

EMU PRESENTED AWARDS TO SUCCESSFUL ACADEMICIANS



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector's Office organized an Academic Award Ceremony on 15 December, 2023, Friday, at 14:30 in the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall to honor EMU academics who demonstrated outstanding performance in 2022.

“We are Proud of You”

The ceremony commenced with an opening speech by EMU Rector, Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, who congratulated colleagues contributing to the scientific world with their productivity and expressed pride in their achievements. Prof. Dr. Kılıç highlighted EMU as one of the country's oldest universities, stating that since its inception as the Higher Technology Institute with a cohort of 100 students in 1979, it has graduated over 75,000 students and transformed from a small building into a vast campus. Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that EMU not only excels internationally but also plays a crucial role in serving the community through its endeavors.



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“The Value of Information Should Be Acknowledged More”

Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized EMU’s status as the country’s reference point in higher education, recognized by top international ranking institutions as a flagship university. He underscored the significant contribution of EMU academics in the international arena, their information sharing, and accomplishments to this recognition. Highlighting the need to realign the relationship between policymakers and academia based on the value of knowledge, Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted the pivotal role universities play in a country’s development, citing how developed nations utilize knowledge produced by universities to enhance their citizens’ quality of life.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç also reminded the audience of the founding purpose of Bologna University, the world’s oldest continuously operating university established about 1,000 years ago, also an institution which has a joint postgraduate program with

EMU Faculty of Law. He emphasized that beyond ensuring professions become more scientific, the aim was to disseminate produced knowledge to society, allowing the community to embrace and further develop this knowledge.

He extended his gratitude to all academics for their contributions to science, EMU’s visibility, and promotion on behalf of the EMU family, wishing them continued success.

Successful EMU Academicians Received Awards

During the ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç presented Certificates of Congratulations to academics listed in the Top 2% of Scientists in the World by Stanford University. Additionally, based on evaluations by the EMU Research Advisory Board, academics entitled to receive the Academic Award for 2022 were honored with Faculty/School Publication Achievement, Research Incentive, and

Citation in Scientific Publications Awards. These awards were presented by Prof. Dr. Ali Hakan Ulusoy, Chair of the EMU Research Advisory Board and Director of the Institute for Graduate Studies and Research, Prof. Dr. Osman Karatepe, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, Prof. Dr. Salih Katırcıoğlu, Vice Rector for Financial Affairs, and the Assistant Directors of the Institute for Graduate Studies and Research, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Rızaner, and Prof. Dr. Kağan Günçe.

Additionally, recipients of the Assistant Professorship, Associate Professorship, and Professorship titles were presented Academic Promotion Certificates by Ersun Kutup, Member of the EMU Board of Trustees, and Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs. Prof. Dr. Ali Hakan Ulusoy also presented plaques to academics who undertook thesis supervision in the Spring Semester of the 2022-2023 Academic Year and graduated their students in the summer term.

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GREAT SUCCESS

FROM EMU FACULTY OF TOURISM DEPARTMENT OF GASTRONOMY AND CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department students and Tower Training and Practice Restaurant team participated in the 20th International Istanbul Gastronomy Days Competition organized by Cooks and Chefs Federation of Turkey (TASFED) on 13-16 December, 2023 in Istanbul. The EMU students and team won the biggest prize titled the Grand Prix award along with the Turkish Golden Chef of the Year cup and total of 24 medals; 15 golden, 7 silver and, 2 bronze.

Supervised by the EMU Faculty of Tourism academic staff member and World Association of Chefs' Societies (WACS) member Chef Kurtuluş Özbaşar, EMU team consisted of Research Assistant Fatma Öztunç, Part-time academic staff member Hatice Kumaş and, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department students Günseli Kafa, Batuhan Yiğit Bayram, Nujin Dilba Karakulak, Alikaan Yeğilmez and Hasan Çatal.

Making a statement on the topic, EMU Faculty of Tourism Vice Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. M. Güven Ardahan noted that the achievement of the team is not a coincidence but is a result of experienced teaching staff, physical infrastructure as well as the support provided by the university. Moreover, Vice Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. M. Ardahan expressed pride in the continuation of the high performance the team had shown in the previous competitions they participated in.

EMU Faculty of Tourism Dean Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren also made a statement and said: "The event, which is Turkey's largest gastronomy competition and festival, has been held in collaboration with the World Association of Chefs' Societies (WACS) for 20 years, hosting the international gastronomy community in Turkey. The event, held in partnership with federations and associations of leading countries in the world of gastronomy, was organized with intense interest this year, as in previous years. The festival, which has played a



significant role in the integration of Turkish cuisine with world cuisine, brought global flavors to Istanbul. International Istanbul Gastronomy Days, recently awarded with the title of "Intercontinental" by the World Association of Chefs' Societies (WACS) through successful previous events, has provided an opportunity for competition at the international level for students in the Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Departments in both Turkey and Northern Cyprus, as well as for young chefs."

