

A WORKSHOP ON PHYSIOTHERAPY IN SCHOOLS HELD



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, Pediatric Rehabilitation Unit organized a workshop titled 'Physiotherapy in Schools' on Monday, 25 December, 2023, from 09:00 to 13:00. Chaired by Prof. Dr. Emine Handan Tüzün, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Güçhan Topcu and Assist. Prof. Dr. Ünal Değer, the workshop involved Specialist

Physiotherapist Çisem Demiralp Övgün and Specialist Physiotherapist Özge Çiftçi in the organization. Present at the opening of the workshop were Sibel Tatar, the spouse of the President of the TRNC Ersin Tatar; Resmiye Canaltay, UBP Member of Parliament; Dr. Süleyman Uluçay, Mayor of Famagusta; Behçet Çelebi, Director of Higher Education and External Relations at the TRNC Ministry of National Education; Prof. Dr. Hasan

Kılıç, Rector of EMU; Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Vice Rector of EMU; Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Dean of the EMU Faculty of Health Sciences; Vice Deans, Department Chairs, faculty members, representatives from the Cyprus Turkish Physiotherapists Association, Cyprus Turkish Physical Activity Association, Directors of Famagusta Special Education Centers, middle and high school teachers, and students.

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CYPRUS TURKISH DORMITORIES ASSOCIATION VISITS RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ

Cyprus Turkish Dormitories Association paid a visit to Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. In the said visit, the matters concerning the dormitories located in EMU campus were discussed. Chair of the Association Ekrem Soyşen expressed the desire of a closer relationship between the Built-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Dormitories located in EMU campus and the EMU Rector's Office. Moreover, Chair Soyşen informed EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç on the struggles of the dormitories.

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Workshop Reports to Serve as Guidance

Following a moment of silence and the national anthem, Workshop Chair Prof. Dr. Emine Handan Tüzün highlighted the workshop's unique status as the first of its kind in the country, aiming to create awareness of physiotherapy in all schools. Providing insights into the field of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, Prof. Dr. Tüzün emphasized the significance of physiotherapy within school settings. She expressed confidence that the outcomes of the workshop would provide significant contributions, citing the reports as guiding documents. Prof. Dr. Tüzün extended gratitude to those involved, expressing her belief in the workshop's fruitful outcome.



EMU's Faculty of Health Sciences: The First Gateway to Health

In her address, Prof. Dr. Malkoç welcomed everyone and emphasized that EMU's Faculty of Health Sciences serves as the university's first gateway to the field of health. Prof. Dr. Malkoç highlighted the faculty's commitment to advancing healthcare in the country and nurturing health scientists dedicated to this purpose. Describing their efforts to contribute to public health, Prof. Dr. Malkoç explained the functions

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of the Healthy Living Center and the Prosthetics-Orthotics and Biomechanics Center within the faculty. She conveyed hopes for the success of the workshop, extending appreciation to all involved.

“EMU’s Work Serves as a Guide”

Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç emphasized EMU’s status as the first and only state university established by law in the TRNC. He highlighted EMU’s contributions in academic, research, and community service domains, positioning it as a guiding institution for the society and the state. Prof. Dr. Kılıç stressed the role of universities in responding to societal needs and asserted EMU’s leadership in shaping the future. He highlighted EMU’s international influence and its importance as a significant local reference point. Prof. Dr. Kılıç continued, stating, ‘EMU

is the university of the community. If people across the country are discussing EMU today, it reflects how much the community has embraced and internalized EMU. It’s one of the greatest values created and one of the most significant investments made by the Turkish Cypriots.’ He underlined the importance of the workshop’s outcomes guiding the country’s health sector and contributing to future planning.

