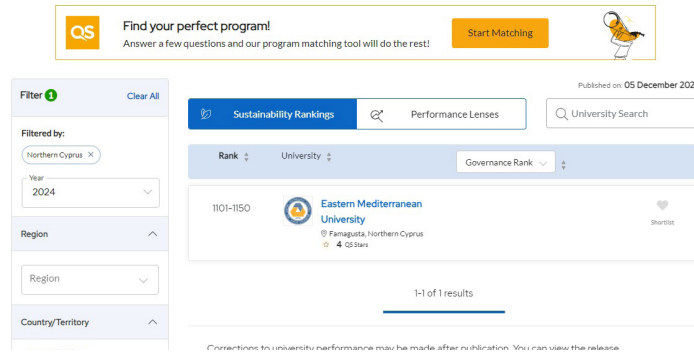


EMU - THE ONLY UNIVERSITY FROM TRNC LISTED IN QS SUSTAINABILITY RANKINGS 2024

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), recognized for its continual excellence in providing quality education and research opportunities, reaffirmed its success by securing a spot as the sole university from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings: Sustainability 2024 list

The QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2024 list, evaluating universities on their capacity to tackle the globe's significant environmental, social, and governance issues, was unveiled on 5 December, 2023. A comprehensive count of 1,397 universities globally took part in this assessment

The University of Toronto from Canada secured the top position globally, followed by the University of California Berkeley from the



United States in second place, and The University of Manchester from the United Kingdom in third place. While 23 universities from the Republic of Turkey and two from South Cyprus made it to the rankings, EMU is the sole university from TRNC to be included.

Ranked within the 1101-1150 band in the QS World University

Rankings: Sustainability 2024 list, EMU excelled particularly in Environmental Research, Equality, and Health & Well-being. Certificates acknowledging these achievements bearing the signature of QS Senior Vice President Ben Sowter have been sent to EMU.

“EMU is a University of Firsts”
Releasing a statement on the

topic, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said; “Our meticulous efforts regarding all the articles of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals have lead our university to another success, appearing in a list of another international and independent world university ranking organization. EMU as the first and sole university of TRNC established by law, while pioneering national and regional higher education, continues to achieve firsts and takes pride in being the only university from our country to be included in the QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2024 list. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to EMU staff members who have played a significant role in this achievement and continue to elevate our university to global heights with their efforts. I sincerely wish our staff all the success in their future endeavours.

EMU HOLDS HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS IN ANKARA

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Board of Trustees (VYK) President Dr. Erdal Özçenk along with EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, VYK member Anıl Kaya, EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer visited Ankara with their delegation to engage in various meetings related to the university.

Presented Information Regarding EMU

During the mentioned visit, the delegation engaged in discussions and exchanged views with the Council of Higher Education (YÖK), as well as various civil and political organizations and high-level authorities. In the visit, the delegation presented information regarding EMU and possible collaborations were



discussed. Emphasizing that EMU is the only state university established by law in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), and that its quality has been accredited by international ranking organizations, it was noted that EMU was awarded a high 4-star rating by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) until 30 March,

2024. More over, it was highlighted that EMU ranked in the 501-600 band in the Times Higher Education 2023 World University Rankings. It was also conveyed that, in the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) by ShanghaiRanking, EMU achieved the 44th position globally in the field of Tourism

Management and Hospitality, securing the 1st place in both TRNC and the Republic of Turkey.

EMU's Collaborations were discussed

During the visit, it was stated that EMU has collaborations with significant universities all around the world and EMU students have the opportunity to go to different countries through exchange agreements.

Graduates are all around the World

EMU takes pride in having graduated over 75,000 alumni from different cultures and countries worldwide. Each graduate are an honorary representative of both the country and EMU. Information about alumni holding prominent positions in various regions of the world was also provided during these visits.

1ST NATIONAL EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN NUTRIOTION AND DIETETICS CONGRESS COMMENCED AT EMU



The 1st National Eastern Mediterranean Nutrition and Dietetics Congress organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics commenced with an opening ceremony held on Thursday, 7 December, 2023 at 09:30 a.m. at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) Acting President Ersun Kutup, EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Faculty of Health Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Chair of the Cyprus Turkish Dietetic Association Hidayet Ağören, vice deans, department chairs, academic staff members of Health Sciences Faculty and many students attended the opening ceremony of the congress.