Prof. Dr. Öztüren thanked Research Assistant Fatma Öztunç and Part-time academic staff member Hatice Kumaş who have made great contributions in the team's preparation process and who also participated during the competition along with the team members. Moreover, Prof. Dr. Öztüren also thanked academic staff member Kurtuluş Özbaşar who supervised the team during the process and expressed that the success achieved by the team is a sign of quality in education. Finally, Prof. Dr. Öztüren thanked EMU Rector's Office who have always provided support and, all the other individuals for their contributions.

Record Breaking Number of Medals and Cups

According to the competition results, Fatma Öztunç, Hatice Kumaş, and Nujin Dilba Karakulak from SPT1 - Grand Prix Chefs Team secured a gold medal and a cup. Additionally, Fatma Öztunç won a gold medal and a cup in SP6 - Golden Turkish



Chef of the Year category, a silver medal in SP3 - Master Fish category, and a gold medal in SP10 - Restaurant Dessert Plate category.

Additionally, Nujin Dilba Karakulak won silver medals in JP6 - Restaurant Dessert category, and JP7 - Fish Competition and a gold medal in JP7II - Golden Young Chef of the Year categories, while Alikaan Yeğilmez won silver medals in JP8 - Pasta Competition and JP6 - Restaurant Dessert categories. Hasan Çatal secured a silver medal in JP8 - Pasta Competition and Hatice Kumaş won a gold medal SP11 - Modern Turkish Cuisine.

Günseli Kafa won a bronze medal in JP6 - Restaurant Dessert, a silver medal in JP9 - Main Course and a gold medal in JP7 - Fish Competition categories. Batuhan Yiğit Bayram earned a bronze medal in JP7 - Fish Competition and a gold medal in JP9 - Main Course category. Finally, Alikaan Yeğilmez, Batuhan Yiğit Bayram, and Hasan Çatal claimed gold medals in JPT1 - Practical Team Competition and JPT2 - Best University Team of the Year Competition.

On the other hand, EMU Faculty of Tourism, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department students and Tower Training and Practice Restaurant team members returned to the island with their medals and trophies on Sunday, 17 December, 2023. EMU Faculty of Tourism Dean Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren greeted and congratulated the students and team members at Ercan Airport.

PRESTIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES CONTINUE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THE COLLABORATION OF EMU AND UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

The diagnosis of endometriosis, a chronic disease, is often delayed worldwide for various reasons; and this not only poses a challenge for patients and their families but also imposes a significant economic burden on healthcare systems. The data collected from the Eastern Mediterranean region is extremely limited. A study has been carried out on endometriosis with the intention of making up the insufficient data from the Eastern Mediterranean region. Researchers from the University of Oxford, Cyprus Women's Health Research Society (COHERS) and Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Biological Sciences participated in the said study. The outcomes of the study were published on 9 December, 2023 in European Journal of Public Health.

According to the information provided by principal researcher of the project Dr.

Nilüfer Rahmioğlu, the study published in this highly prestigious journal represented a groundbreaking achievement. It has revealed, through the analysis of data collected from 7,646 women, that the prevalence of endometriosis is approximately 10% lower compared to global data. However, Dr. Rahmioğlu also noted that the data indicate the presence

of many undiagnosed cases within the community. In addition to this, a 7-year delay in the diagnosis of the endometriosis was observed in the community. This study showed that women receive a diagnosis from a doctor approximately 7 years after experiencing the initial symptoms of the disease.

Being one of the researchers participated in the study, EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Biological Sciences Department Chair Prof. Dr. Bahar Taneri emphasized the importance of such collaborative studies and noted that the outcomes of the study shed light on the determination of public health policies, particularly in improving access to better diagnosis and treatment options for patients. Detailed results of the research can be accessed at <http://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/38070492/> link.



LAW FACULTY RANKS FIRST IN TRNC IN EDURANK RANKING



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Law ranked as the number one Law Faculty of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) in the 2023 rankings of the international independent university ranking organization, EduRank. EMU Law Faculty also achieved an important success by being ranked as the second-best Law Faculty in Cyprus. In

the ranking where EduRank evaluates universities worldwide based on scientific publications and number of citations, only 15 universities in Cyprus offering Law education were included.