“The Follow-up of Workshop Reports Is Crucial”

Sibel Tatar expressed her delight in being at EMU and her belief in EMU’s trajectory towards more successful days ahead. She expressed anticipation for the workshop results and stressed the significance of not only conducting workshops but also following up on their outcomes. Providing insights into

their presidential work, Tatar highlighted that the workshops’ ultimate goal should be to fulfill the responsibilities outlined in the reports. Acknowledging the deficiency in physiotherapy in schools, Tatar believed that the workshop reports would underscore this and advocated for activities and initiatives in schools considering the increasing sedentary lifestyles among children due to technology. Wishing for a successful workshop, Tatar expressed eagerness to access the workshop reports promptly.

Following the opening speeches, seven topics were addressed in the subsequent sessions: ‘Health in Schools,’ ‘Physical Activity,’ ‘Pediatric Orthopedics and Posture,’ ‘Pediatric Neurology,’ ‘Pediatric Cardiopulmonary,’ ‘Pediatric Pelvic Problems,’ and ‘Ergonomic Approaches in Schools.’”

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“We have responsibilities Towards Our Students”

Stating that EMU, the first and sole state university of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, is a higher education institution providing education over 16,300 students from 105 different countries in 2023-2024 Academic Year Fall Semester, Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that as the Rector’s Office, they would be pleased to improve the existing collaboration protocol signed with the Cyprus Turkish Dormitories Association to provide the best, most convenient, safest, healthiest and most peaceful conditions to the EMU students. Saying that they are aware of EMU’s significant role on Famagusta’s economy, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that all dormitories have the same responsibility towards EMU students, emphasizing the importance

of abiding by the EMU Regulations and Principles for Student Dormitories.

A Joint Committee to be formed

In the meeting, an agreement on establishing a joint committee concerning the dormitories was reached. The Cyprus Turkish Dormitories Association conveyed that they will take necessary initiatives to enhance the security of dormitories, employ qualified security personnel, and ensure that these security personnel undergo regular training. Moreover, parties agreed upon to control the entries and exits to the EMU South Campus with barriers and gates, and to determine the hours for guest entries and exits.

Joint Participation in Fairs

Parties came to an understanding on

Cyprus Turkish Dormitories Association representatives to attend the local and international fairs attended by EMU within the framework of EMU’s promotional activities. In this context, the relevant representatives get the opportunity to contribute to the promotions of EMU as well as EMU dormitories. Cyprus Turkish Dormitories Association will regather with EMU Rector’s Office to carry out active work in regards to solving the issues. During the meeting, it was decided to create a consistently safe, healthy, and peaceful environment for EMU students through goodwill and cooperation. The decision includes taking necessary measures in both internal and external security and, strengthening collaboration in mutual support.

EMU HOSTED A NEW YEAR FESTIVAL



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted its New Year Festival on Wednesday, 27 December, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the EMU Rectorate Square. Organized by EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate, the event welcomed EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu overseeing Student Affairs and many faculty members and students.

Offering a vibrant array of entertainment, the festival garnered significant interest from both students and the Famagusta community. DJ Savage and MC Shana's performances provided a joyful atmosphere, complemented by the Christmas choir singing tunes about the new year. EMU's Dance Club showcased diverse dance performances, while a New Year-themed band show lit up the night.



Throughout the event, featuring food and beverage stalls, EMU Theater Community offered face painting sessions, and the Photography Club captured memorable moments. Attendees shared their aspirations for the new year by hanging wishes on a dedicated tree. Additionally, the North Cyprus Lions Clubs distributed food packages to students, and Oza Coffee generously served complimentary coffee. Items collected as part of a clothing campaign led by the EMU Community Involvement Center and the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate were given to students free of charge. Furthermore, the Animal Rescue Club accepted donations of pet food for campus animals.



The 360-degree video setup at the event area garnered enthusiastic participation, allowing attendees to share the EMU New Year's celebration on social media. A handcraft workshop stall crafted various souvenirs from folded paper. All participants enjoyed a delightful evening, embracing the festive spirit of the New Year.

NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS HELD

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) welcomed the year 2024 with a New Year's gathering at the EMU Rector's Building. On Friday, 29 December, 2023, between 10:00 and 12:00, the event was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Ersun Kutup, member of the EMU Board of Trustees, Vice-Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Salih Katircioğlu, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, Deans of Faculties, Department Heads, Faculty Members, and Administrative Staff. The participants at the said gathering wished that the year 2024 would bring health, peace, happiness, and serenity to everyone.

New Year Celebrations in Units and Faculties

Additionally, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç participated in New Year celebrations organized in various units and faculties to extend New Year wishes to the staff. The celebrations were held by units and faculties including the Sports Affairs Directorate, Human Resources Directorate, Technical Affairs Directorate, Transportation Affairs Unit, Faculty of Health Sciences, Faculty of Communication, Faculty of Business and Economics, and the Eastern Mediterranean University Academic Staff Union (DAU-SEN).



RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE



Prof. Dr. Hasan Kiliç, Rector of Eastern Mediterranean University released a new year message. In his message, Prof. Dr. Kiliç stated the following:

“As members of the EMU community, we extend our warmest New Year wishes to all EMU staff, students, and the people of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and hope that 2024 brings health, peace, happiness, and serenity to our country and the whole world.

The past year, 2023, left its mark with events the effects of which will extend

into the new year. Unfortunately, it was a year that did not bring much joy to our country, Turkey, or the world. The tragic earthquake disaster in Turkey on 6 February, 2023, caused immense grief both in our country and Turkey. The loss of our beloved children of the Champion Angels Team, our teachers and family members who were preparing them for successful and a bright future, has left a profound impact nationwide. As the EMU family, we pledge our continued support to the families of the Champion Angels Team in 2024, seeking the harshest punishment for those responsible and

swift justice. Furthermore, the past year saw the heartbreaking loss of thousands of children, women and innocent civilians in global conflicts. Thousands of people were forced to migrate from their homelands. Our hope is for these wars to end soon and for the senseless loss of innocent lives, especially children's, to finish.

At EMU, we all recognise the economic crisis we face as our most pressing challenge. Years of overlooked issues have led us into a tough economic time. Addressing short-term possibilities is crucial for future planning, and our efforts are directed towards this.

Despite these challenges, we have seen significant scientific achievements in 2023 that have made us proud. Our university has continued to ascend in the international scientific arena. For 2024, our aim is to elevate our university further, address current difficulties, and strive for a prosperous future. I extend my best wishes for the New Year to our students, all staff, and the TRNC community. As we leave behind a year marked by increased global and national strife, I hope that 2024 brings health, peace, happiness, and success to all.



A NEW YEAR EVENT FOR THE SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE WAS ORGANISED UNDER THE COLLABORATION OF EMU AND AFIK GROUP

The "New Year Event for SOS Children's Village" was held by the Eastern Mediterranean University with the cooperation and sponsorship of AFIK Group. Having become a tradition for 15 years and held at Lesland Entertainment Center in Catalkoy this year, the event was coordinated by Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir, academic staff member of the Faculty of Tourism and the Chair of the Community Involvement Center.

The SOS Children's Village and around 110 students from the EMU Tourism Management and Recreation Departments participated in the event. Alongside the students, numerous research assistants, Assistant Director of the SOS Children's Village, and educators working at the village were present at the event.

In the morning, students visited the zoo section of the center where they received information about various animals such as mouflon, Karpaz donkey, red ox, African goat, and pigs. Afterwards, they explored the amusement park section, having the opportunity to ride bumper cars, see mermaids, ride on a carousel, ferris wheel, dragon ride, and a train. During the event, various cultural performances



belonging to international students from countries like Iran, Morocco, Kazakhstan, and Yemen were showcased. Activities like face painting, a mini club, and clown performances were organized, ensuring enjoyable hours for the children. Assist. Prof. Dr. Kandemir highlighted that in planning recreational activities with students, they always incorporate educational and cultural elements. Moreover, they mentioned planning joint projects for the future focusing on the environment, elderly care, and education with SOS Children's Village and the Community Involvement Center. At the

end of the event, the dance group from SOS Children's Village contributed by presenting their own dance performance to EMU students. Following the event, Assistant Director of the SOS Children's Village, Münür Yücekal, expressed gratitude to Assist. Prof. Dr. Kandemir for continuing the tradition of celebrating the New Year and extended thanks to the AFIK management, Dean of the Faculty of Tourism Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, and Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu under whom the Community Involvement Center operates, presenting them with certificates of appreciation.