“We are Very Excited about the Congress”

Delivering an opening speech during the ceremony, Chair of the Congress Prof. Dr. Emine Yıldız welcomed everyone at the ceremony and expressed their excitement about the congress. Noting that they are proud of EMU’s institutional structure and its status as the most-equipped university in TRNC, Prof. Dr. Yıldız thanked everyone who contributed to the realization process of the congress. Uttering that they received the support of many colleagues from Turkey, Prof. Dr. Yıldız wished that the congress would be beneficial for all. Following Prof. Dr. Yıldız’s speech, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics Chair

and Congress Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ceren Gezer took the stage and commenced her speech by providing information about the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gezer emphasized that the department is accredited by SABAK and provided information on the development process of the congress. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gezer thanked everyone who contributed to the realization process of the congress and wished for a beneficial event.

EMU Faculty of Health Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç also addressed the participants of the event, providing information about the faculty and saying that Faculty of Health Sciences’ mission is to train health care professionals who are to carry our country forward in the field of health sciences. Saying that health sector requires continuous improvement, Prof. Dr. Malkoç expressed that as the faculty, they always continue their studies within this context. Thanking everyone who supported the congress, Prof. Dr. Malkoç thanked the participants who attended the congress even though they have very busy schedules. Prof. Dr. Malkoç ended her speech by wishing a very beneficial congress.

“EMU Takes the Lead in the Development of Higher Education in the Country”
Delivering a speech on behalf of EMU Rector’s Office, Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe underlined the fact that EMU is the first and

sole state university in TRNC which was established by law and that the university takes the lead in the development of higher education in the country as well as the region by hosting many national and international congresses. Saying that great importance is attached to social, cultural and art events in the interest of providing opportunity for students to improve themselves to the fullest, Prof. Dr. Karatepe emphasized that EMU is amongst the distinguished universities all around the world. Noting that EMU is undertaking significant responsibilities in terms of serving the public, Prof. Dr. Karatepe added that the university’s quality is also certified by the international ranking organizations. Prof. Dr. Karatepe mentioned that the Faculty of Health Sciences achieved a first in our country in 2018 by being accepted into the European Consortium of Health and Rehabilitation Higher Education Institutes. Moreover, Prof. Dr. Karatepe emphasized that the university is the only member from both the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and Turkey in this consortium. Prof. Dr. Karatepe expressed gratitude to those who contributed to the realization of the congress and wished for a productive congress.

Following the opening speeches, a message from EMU VYK President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, who could not attend the event as he was abroad, was read. The said message read as; “Without a doubt, this congress is to encourage knowledge sharing

by bringing the leading experts of the field, pave the way for new meetings and provide an opportunity to discuss the future trends in nutrition.

I wholeheartedly thank all the participants who are to contribute to the developments in the field of nutrition and dietetics and wish that the congress would be beneficial for all.” A music recital was held after the opening speeches. Then, with the moderation of Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, the first session took place with the participations of Dr. Cemal Cevheroğlu, Assist. Prof. Dr. M. Özürk, academic staff member Gülcan Dürüst Sakallı and Specialist Physiotherapist Hayriye Tomaç on the topic of “Bariatric Surgery and Multidisciplinary Approaches”. On the first day of the congress, sessions were held on “Nutrition Models and Microbiota”, “Dietetics and Nutrition: Different Approaches” and “Polyphenols and Nutrition”. The 1st National Eastern Mediterranean Nutrition and Dietetics Congress organized with the participation of experts in their fields who discuss the latest topics in Nutrition and Dietetics, continued until 9 December 2023. During the congress, more sessions on “Obesity under Microscope”, “Childhood Obesity”, “Inflammation and Nutrition” and “Gut Microbiota, Nutrition and Cancer” held. Moreover, verbal statements will take place with the graduate-student meeting titled “Nutrition and Dietetics Education: Student, Graduate, Professional Society and Academic Success”.

FACULTY OF TOURISM SHEDS LIGHT ON THE FUTURE OF AVIATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION DAY PANEL

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism celebrated the 7 December International Civil Aviation Day by bringing together students of the Civil Aviation Cabin Services program through a special panel. The event commenced with an opening speech by the Dean of EMU Faculty of Tourism, Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren.

