activities and Student Societies operating under the EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate. The International Night took place at Rauf Raif Denктаş Culture and Congress Center at 17:00. Various vibrant and joyful performances introducing different cultures were staged by student societies and international students during the night. Students also showcased their cultures by presenting cultural meals and local products.



At 18:00, EMU Beşiktaş Fan Club (EMUBJK) held a talk with Alen Markaryan, the legendary cheerleader of Beşiktaş, at the EMU Activity Center.



19 May Walk Organized

On Friday, 19 May, 2023, the events continued with a Streetball Tournament held at 10:00 am at the EMU Open Basketball Courts. At 4:00 pm, the final matches of Grass Volleyball, Grass Tennis, and Five-A-Side Tournaments took place at the Yasin Düşüner Stadium. At the same time, at 4:00 pm, a workshop titled "Create and Play Your Instrument with Zehra Onbaşı Yılmaz" was conducted at the EMU Activity Center. From 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm, a Mural Art Workshop was held at the Exterior Walls of the Central Lecture Halls Building of EMU. At 5:00 pm, colourful activities were organized by student clubs at the festival area. At 7:19 pm, the traditional 19 May Youth Walk was organized. The walk, organized in collaboration with the Atatürk Research and Application Center of EMU (EMU-ATAUM) and EMU Atatürk Ideology



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Club, started from the EMU Atatürk Square and ended at the Salamis Road roundabout with a high level of participation.

“No to Money” Theater Performance Staged

On Saturday, 20 May, 2023, at 11:00 am, a Talent Show took place at the Yasin Düşüner Stadium of EMU, followed by the Lady Crows - NEU Angels Flag Football match at 1:00 pm and the EMU Crows - NEU Brothers American Football match at 3:15 pm. After the matches, various games were played with the audience at 6:00 pm. At 2:00 pm, a talk with Cem Gölbaşı, the Leader of Young Fenerbahçe Fans, was held by EMU Fenerbahçe Fans Club (EMUFEB) at the Activity Hall of EMU. At 4:30 pm, a workshop titled “Performative Multimedia Workshop” by Sıla Tüfekçioğlu (Hayal Gezer) took place at the Activity Center, followed by a workshop titled “Drama and Movement with Oya Akın” at 5:00 pm at the Golf Course. The EMU Culture, Sports, and Art Days events came to an end at 8:00 pm with the play “No to Money” staged by the Nicosia Municipal Theater at the Rauf Raif Denктаş Culture and Congress Center. The play, written by Flavia Coste, translated by Can Kapyalı, and directed by Osman Ateş, featured Kurtuluş Altaylı, Aysel Açelya Bükülmez, Özgür Oktay, and Fuat Zorali.



FORMER T.R. MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION WILL GIVE A CONFERENCE IN EMU

Former Republic of Turkey Minister of National Education Prof. Dr. Ziya Selçuk will participate in a conference organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Education. In the said conference, which will take place on Thursday, 1 June, 2023, at 10:30 am at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, Prof. Dr. Selçuk will deliver a presentation on “New Generation Education Paradigms” and meet with teacher candidates.

Who is Ziya Selçuk?

Prof. Dr. Ziya Selçuk was born on 1 May, 1961, in Ankara. He completed his high school education at Ankara Atatürk High School. He graduated from Ankara University, Faculty of Educational Sciences. He pursued his master’s degree in developmental psychology. In 1989, he completed his doctorate in psychological counseling and guidance at Hacettepe University, Faculty of Letters. Later, he became an associate professor and professor at Gazi University, Faculty of Education.

Prof. Dr. Ziya Selçuk has been involved in the establishment of various private educational institutions, including TED University and Maya Educational Institutions. He served as a member of the Executive Board of Turkey Intelligence Foundation and the Group Executive Committee of TÜBİTAK. From 2003 to 2006, he served as the President of the Board of Education and Discipline.