The EMU Law Faculty proudly secured the second position across Cyprus, marking a honorable achievement. Additionally,

the faculty climbed to the 496th position in Europe, marking another significant success. EduRank stands among the most respected evaluation organizations globally as it not only focuses on academic success but also considers the faculty's visibility, career achievements of its graduates, and the publications and work of its faculty members.

IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTRY AND SCIENCE FROM FACULTY OF PHARMACY



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Pharmacy held the opening ceremonies for Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin Amphitheater, Joint Research Laboratory, Specialist Pharmacist Mertdoğan Soyalan Practice Pharmacy and Research Center on Monday, 11 December, 2023, at 14:30 at the faculty building.

The ceremony was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Vice-Rector for Financial Affairs Prof. Dr. Salih Katırcıoğlu, General Director of Cyprus Foundations Administration (EVKAF) Prof. Dr. İbrahim F. Benter, EMU Board of Trustees Member Ersun Kutup, Dean of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Prof. Dr. Müberra Koşar, faculty deans, faculty members, students, as well as institutional representatives and individuals contributing to the established units.

Research Center to Serve All Universities on the Island

Following a moment of silence and the National Anthem, the opening speeches were delivered. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emre Hamurtekin, Vice Dean of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy and Director of Research

Center spoke at the opening ceremony, sharing insights into the center's history, the challenges faced during its inception, and how these difficulties were overcome. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hamurtekin stated that the center's aim is to serve all universities on the island, expressing gratitude to all stakeholders who supported overcoming these challenges and meeting the center's needs.

"We Aim to Serve All Relevant Fields in the Country"

Dean of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Prof. Dr. Müberra Koşar noted on this very important and proud day, the inauguration of four different units. Prof. Dr. Koşar emphasized the significance of Specialist Pharmacist Mertdoğan Soyalan Practice Pharmacy not only for EMU but for all Pharmacy Faculties in the country, conveying their gratitude to the late Mertdoğan Soyalan and his spouse Dr. Hatice Soyalan for their immense support.

Prof. Dr. Koşar highlighted that naming the largest amphitheater of the faculty after Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin, the founder of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy, was a debt

of gratitude for his contributions. She also mentioned that the construction of the Joint Research Laboratory the inauguration of which was taking place, took place during Prof. Dr. Şahin's tenure. Prof. Dr. Koşar stated that doctoral students would receive education in four different main branches and conduct scientific research in this laboratory. Prof. Dr. Koşar expressed that Research Center aimed to serve not only EMU but also other Pharmacy Faculties and all relevant fields within the

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country, mentioning their goal to organize certification programs. She also extended her personal appreciation and gratitude to all institutions and organizations providing infrastructure and material support to these units.

“We Witness Science and Gratitude Together on this Special Day”

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed the excitement of coming together on such a special and meaningful day. Providing information about the establishment and history of EMU, Prof. Dr. Kılıç conveyed that within EMU, a state university, over 16,300 students from 105 different countries receive quality education, and the university hosts academicians from 35 different countries. Highlighting EMU as a university deeply integrated with society, always serving the community and the state, Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized the existence of specific criteria for quality in education, expressing their responsibility to fulfill these criteria.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that on this special day, they witnessed both science and gratitude in education. He mentioned that the amphitheater, joint laboratory, and centers signify some of the finest examples of how the light of science can be illuminated. Highlighting that evaluating university education solely on a theoretical basis is not the correct approach, Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that education holds meaning when combined with practice. He indicated that this approach has been put into practice not only within university facilities but also through sectoral collaborations with EMU's stakeholders. Prof. Dr. Kılıç conveyed his thanks to everyone who contributed and played a role in the establishment of these units.

Presentation of Thank You Plaques

Following the speeches, plaques of appreciation were presented by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Dean of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Prof. Dr. Müberra Koşar to the Turkish Republic Embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus Foundations

Administration, Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Commerce, Gazimağusa Municipality, Dem's Construction, Dorhan Medical, Vem Pharmaceuticals, İzzet-Taner Çelik, and Dr. Hatice Soyalan for their support to EMU Faculty of Pharmacy's initiatives. After the plaque presentation ceremony, the inauguration of Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin Amphitheater, Joint Research Laboratory, Pharmacist Mertodoğan Soyalan Practice Pharmacy and Research Center took place.

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

The amphitheater named after Professor Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin, the founder of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy, who passed away in 2022, mourning both EMU and the world of Pharmacy, holds the distinction of being the largest amphitheater of the faculty.

Joint Research Laboratory

The joint research laboratory, built through the initiatives of Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin, will provide opportunities for scientific research in Pharmacognosy, Pharmaceutical Botany, Pharmaceutical Microbiology, and Pharmaceutical Toxicology.