The Vice Rector responsible for Academic Affairs, Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, also delivered a speech during the panel opening. Prof. Dr. Karatepe emphasized EMU's leading position in global rankings, highlighted the university's achievements, emphasized the significance of aviation programs for EMU, and underscored the important opportunities offered to the university and its students.

Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren also stated that through the continuation of the panel, they aim to create a platform for discussion on current aviation industry topics by bringing together students of Civil Aviation Cabin Services and industry professionals. Distinguished figures in the industry shared insights during the panel on career opportunities in aviation, educational requirements, and

current developments in the sector. Among the participants were experts like Mustafa Sofi, Director of Civil Aviation Department of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), Pinar Ayvaz Arikian, North Cyprus Director of Turkish Airlines, and Captain Pilot D. Çağrı Er from Pegasus Airlines. Prof. Dr. Öztüren, providing information about the Civil Aviation Cabin Services program offered under the EMU School of Tourism and Hospitality, highlighted that the program aims to equip students with both theoretical and practical knowledge to prepare them as competent cabin crew members for the industry.

Moreover, successful students of the 2022-2023 Academic Year Spring Semester were awarded High Honor and Honor certificates during the event. As part of a draw conducted by the Director of Turkish Airlines in Cyprus, participating students were gifted round-trip flight tickets to countries of their choice.

At the conclusion of the panel, Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren expressed gratitude to the panel participants by presenting them with certificates of appreciation and various materials as a token of the day's memory.



FACULTY OF TOURISM STUDENTS WHO OVERCAME THE OBSTACLES WITH BLIND BOWLING GET TOGETHER FOR CROSS-CULTURAL INTERACTION

Within the scope of the Sports and Recreation Management course, the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism, Tourism Management and Recreation Department students organized a tournament night at Shamrock, Famagusta. EMU students showed great interest in the event which was organized after the midterm exams period.

Students, many research assistants and academic staff members attended the event that gave particular importance on the cross-cultural interaction and had great time together. Various tournaments such as bowling, blind bowling, play station, billiard and table football tournaments took place during the event where

participant competed against each other and winners of each tournament received awards.

The students from different countries who gathered together for blind bowling event said: "Each of every one of us came here today with a different perspective, culture and experience. Even though our cultural backgrounds are different from each other, we experienced the problems faced by the visually impaired individuals and we understand these individuals in the same way with each other". Event Coordinator and EMU Community Involvement Center Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir stated that the event was organized especially during the week of 3 December



to emphasize the importance of the day and that with the blind bowling they aimed to overcome the obstacles, embrace diversity and underline the need to fight for a world where recreational events are truly accessible by all.

At the end of the night, the awards were presented by the Dean of Faculty of Tourism Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren. Starting his words by saying, "Games reflect the diversity of different

cultures between people", EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren noted that the faculty carries out various off campus projects every semester, highlighting that students are extremely satisfied with these practices. Prof. Dr. Öztüren thanked the students and academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir who made contributions to the realization of the event.

5 DECEMBER - INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY REMEMBERED AT EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Community Involvement Center (CIC) carried out various projects on the occasion of 5 December – International Volunteer Day. In this context, the carried out projects included a clothes gathering campaign, a visit to Özen Elders Home, food and water cup designing for animal friends living at the campus, an introductory seminar on diabetics and exercise and lastly, a visit to Ötüken Special Education School.

A clothes gathering campaign was held within the scope of social responsibility project course delivered at the EMU Faculty of Communication, Public Relations and Advertising Department. Clothes gathered via the aid boxes located at the faculties will be given to students who are in need. The campaign will continue under 18 December, 2023.

On the other hand, a group of students from the Department of Public Relations and Advertising paid a visit to Özen Elders Home. Another group of students from the same department and Tourism Club students paid a visit to Ötüken Special Education School with the Executive Board members of the Community Involvement Center. Entering the building with balloons in their hands, students presented food prepared by Tourism Club to the students at the special education school and had great time with them by playing games at the school's garden. Once again, volunteering students from the Department of Public Relations and Advertising placed 10 food and 10 water cups at 10 different locations in the campus (Local Café, Sultan Café, Break Point, Kozi, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Communication, Faculty of Architecture, Özay Oral Library, Ekor Vista and Sandras Café). The food and water cups were designed by the students by using water pipes.