On July 10, 2018, Prof. Dr. Selçuk was appointed as the Minister of National Education by the President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. He served as the Minister of National Education until 6 August, 2021.



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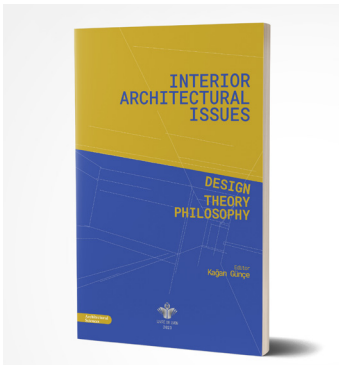
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TWO IMPORTANT BOOKS IN THE FIELD OF INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE FROM EMU ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER PROF. DR. KAĞAN GÜNÇE



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture, Department of Interior Architecture academic staff member and Assistant Director of Institute for Graduate Studies and Research Prof. Dr. Kağan Günçe, has contributed to the field of Interior Architecture with two

important books. These books address the written documentation and source scarcity related to the relatively new field of Interior Architecture and offer a solution. Supported by the Journal of Interior Design and Academy (INDA), the said books have been introduced to the academic world on 19 May, 2023, on the occasion of the Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day, as the “Interior Architectural Issues” book series.

The books, titled “Interior Architectural Issues – Design, Theory & Philosophy” and “Interior Architectural Issues – Design, History & Education,” are pioneering works in the field of Interior Architecture and hold great

importance. They include the works of expert researchers in the field, as well as the studies of academicians from the departments of Interior Architecture and Interior Architecture and Environmental Design. Published by Livre de Lyon Publishing House, a French publisher, these books aim to shed light on the field of “Interior Architecture,” facilitate new perspectives, and create a platform for discussion.

Prof. Dr. Günçe mentioned that the book titled “Interior Architectural Issues” received 72 valuable book chapter proposals from esteemed academics in response to the call for book chapter submissions. After careful evaluation, 38 pieces of work were selected, and the

journey began. Following meticulous evaluations, it was determined that 18 book chapters would be included in the book titled “Interior Architectural Issues – Design, Theory & Philosophy,” while 20 book chapters would be included in the book titled “Interior Architectural Issues – Design, History & Education.” Prof. Dr. Günçe emphasized the necessity of comprehensively examining and analyzing all aspects of the development of the field of interior architecture, projecting its future, and producing concrete documentation. Prof. Dr. Günçe highlighted that a strong team spirit was formed with the contributing authors and expressed that two successful products have emerged for the field of interior architecture.

EMU URDC RELEASES A STATEMENT ON DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY FOR DIALOGUE AND DEVELOPMENT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Urban Research and Development Center (URDC) made statements regarding the “Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.” Assist. Prof. Dr. Ayşenur Talat, member of the URDC Executive Board and academic staff member at EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Psychology, made the following remarks in her statement:

“21st of May has been celebrated as the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development since 2001. On this occasion, we join UNESCO to celebrate one of the most invaluable aspects of human life, that is, human cultural diversity, and the invaluable intellectual, social, cultural, and economic opportunities of development that it offers to humanity.

Through the ongoing process of globalization, the world’s people have become increasingly interconnected to each other. Technological advancements have made it possible for world cultures to interact with each other more than ever before and can do that in increasingly more cooperative and constructive ways. Increased opportunities for intercultural interaction and dialogue make it possible for cultures not only to learn from each other but also to challenge each other to be more tolerant, flexible, creative, and open to development.

Today, many societies are more diverse than ever, making it indispensable for them to recognize and use the vast opportunities cooperative intercultural interaction and dialogue can offer. Conflicts arise in societies with low levels of intercultural dialogue.