Keeping the Name of Specialist Pharmacist Soyalan Alive

EMU Faculty of Pharmacy also introduced a Practice Pharmacy where its students can receive practical training before their internships. By naming the Practice Pharmacy after Pharmacist Mertodoğan Soyalan, one of the oldest and esteemed Pharmacists of Cyprus who passed away in 2021, the Faculty honors and keeps his name alive.

Research Center To Be Involved in Drug Research

At Research Center, inaugurated within EMU Faculty of Pharmacy, pre-clinical drug research will be conducted.



EMU AND COOPBANK ESTABLISHING STRONGER

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the Cyprus Turkish Cooperative Central Bank (COOPBANK) came together on Thursday, 14 December, 2023 at EMU's Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç's office. Present at the meeting held with the aim of further strengthening the collaboration between the two institutions were EMU's Rector, Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, Information Technologies Director Aytaç Çerkez, COOPBANK's General Director Kemal Ataman, and also the Deputy Director Kemal Özçınar, who is a 2000-2001 Academic Year Spring Semester graduate of EMU Faculty of Engineering, Computer Engineering Department, and 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester graduate of EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, Business Administration Master's Program.

During the meeting, the attending parties exchanged ideas on enhancing the existing collaboration protocol between EMU and COOPBANK, which has been in place for 20 years, aiming to make improvements beneficial to both institutions. The parties also reached an agreement to expand the usage areas of the Student Campus Card provided by COOPBANK to EMU students, enhance the benefits offered to students, and work towards making it more widely available.

“Our Collaboration Will Further Strengthen “

Expressing gratitude for the visit of COOPBANK's General Director Kemal Ataman and Deputy Director and EMU graduate Kemal Özçınar, Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç conveyed great delight in the continuous strengthening of the robust collaboration between the two institutions. Mentioning that the

discussion on how the Student Campus Card provided by COOPBANK would bring more gains to both students, EMU, and COOPBANK was highly beneficial for both institutions, Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized EMU's commitment to continuing collaboration with state institutions, being the first and only state university established by statute, while continuing to serve its students and society.

“Our Collaborations with EMU Will Bring Great Contributions to the Country”

COOPBANK's General Director Kemal Ataman reiterated their firm support for EMU under all circumstances, highlighting EMU's significance for both Famagusta and the country. Ataman also noted that COOPBANK has branches within EMU and expressed their aim to expand and increase the number of branches both within and outside the campus. He underscored the readiness of COOPBANK for collaboration, just as they have done for many years. Ataman pointed out that the collaboration between the two institutions would not only benefit EMU and COOPBANK but also contribute significantly to the country.

During the meeting, the parties agreed upon that representatives from both institutions would come together in the near future to work on the agreed-upon matters. At the end of the meeting, EMU Rector, Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, presented a crystal adorned with the EMU logo to COOPBANK's General Director Kemal Ataman as a token of appreciation.



VISIT FROM LIMAK INTERNATIONAL HOTELS & RESORTS TO EMU RECTORATE

Sabahattin Yıldız, the Public Relations Director of Limak International Hotels & Resorts, paid a courtesy visit to the Rector of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç on Tuesday, 12 December 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Prof. Dr. Kılıç's office.

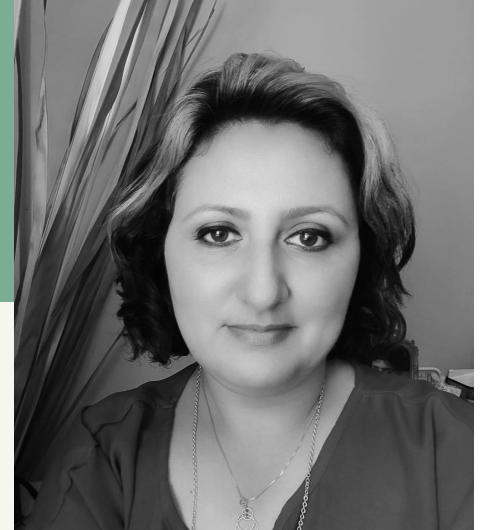
Prof. Dr. Kılıç thanked Yıldız for the visit and provided information about EMU's activities. In return, Yıldız expressed

gratitude to Prof. Dr. Kılıç for receiving them and shared information about the current endeavours of Limak International Hotels & Resorts.

During the visit, discussions focused on potential future collaborations between the two institutions and services that could be jointly offered to the community. Following the courtesy visit, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented Yıldız with a crystal bearing the EMU logo.