Within the scope of 5 December – International Volunteer Day, a workshop on “Diabetics and Exercise” was held with the collaboration of Health Sciences Faculty. The opening speech of the event was delivered by Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir on behalf of Community Involvement Center. During the event, Faculty of Health Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç provided important information on the



topic. Following Prof. Dr. Malkoç's speech, Specialist Physiotherapist Aysen Karaman emphasized the importance of exercise and did exercise with the participant by leading them.

At the end of the event, letters of appreciation were presented to the speakers by EMU Vice Rector's Office for Student Affairs Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Arzu Abiç.

EMU COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CENTER MADE STATEMENTS REGARDING 5 DECEMBER INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eda Yazgin, a member of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Community Involvement Center and academic staff member of the Faculty of Education, Department of Elementary Education, made statements regarding 5 December International Volunteer Day. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yazgin stated the following in her remarks:

“The International Volunteer Day is celebrated annually on December 5th, as declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 1985. The aim of this day is to promote volunteerism awareness from local to global levels and advocate for it. The World Volunteer Day creates a unique opportunity for collaboration among non-profit organizations, civil society and solidarity platforms, academia, and private sector employees to come together,



collaborate, and materialize common values in order to produce and implement solidarity and cooperation. In today's world facing multiple crises, the vital importance of volunteerism for the success of Sustainable Development Goals is acknowledged. The Eastern Mediterranean University Community Involvement Center highlights the power of acting together on 5 December World Volunteer Day, aiming to serve as an example of constructive and productive collaborative action within unity and solidarity. Within the framework of the university student-centered social sensitivity mission, various activities will be carried out throughout the day. The EMU Community Involvement Center calls upon each individual in society to discover the power of their volunteerism for making the world a better place.”

HONOR AND HIGH HONOR CERTIFICATE CEREMONIES

FACULTY OF LAW



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Law and School of Justice organized a certificate ceremony for students who became entitled to receive honour and high honour certificates for their achievements in 2022-2023 Academic Year Spring Semester. Certificates of achievement were presented to the successful

students by faculty dean and academic staff members during the event which was held at Ahmet Necdet Sezer Law Faculty Building, Prof. Dr. Aydoğan Özman Amphitheatre (LA1). EMU Faculty of Law academic staff member and Republican Turkish Party (CTP) Chairperson Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tufan Erhürman also attended the certificate

ceremony. Prior to the presentation of the certificates, appreciation plaques were presented to Administrative Officers Demet Onat Safaoğlu and Bertuğ Salimer for their significant contributions to the Faculty of Law over the years. The plaques were presented by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tufan Erhürman.

FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE , DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture hosted the Honor and High Honor Certificate Ceremony for the Spring Semester of the 2022-2023 Academic Year. Around 60 students were awarded certificates for their academic excellence during the event held at the EMU Activity Center.

The event commenced with an art exhibition featuring works by undergraduate students Ada Dedeoğlu and Yaren Özoğlu, and doctoral student Şerife Hikmet. Additionally, a musical performance by undergraduate students Göksu Sungurtekin, Ertuğrul Koç, and Hüseyin Berk Pehlivan added to the event's vibrant atmosphere.

During her address at the ceremony's opening, Prof. Dr. Rafooneh M. Sani, Head of EMU Department of Architecture, stressed that achievement in architecture evolves over time while emphasizing the significance of consistent effort, creativity, and passion for the built environment. She highlighted how the awarded students not only showcased academic success but also displayed a profound grasp of architecture's transformative potential.

Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alpar Atun, Dean of EMU Faculty of Architecture, emphasized the importance of architectural education, describing the four-year journey as not solely centered on academic learning but also as a comprehensive groundwork

for the future. She emphasized that collaborative projects with faculty, student-involved team efforts, and the campus environment would serve as enduring guiding principles and mentors, shaping their paths towards future accomplishments. Prof. Dr. Atun also expressed her full confidence in the students' future endeavors.