Therefore, the main focus of policymaking must be creating an inclusive society for all groups, constructing, advancing, and safeguarding opportunities for harmonious intercultural dialogue, and encouraging all groups to partake in this dialogue actively. Societies must embrace their ethnic and cultural diversity and let their present and future populations benefit from cultural diversity that UNESCO defines as ‘the common heritage of humanity’. At every level of society, it must be recognized that the plurality of cultures and identities allows everyone to learn and grow and have a more satisfactory intellectual and social life.

Most importantly, harmonious interaction and dialogue between cultures must be recognized as the best guarantee for lasting international peace and security so needed in contemporary times. Viewed from this perspective, the issue is indispensable for Cyprus, an island that, despite the unique opportunities its history of cultural diversity could offer, has been marred by intercommunal strife. Our island can benefit enormously from positive interaction

and dialogue between groups to develop the mutual respect and understanding necessary to envision a future of peaceful cooperation and reconciliation.

As Eastern Mediterranean University Urban Research and Development Center (EMU URDC) executive board members, we want to underline that solidarity between cultures is vital for intellectual and societal development. We perceive Eastern Mediterranean University as one of the leading actors in fostering harmonious intercultural interaction and dialogue. We are committed to preserving and further advancing the opportunities for this dialogue by supporting the intellectual and social environment which enables our students and staff from diverse cultural backgrounds to be included in these processes. We believe our university’s great power comes from its being an inclusive and safe space for diverse cultures, identities, beliefs, and convictions. In the end, mutual recognition, respect, and tolerance for our differences strengthen us.”

EMU'S TENNIS AND ATHLETICS TEAMS COLLECT CHAMPIONSHIP CUPS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Women's and Men's Athletics Teams, operating under the EMU Sports Affairs Directorate, have become double champions in the Athletics Championship organized at the Lefkoşa Atatürk Stadium in May as part of the University Sports Games held by the Northern Cyprus University Sports Federation for the 21st time this year. The EMU Women's Athletics Team reached the championship with 6,954 points, 998 points ahead of their closest competitor, while the EMU Men's Athletics Team became the owner of the championship cup with 9,174 points, 3,430 points ahead of their closest competitor. Hasan Maydon, who coaches the athletics teams, congratulated his athletes on their achievements and expressed their joy of bringing two more cups to EMU.

Three Championship Cups for the EMU Tennis Team

The EMU Tennis Team became the owner of the championship cup in the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation 2023 Prime Ministry Cup and the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation 2023 Champion Angels Season Tennis League, where female and male athletes compete in the same team. The EMU Men's Tennis Team also became champions by completing the inter-university Uni-Tennis tournament, which is held every year in cooperation with the Northern Cyprus University Sports Federation and the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation, undefeated. Aydın Kayol, who coaches the tennis teams, congratulated his players on their achievements and on the gentlemanly behavior during the competitions.

EMU WOMEN'S AND MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAMS BECOME CHAMPIONS



Affiliated to the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Sports Affairs Directorate, EMU Women's and Men's Volleyball Teams have won the championship cup. EMU Women's Volleyball Team defeated Near East University 3-0 in the final match played at Cyprus International University on Sunday, 21 May, 2023 and became the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Universities Champion. On the other hand, EMU Men's Volleyball Team faced Cyprus International University in the final on Tuesday, 23 May, 2023. Defeating their opponent 3-0, the EMU Men's Volleyball Team has become the TRNC Universities Champion for the 20th time in a row.

An Unprecedented Success in the History of the Country

EMU Men's Volleyball Team Coach Ecevit Cankat and EMU Women's Volleyball Team Coach Kemal Derebey congratulated all their players for their achievements and noted that the men's team becoming the TRNC Universities champion for the 20th time in a row is an unprecedented success in the history of the country. EMU Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu congratulated team coaches Ecevit Cankat and Kemal Derebey as well as the players, noting that the championship was not a coincidence and that EMU has brought the championship trophy to Famagusta, both in women's and men's categories. Konnolu underlined that EMU sports teams always aim for the championship in the national and international leagues in which they participate.

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