PRESTIGIOUS APPOINTMENT TO THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE PROF. DR. RAFOONEH MOKHTARSHAHİ SANİ



Head of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Department of Architecture Prof. Dr. Rafooneh Mokhtarshahi Sani has been appointed to serve on the 2023-24 NAAB International Committee by Stephen Schreiber, President of the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), one of the most important architectural education accreditation organizations in the world.

The International Committee oversees the accreditation programs and activities of architecture schools outside the United States (US). This committee also supervises programs and activities related to evaluating education

references of undergraduate candidates educated abroad, concerning NAAB's architecture accreditation, and liaises with the NAAB Board regarding international partnerships.

Academic Prestige of the Department of Architecture

Outside the US, in our nearby geographical region, only three architecture schools hold NAAB ICert Accreditations: two in the Republic of Turkey and one at EMU. Based on the list of International Committee members, Prof. Dr. Rafooneh Mokhtarshahi Sani is the sole appointee from the region, emphasizing the significance of this appointment as an indicator of the

academic prestige of EMU Department of Architecture.

This prestigious appointment highlights the distinction of EMU Department of Architecture from other architectural schools in the region, signaling EMU's influential position on the international arena.

ANOTHER AWARD FOR INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE DEPARTMENT!

Arda Fethi Akgün, a fourth-year student from the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture, Department of Interior Architecture, has been awarded an honorable mention in the 'Mekan 2023: 10th National Final Project Competition for Interior Architecture Students.' The award-winning project, titled 'Interior Design of Famagusta Port Departure Terminal,' was completed under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Nil Pahaogölür Şahin, Assist. Prof. Dr. Kamil Güley, and Research Assistant Erhan İlhan.

The competition, organized by the Department of Interior Architecture and Environmental Design of Istanbul Kültür University, aims to bring together students from Interior Architecture and Environmental Design Departments to create a constructive competitive platform where their approach to design issues, contributions to the formation of spatial culture in line with current developments, and presentation of ideas can be evaluated.

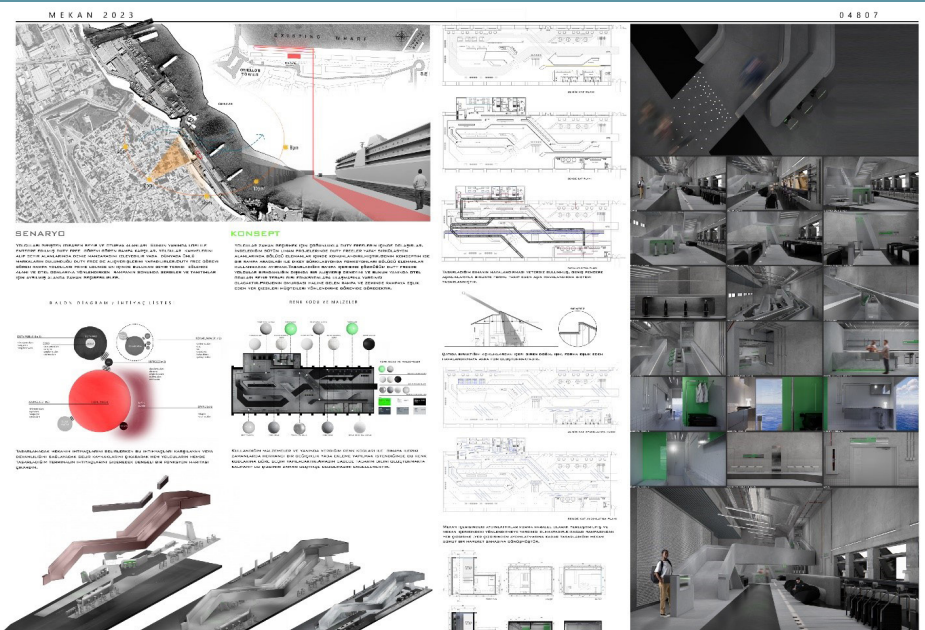
47 Projects from 22 Universities Competed

Projects submitted to the competition were evaluated by a jury consisting of prominent representatives from academic and professional fields. This year, 47 projects

from 22 different universities participated, showcasing final/diploma projects of students studying Interior Architecture/ Interior Architecture and Environmental Design in universities in Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

Commenting on the success, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Afet Coşkun, Head of the EMU Faculty

of Architecture, Department of Interior Architecture, stated, 'The achievements of our students always fill us with pride. I extend my sincere congratulations to our instructors and student. I firmly believe that the success and educational quality of our Interior Architecture Department will continue to be recognized through competitions.'