Following these speeches, certificates were conferred upon the successful students by Dean Prof. Dr. Atun, Department Chair Prof. Dr. Sani, and faculty members. The ceremony concluded with a musical performance by undergraduate student Amir Hesam Falah Davoodi from the Department of Architecture.

PROF. DR. CİHAN ÇOBANOĞLU, MEETS WITH EMU FACULTY OF TOURISM STUDENTS

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism brought together its students with Prof. Dr. Cihan Çobanoğlu, a leading academician in the field of Tourism and Hospitality Technologies. Prof. Dr. Cihan Çobanoğlu, the Dean of the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management at the University of South Florida, Director of the M3 Lodging Technology Center, and also holding the title of 'McKibbon Hospitality Professor,' participated in the EMU Faculty of Tourism, Distant Education Master's Program in Hotel Management course as a guest speaker.

During the event hosted by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Seden Doğan, the instructor for the Tourism 4.0 course, Prof. Dr. Çobanoğlu delivered an inspiring and informative presentation within the scope of the guest lecture. Dean of EMU Faculty of Tourism Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren extended his gratitude to Prof. Dr. Çobanoğlu for the valuable insights, experience, and time shared with the students. He also shared his thoughts on the significant benefits that the event provided to the faculty and students.

"Inspired the Students"

Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren emphasized that Prof. Dr. Cihan Çobanoğlu's impressive presentation and knowledge-sharing offered students an opportunity to get closer to the current developments in the tourism and hospitality technology field. Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren highlighted that through this interactive experience, students gained a deeper understanding of innovations in the industry. Prof. Dr. Öztüren also noted that Prof. Dr. Çobanoğlu's leadership position in the field and the success achieved in his career inspired the students, emphasizing the critical role such events play in helping students reach their career goals.

Prof. Dr. Öztüren stated, "Guest speaker events as such play a critical role in equipping our students not only with theoretical knowledge but also with the experiences of industry specialists, preparing them to become future leaders." Prof. Dr. Öztüren also highlighted that this presentation significantly contributed to students' academic and professional

development, strengthening the faculty's international presence. Additionally, Prof. Dr. Öztüren expressed gratitude to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Seden Doğan for bringing this valuable speaker to the students and thanked her for all her contributions.



EMU ORGANIZES A TECHNICAL TRIP FOR DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE GRADUATE CANDIDATES

Being the most preferred Interior Architecture Department in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), Eastern Mediterranean (EMU) Faculty of Architecture, Department of Interior Architecture organized a technical trip to the material supplying firms and furniture workshops located in Famagusta. The trip was organized within the scope of INAR 492/ ITAS 402 – Interior Design Workshop VI course.

The technical trip was organized by EMU Faculty of Architecture, Department of Interior Architecture academic staff members Prof. Dr. Özlem Olgaç Türker and Assist. Prof. Dr. Seyit Ermiyagil and, research assistants Gülde Kasım and Şevin Emektar for graduate candidates who are 4th year students of English and Turkish medium programs in the EMU Faculty of Architecture, Department of Interior Architecture and take the parallel courses of INAR 492 and ITAS 402.

Received Technical Information on Materials and Production

The first stop the technical trip was Mepaş Ltd. in Famagusta. Students examined the ceramics, sanitary ware, faucets, profiles, parquets, etc. of international brands that are on show at Mepaş Ltd. The second



and third stops were made to Arredo and Enn Store located at the Famagusta Organized Industrial Site. Students received information on fixed furniture and motion furniture production methods, various materials and details. Moreover, the students had the opportunity to observe furniture and door manufacturing, as well as coating and painting activities in the workshop.

The students were excited to examine furniture production methods and materials during the trip that was organized by academic staff members and research

assistants. The faculty members also emphasized that Interior Architects need to be proficient in the production and shaping methods of materials they will use to create functional and aesthetic spaces. They highlighted that correct material usage in the right place and form contributes to good design. Academic staff members also underlined the fact that, in an environment where new materials are produced and introduced for use every day, designers are obliged to at least be familiar with the main raw materials of both natural and artificially produced materials, as well as the processes applied to them.

FINANCIAL LITERACY AND CRYPTOCURRENCY STATEMENT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Business and Economics Faculty, Banking and Finance Department Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Nigar Taşpınar released a statement on “Financial Literacy and Cryptocurrency”. The statement released by Assist. Prof. Dr. Nigar Taşpınar reads as follows:

“In recent years, the interest in cryptocurrency, especially amongst the youth, has shown an increase. Cryptocurrencies are digital assets that are often built on decentralized block chain technology. The rapid increase in value of the cryptocurrencies and technological opportunities influenced an increase in the use of cryptocurrencies for investment purposes in our country. However, the youngsters’ interest in cryptocurrencies can lead problems

such as lack of financial literacy and not being able to understand the risks. The volatility, in other terms the fluctuation, of cryptocurrencies is high and the markets can rapidly change which may cause serious financial risks. Financial literacy plays a vital role on understanding the cryptocurrency markets and financial risks.

The importance of receiving education in the field of finance is not fully recognized in our country. Financial education provides individuals with fundamental financial knowledge, personal budget management skills, general economic principles, and the ability to understand and interpret numerical data. Additionally, it equips individuals with skills in developing risk management strategies, evaluating



investment opportunities, and monitoring capital markets. These skills contribute to securing individuals’ financial futures and enabling success in the business world.

The first step should be encouraging the youngsters who are interested in financial markets and cryptocurrencies to learn more about financial literacy. Be reminded that the biggest investment that can be made is taking training on financial literacy in order to be able to understand and manage the financial risks.”

THE ROLE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CYPRUS PEACE PROCESS DISCUSSED

PUGWASH International Relations Club operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Social and Cultural Activities Directorate organized a panel titled “The Role of Non-governmental Organizations in Cyprus Peace Process”.

Organized with “#Let’s Talk Cyprus” hashtag, the panel took place on Wednesday, 6 December, 2023 at 02:00 p.m. at Faculty Senate Hall. EMU Business and Economics Faculty, Political Science and International Relations Department Chair Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen, Mustafa Öngün and Maria Tsiarta representing the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), Kemal Baykallı representing the Unite Cyprus Now platform attended the event as guest speakers.

Receiving great interest from the faculty members and the students, the panel included discussions on topics such as Cyprus Negotiations from past to today, United Nations’ role in the island and, the importance of non-governmental organizations on peace. The 2-hour panel ended with a plaque presentation to the guest speakers by PUGWASH International Relations Club Chair Halef Kurt.



MEMBER OF EMU FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION



Lugain Talaat Dahab, student of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Department of Architecture, is experiencing the happiness of receiving education at the university where her father studied years ago. Starting her academic journey at EMU Faculty of Architecture in the 2023-2024 Academic Year, Lugain Talaat Dahab mentioned that she decided to pursue education at EMU based on her father's advice. Lugain stated that her father, Talaat

Mohamed Hassan Dahab, received education at the EMU Faculty of Engineering and always emphasized the educational quality of EMU.

Lugain Talaat Dahab conveyed that she received information about her father's student years at EMU and highlighted that EMU is considered the best university in Cyprus, with its educational quality accredited by various institutions.

Visit to Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer

Lugain Talaat Dahab paid a visit to Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer for Promotion and Institutional Communication in his office. During the visit held on Monday, 4 December, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., Prof. Dr. Tümer wished Dahab success in her educational journey at EMU and emphasised that being an EMU graduate is a privilege. Dahab expressed her pride in receiving education at EMU and being part of the EMU legacy from generation to generation during her speech.



HIKING EVENT BY EMU MOUNTAINEERING AND NATURE SPORTS CLUB



Mountaineering and Nature Sports Club operating under Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Social and Cultural Activities Directorate, Student Clubs Unit continues its journeys to the historical and natural beauties of Cyprus. In this respect, Club members organized a hiking event in the Kantara region. Mountaineering and Nature Sports Club

members had an opportunity to observe endemic plants unique to Cyprus during the hiking event that started from the Kantara Square. During the hiking event reaching Kantara Castle situated 700 meters above sea level and believed to have been constructed in the 7th century to protect the coastal strip against the Arab invasions, students observed the

remains of ancient defense trenches, military barracks, water cisterns, vaulted rooms, and clock towers. Not forgetting to capture photographs in the region with the magnificent views of the North and South coastal lines from Kantara Castle, the students experienced the pleasure of being in harmony with nature through the organized trip.