STUDENT CLUBS SUMMIT HELD AT EMU

Student Clubs Unit operating under Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Social and Cultural Activities Directorate organized “Student Clubs Summit’23” for Executive Board members of the Student Clubs.

Being a first both in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and EMU, the Student Clubs Summit took place on Saturday, 16 December, 2023 between 10:00 a.m. and 04:00 p.m. with the participation of executive board members of 45 active student clubs of the university. The executive board members of the student clubs got the chance to gather together with many important individuals who are experts in the fields of communication and business. The individuals with expertise delivered presentation during the event that took place at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Board of Trustees Executive Board member Ersun Kutup, Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu were present during the said event. Delivering the opening speech of the event, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu commenced her words with welcoming the participants and noted that the aim of the event was to bring the students together with different clubs and to help them take another step towards their professional lives. Providing information on the student clubs, Prof. Dr. Zorlu emphasized the importance of interaction between all the student clubs and expressed that such activities help students have a sense of belonging about the university.

Stating that they gathered for a very special and meaningful event, Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined the fact that university life is a structure formed with different stages. Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that universities not only offer career opportunities but also prepare their students for life, shaping the future and planning and developing how they will become leaders in the future. Mentioning the importance of student clubs, Prof. Dr. Kılıç said that student clubs play a vital role in career planning of the students. Also



highlighting the importance of increasing the numbers of clubs and social activities, Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that university life is not just about classes and academic pursuits, but it should also include a social aspect. Addressing the students, Prof. Dr. Kılıç advised, “Participate in activities, join clubs, if you don’t find a club you like, take the initiative to start one, and act together.” At the end of his speech, Prof. Dr. Kılıç wished everyone a successful journey.

Within the scope of the all day-long event, various presentations took place:

“Civil Society and Volunteering” by Executive Board member of the Turkish Cypriot Association of Women Entrepreneurs (GIKAD) Özlem Ratip, “Event Management” by EMU Faculty of Communication, Public Relations and Advertising Department Chair Prof. Dr. Anıl Kemal Kaya, “Effective Communication Through Social Media”

by Haber Kıbrıs General Director and Journalist Hüseyin Ekmekçi, “Effective Communication” by Communication Specialist Özdemir Tokel, “Social Media Management” by Social Media Content Creator Mehmet Ekin Vaiz, “Leadership and Team Work” by EMU Faculty of Business and Economics Academic staff member, Senior HR Advisor Jülide Erdal Üngör and “Sponsorship” by EMU TV – EMU Radio Director and Visual Media Coordinator Şevket Serkan Şen.

In the summit organized with the contributions of EMU Faculty of Communication and Faculty of Business and Economics, and sponsored by GIKAD, Te Media, Petek Patisserie and Oza Coffee, students had the chance to receive information on fields such as social entrepreneurship, civil society, communication, leadership, team management and event management.



FACULTY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MEETS WITH ITS NEW STUDENTS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Education, Department of Elementary Education academic staff members and students, who commenced their education life at Pre-School Teacher Education Program and Elementary School Teacher Education Program in 2023-2024 Academic Year, got together in an acquaintance event.

Stating that the EMU Faculty of Education, Elementary Education Department annually organizes a "Welcoming" event for the new students of the department, Chair of the Department Prof. Dr. Ayşe Işık Gürşimşek noted that these events play a vital role in students' adaptation process to the university life.

Opportunities were introduced

Emphasizing that the EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Elementary Education, Pre-School Teacher Education Program is accredited by AQAS, Prof. Dr.

Gürşimşek highlighted the opportunities provided by EMU and the Faculty of Education for prospective teachers to acquire contemporary teaching competencies required by the era. In the event which was held within a friendly-atmosphere, faculty members conveyed important messages to the students about the teaching profession and opportunities for self-improvement at EMU. Meanwhile, students found answers

to various questions on different topics. Department of Elementary Education Student Handbook and brochures prepared by EMU Psychological Counseling, Guidance and Research Center (EMU-PDRAM) were presented to the new students of the department.



SMOKING CESSATION UNIT STARTS OFFERING SERVICES

Eastern Mediterranean University Smoking Cessation Unit operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, Clinical Practice and Research Center, has started offering services under the supervision of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine academic staff member Dr. Ayşe Atasoylu. In a statement released regarding this, the unit expressed its pleasure in scheduling appointments for those wishing to quit smoking. The Smoking Cessation Unit aims to assist smokers who are ready to quit or those unsure about their readiness to quit. The unit provided the following recommendations to the community:

'Understand your relationship with cigarettes and other tobacco products and develop a personalized approach to help you break this habit.