VARIOUS EVENT ORGANISATIONS FROM EMU'S INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

EMU's International Student Activities and Societies Unit organised an array of events, each hosted by student societies representing India, Sudan, and Libya. Spread across various zones on the campus, these activities served as a celebration of EMU's cultural diversity, offering international students a chance to immerse themselves in its rich mosaic. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer, Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication actively participated in

the said organisations. The Indian Student Society set the stage for a captivating Bollywood Film Night at the EMU Activity Center yard, inviting attendees to indulge in the enchanting melodies and cinematic artistry of the Indian cinema.

In parallel, the Sudanese Student Society convened a general assembly at the Activity Center Hall, focusing on fostering stronger connections among Sudanese students and nurturing a sense

of unity and solidarity among them. Meanwhile, the Libyan Student Society organised the Activity Games Week with a grand finale held at the Pop Art dormitories, where winning participants were honored with trophies and medals. The week-long event witnessed great excitement during the games, while the team-building exercises embodied the vibrant spirit of the Libyan Student Society.



EMU SEARCH AND RESCUE CLUB STARTS TRAINING

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Search and Rescue Club operating under the EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate, has commenced its training sessions required for readiness in emergencies before potential natural activities, and preparation for the annual Universities Search and Rescue Games. EMU Search and Rescue Club participated in the first theoretical and practical training session provided by the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Civil Defense Organization on 30 November, 2023.

In the 4-hour training session held at the Famagusta Regional Directorate and attended by 20 club members, topics such as emergency management, descent techniques, and basic first aid were covered. Within the scope of descent training, club members learned safe descent techniques from heights and practiced this skill practically. Under the scope of Basic First Aid Principles, members enhanced their knowledge and skills in basic first aid principles and emergency response.



EMU COMMEMORATES THE LATE STUDENT MARVIN MWESIGWA AINE

Operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) International Student Activities and Student Societies Unit, the Uganda Student Society organized a commemoration ceremony at the EMU Church on 29 November, 2023, for Marvin Mwesigwa Aine, a successful student of the EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Chemistry, who passed away at a young age.

The ceremony was attended by EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, and Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer, as well as the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan, Chair of the Physics and Chemistry Departments Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı, the Vice Chair of the Chemistry Department Prof. Dr. Mustafa Gazi, the Chair of the Psychological Counseling, Guidance, and Research Center Psyc. Dr. Fatoş Özeylem Küçük, and the Responsible Officer of the International Student Activities and Student Societies Unit Cemre Mühendisioğlu, along with EMU staff and students.

During the ceremony, speeches were given in memory of Aine, who was also a part of the Uganda Student Society. The Uganda Student Society lit a candle in honor of Aine and placed flowers in front of the lectern.



FUNERAL PRAYER IN ABSENTIA HELD AT EMU FOR PEOPLE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) students from Palestine held a funeral prayer for people who sadly lost their lives in the humanitarian plight in Gaza. The prayer took place on Friday, 8 December 2023 at EMU II. Selim Mosque Islamic Culture Center. EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer attended the prayer with EMU students. Students prayed for those who lost their lives in Israel's attacks on Gaza.

EMU has over 16,300 students from 105 different countries and 367 students from Palestine are studying at EMU during the 2023-2024 Academic Year Fall Semester. EMU has graduated a total of 2,120 Palestinian students since its establishment. In a statement issued by EMU, it was expressed with great sorrow that in the 21st century, inhuman crimes have been committed against the brotherly Palestinian people and residents of the region in Gaza.

Recalling the oppression inflicted on Turkish Cypriots before 1974, EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer noted that Turkish Cypriots understand the suffering of Palestinian people. Prof. Dr. Tümer expressed the hope for the swift end of the ongoing genocide and an end to the persecution inflicted on all innocent people, especially children.

MAJOR STEPS FROM EMU FACULTY OF PHARMACY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Pharmacy is to organize opening ceremony for Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin Amphitheatre, Joint Research Laboratory, Specialist Pharmacist Mertdoğan Soyalan Practice Pharmacy and EMU Experimental Animal Research and Practice Center (EMU – EFDAM) on Monday, 11 December 2023 at 02.30 p.m. at the Faculty of Pharmacy building. During the ceremony, certificates of appreciation will be presented to the Republic of Turkey Nicosia Embassy, Cyprus Foundations Administration, Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce, Municipality of Famagusta, Dem's Construction, Dorhan Medical, Vem Pharmaceuticals and İzzet-Taner Çelik who have contributed to the process.

Devotion to Prof. Dr. Şahin, Founder of the Faculty

The amphitheatre, which will be the largest amphitheatre of the faculty, will bear the name of Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin, the founder of the EMU Faculty of Pharmacy who sadly passed away in 2022.

Joint Research Laboratory

Built with the efforts of Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin, the joint research laboratory will provide opportunity of carrying out scientific research in the fields of Pharmacognosy, Pharmaceutical Botanic, Pharmaceutical Microbiology and Pharmaceutical Toxicology.

Specialist Pharmacist Soyalan's Name Will Live

EMU Faculty of Pharmacy will also inaugurate a Practice Pharmacy where students can receive practical training before their internships. EMU Faculty of Pharmacy will name the Practice Pharmacy after one of Cyprus's oldest and doyen pharmacists late Specialist and Pharmacist Mertdoğan Soyalan who passed away in 2021.

EMU-EFDAM to Play a Part in Drug Investigations

The final opening ceremony will be held for EMU Experimental Animal Research and Practice Center (EMU-EFDAM) where in vivo research on drugs will be carried out prior to clinical studies.



EMU TO REWARD ITS SUCCESSFUL ACADEMICIANS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector's Office will organize an Academic Award Ceremony for EMU academic staff members who were high-achievers in 2022. The ceremony will be held on Wednesday, 6 December, 2023 at 02:30 p.m. at EMU Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall.

In the ceremony, academic staff members who became entitled to receive an Academic Award for the year of 2022 as a result of evaluations of EMU Research Advisory Board will be presented Faculty / School Publication Achievement Awards, Research Incentive Awards and Scientific Publication Citation Awards by EMU

Board of Trustees and Rector's Office. Moreover, academic staff members who were recently awarded with the Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor titles will be presented with Academic Advancement Certificates during the event. Academicians who are listed in the World's Best 2% Scientists list of University of Stanford will also be presented with certificates of achievement.

On the other hand, academic staff members who were thesis advisors in 2022-2023 Academic Year Spring Semester and whose students graduated as of the summer semester will also receive awards and certificates.



FACULTY OF TOURISM, DEPARTMENT OF GASTRONOMY AND CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS PREPARE FOR TAŞFED GASTRONOMY COMPETITIONS

Students from the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts once again gearing up confidently for the competitions that will be held during the 20th International Istanbul Gastronomy Festival organized by the Turkish Cooks and Chefs Federation (TAŞFED) between the 13th and 16th of December, 2023.

Having collected medals in numerous categories in previous years, the EMU Faculty of Tourism, Gastronomy, and Culinary Arts team is fully ready to participate in this year's competitions. Dean of the EMU Faculty of Tourism, Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, expressed full confidence in the team comprising of seven members under the leadership of Chef Instructor Kurtuluş Özbaşar. They are preparing for a total of 12 competitions, including the Grand Prix Chefs Team, Best University Team of the Year, Practical Team Competition, Student Chef for University-Level Schools Restaurant Dessert Competition, Student Chef for University-Level Schools Fish Competition, Student Chef for University-Level Schools Pasta Competition, Student Chef for University-Level Schools Main Course Competition, Young Golden Chef of the Year, Masters Fish, Golden Turkish Chef of the Year, Restaurant Dessert



Plate, and Modern Turkish Cuisine. Prof. Dr. Öztüren stated, 'We are very confident this year as well, because our team, prepared with the expertise of our international teaching staff, is fully equipped to succeed in this challenging competition. With our knowledge, skills, and experiences, we are moving forward

towards our goals.' Expressing gratitude to the University Administration for their unwavering support for participation in the competition, Prof. Dr. Öztüren mentioned that with this support, the University Administration will continue to take pride in their future achievements.

Last Week's Academic Publications | Source: Web of Science

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

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Nordstrom Black Hole." EPL 144, no. 2 (October 2023).

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Faculty of Health Sciences

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