Educate yourself about early detection of lung cancer. If you smoke or used to smoke, you may be a candidate for lung cancer screening between the ages of 50 and 80. Quitting smoking may involve nicotine replacement therapy,

pharmacotherapy (medications that reduce the desire for smoking), or a combination of both.

Quitting smoking will bring numerous immediate and long-term benefits. Why not schedule an appointment today?'

Appointments for the Smoking Cessation Unit located within the Eastern Mediterranean University Dr. Fazıl Küçük Clinical Practice and Research Center can be made by calling 0392 630 38 51.

Who is Dr. Ayşe Atasoylu?

Dr. Ayşe Atasoylu completed her Medical Education at the Medical College of Wisconsin, USA, and Internal Medicine Residency at Georgetown University, USA. She has received training in Public Health from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in Baltimore, MD, USA, and mindfulness-based stress reduction and mind-body education from the University of Massachusetts, Harvard University, Brown University, Koru Mindfulness, and the Mindful Academy. Continuing her work with the aim of serving the community and directing



them towards a healthy, fulfilling, and meaningful life, Dr. Atasoylu's areas of interest include internal medicine, lifestyle medicine, preventive care, cancer screening, mindfulness, and stress reduction.

Dr. Ayşe Atasoylu offers services at the EMU Dr. Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine, Clinical Practice and Research Center in the Internal Medicine Clinic and Smoking Cessation Unit.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS COMPETE IN INTERLYMPICS 2023

Operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) International Student Activities and Societies Unit, the International Student Societies held the opening of INTERLYMPICS 2023 on 10 December, 2023, at the EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium. The event, attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, witnessed athletes from 19 different countries competing in 100-meter sprint, long jump, 400-meter run, relay race, tug-of-war, and table tennis competitions.

Emphasizing the spirit of fair play, the event showcased athletes from diverse cultures engaging in fair competition and enjoying



the games to the fullest. Following the conclusion of the competitions, medals and trophies were awarded to the winning



students by Cemre Mühendisoglu, officer in charge of the EMU International Student Activities and Societies Unit.

THE PRESIDENTS OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SOCIETIES MEET WITH STAFF

The presidents of societies who were elected for the new term in the International Student Societies operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) International Student Activity and Student Societies Unit met with EMU staff at a meet-and-greet session held at the EMU Rector's Office.

The meeting, which took place in the EMU Senate Meeting Room, was attended by Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, Vice Rector for Student Affairs at EMU, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer, Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication, Şevket Serkan Şen, Director of EMU TV - EMU Radio, Murat Aktuğralı, Coordinator



for International, Turkish Republic, and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Promotion, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Raziye Nevzat, Coordinator of Digital Strategic Marketing Office, Hatice Çapkıner, staff member responsible for the unit under the Student Affairs Directorate, Cemre Mühendisoglu, staff member responsible for International Student Activity and Student Societies Unit, Onur İstillozlu from the Student Affairs Directorate, and staff members of the International Promotion Office İljal Yahya, Server Yavaş, Buğra Etikan, and

Selmin Erdoğan. During the meeting, the new Presidents of the International Student Societies introduced themselves individually. Following this, discussions were held on the main agenda items, which included student permit procedures, international events and activities, student concerns, principles of collaboration, and promotional activities. The meeting went quite positively, and the union presidents were presented with tea, coffee, and snacks. The meeting ended after a group photo.

VISIT FROM THE EMU COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CENTER TO ÖTÜKEN SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Community Involvement Center paid a visit to the Ötüken Special Education School. Accompanying the members of the EMU Community Involvement Center Executive Board were students from the EMU Faculty of Communication, Public Relations, and Advertising Department, along with students from the EMU Tourism Club. Turgut Özyöre, the Mukhtar of Ötüken and also the Administrative Officer of the EMU Faculty of Education, joined the event.

Playing Games with EMU Students
Entering the classroom with colorful balloons, visitors from EMU first introduced themselves to the special

education students. They served food prepared by the Tourism Club and then spent delightful hours playing games in the schoolyard. While touring the school, EMU students explored the newly constructed classroom block, animal shelter, physiology room, and handicraft workshop. The students were fascinated by necklaces, earrings, and bags prepared for the end-of-year exhibition. Meanwhile, the EMU Community Involvement Center Executive Board had a meeting with the school teachers, discussing potential joint projects and setting goals for the upcoming academic term. At the conclusion of the event, Mukhtar Özyöre expressed gratitude to the EMU Community Involvement Center Executive Board.



PREMIERE OF THE FILM FEATURING THE SHOOTINGS OF EMU CINEMA AND TELEVISION DEPARTMENT STUDENTS TO TAKE PLACE WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF BIKET ILHAN

The Turkish Program students of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication, Department of Cinema and Television participated in the shooting of a feature film titled 'THE STRANGER IN MY ROOM' as part of the 'Directing and Production in Cinema' course. The gala and screening of the film prepared within the scope of the course delivered under the supervision of EMU Faculty of Communication academic staff member Ömer Evre will take place on Thursday, 21 December, 2023, at 2:00 PM in the Faculty of Communication M007.

The gala will be attended by Biket İlhan, the President of Film Directors (Film Directors Guild) in Turkey. As part of the gala, Biket İlhan, who is the President of Directors Guild and the advisor for the film, will have a discussion about becoming a director in Turkey. Following the film screening, the program will continue with the presentation of honor and high honor certificates to the successful EMU Cinema and Television Department students for their remarkable achievements during the 2022-2023 Academic Year

Spring Semester. Throughout the aforesaid course, students learned about the three stages of creating a film: Pre-Production, Production, and Post-Production. They first acquired knowledge about screenplay writing. Subsequently, they completed casting and location selections in line with the written script, fulfilling their shooting requirements. They promptly completed the filming, starting in early February, by putting into practice the theoretical knowledge they had acquired.

About the Film 'The Stranger in My Room':

Genre: Thriller

Plot: The film, starring Zeynel Sürücü and EMU Faculty of Communication Department student Tuğberk Demirkent, revolves around Korhan, who enrolls in university with dreams of becoming a successful director and tries to adjust to campus life. His life takes a turn when Atalay moves into his dorm room. Initially, everything seems fine for Korhan, but one morning, news of the death of his teacher Tayfun's wife, Sedef, changes things. Now, Korhan and his friends' safety is at risk. As they try to uncover the truth, painful secrets come to light.



FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND ENGLISH PREPARATORY SCHOOL TO ORGANIZE CHARITY BAZAAR FOR CHAMPION ANGELS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (FLEPS) will organize a charity bazaar event in aid of the Champion Angels Association. To be organized within the scope of social responsibility project, the event will take place on Wednesday, 20 December 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at EMU FLEPS front garden.

EMU students who came to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC)

from all around the world with the aim of getting training will sell traditional food in the event. The revenue of the event will be donated to the Champion Angels Association.

Delicious and traditional food sale event is to be held on "Charity Day". Making a statement on the topic, EMU FLEPS Director Assist. Prof. Dr. Ramadan Eyyam invited people of Famagusta to the Champion Angels Charity Bazaar event.

CHARITY BAZAAR

**WEDNESDAY
20 DEC, 2023
10:40 AM**

Various competitions with Surprise prizes

TRADITIONAL FOOD - MUSIC - DANCE

EPS FRONT GARDEN

The money collected will be donated to
Şampiyon Melekleri Yaşatma Derneği

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21-25 DECEMBER NATIONAL STRUGGLE AND MARTYRS WEEK EVENTS TO BE HELD AT EMU

On the occasion of 21-25 December National Struggle and Martyrs Week, Eastern Mediterranean University, Atatürk Research and Application Center (EMU ATAUM) will organize various events with the collaboration of EMU Atatürk Ideology Club (EMU AIC).

Public Panel

Within the scope of the events, on Thursday, 21 December 2023 at 02:30 p.m. a "Mujahids Tell" panel open to public will be held. To be moderated by the Chair of EMU ATAUM Assoc. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Gökçürk, the event host guest speakers Mujahid Teacher Aysel Soykara and Mujahid Ahmet Aşır, Chair

of Muratağa, Athılar, Sandallar Martyrs Association.

A Visit to TRNC Martyrs Families and Veterans Association

On Friday, 22 December 2023 at 02:00 p.m., EMU ATAUM and a group of students will pay a visit to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Martyrs Families and Veterans Association located in Nicosia. Aiming to highlight the fact that they always support the families of the martyrs, the event is also organized with the intention of helping students learn more about the National Struggle of the Turkish Cypriot community.

21-25 ARALIK MİLLİ MÜCADELE VE ŞEHİTLER HAFTASI

PANEL

"MÜCAHİTLER ANLATIYOR"

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- AYSEL SOYKARA
MÜCAHİDE
EMEKLİ ÖĞRETMEN
- AHMET AŞIR
MÜCAHİT
MURATAĞA, ATILAR, SANDALLAR
ŞEHİTLERİNİ YAŞATMA DERNEĞİ BAŞKANI

Moderatör:

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TURGAY BÜLENT GÖKÇÜRK
DAU ATAUM BAŞKANI

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PERŞEMBE
14.30

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