END-OF-SEMESTER CONCERT AND NEW YEAR CELEBRATION BY THE STUDENTS OF THE MUSIC TEACHING PROGRAM

Students of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education, Music Teaching Program organized an end-of-semester concert and a New Year celebration event. The said event took place at the Choir Hall of the Department of Fine Arts Education at 12:30 on 26 December, 2023. The Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Pehlivan, the Head of the Department of Fine Arts Education, Prof. Serdar Çetin Aydar, faculty members, and students attended the event. Prof. Aydar, speaking at the opening of the event, expressed that the students performing would showcase examples of their work at the end of a semester and requested support from the audience through applause. He



wished the students success. Throughout the concert program, students took turns on stage and performed pieces by various renowned composers such as Chopin, Schubert, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky,

Delibes, and Aşık Veysel. After the event, the students held small open-air concerts at the entrance of the department, celebrating both the end of the term and the New Year.

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING ORGANISED A HONOUR AND HIGH HONOUR CERTIFICATE CEREMONY



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Engineering, Department of Industrial Engineering organized a ceremony and cocktail reception honoring students who excelled during the Spring Semester of the 2022-2023 Academic Year in the Industrial and Business Engineering Programs. These students were recognized for their outstanding achievements with honour and high honour certificates.

Held at the Industrial Engineering Amphitheater, this ceremony featured the presentation of certificates to the successful students by the Department Chair and faculty members. Assist. Prof. Dr. Emine Atasoylu, Chair of the EMU Department of Industrial Engineering, extended congratulations to the successful students and highlighted the accreditation of both undergraduate programs by ABET, underscoring the department's commitment to maintaining top-notch educational standards and providing robust advisory services to foster the maximum growth of students.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB LISTENED TO THE ENTREPRENEURS OF THE FUTURE



Teamwork, and Examples of Young Entrepreneurship" with the middle school students. In the second stage, students were divided into teams based on topics such as "Environment, Animal Rights, Health, Entertainment/Games, Education" and were asked to generate ideas and present them. EMU Entrepreneurship Club members mentored the teams, who worked within a limited time frame to find solutions to problems and discussed solutions from various perspectives.

The workshop aimed to nurture students who think solution-oriented, possess developed communication skills, and most importantly, have high self-confidence. Aziz Oğlak, Gürkan Erdoğan, and Ertül Erciyas, teachers from Çanakkale Middle School's Entrepreneurship Club, expressed their gratitude to EMU Entrepreneurship Club, stating that the students' work during the workshop was highly productive. They mentioned that as teachers who have already initiated numerous innovative projects, they will continue supporting their students in the field of entrepreneurship.

Operating under the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Entrepreneurship Club, initiated a collaboration with middle schools that have entrepreneurship courses in their curriculum as part of a social responsibility project. The first collaboration took place with Çanakkale Middle School where the Entrepreneurship Club students from

EMU came together with Çanakkale Middle School students to conduct an Idea Workshop. The aim of the workshop was to help students put what they have learned into practice and to explain what areas an entrepreneur needs to develop. In two stages of the Idea Workshop, initially, EMU Entrepreneurship Club Advisor Jülide Erdal Üngör shared fundamental information on "Entrepreneurship,

FACULTY OF LAW ORGANISED A PANEL IN MEMORY OF PROF. DR. ESIN KONANÇ

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Law hosted a panel in memory of the late Prof. Esin Konanç, a distinguished academician who made substantial contributions to EMU Faculty of Law before tragically passing away in a traffic accident in 2009. The said annual panel has been held for the 15th time this year under the theme “Human Rights on the 100th Anniversary of the Republic,” at the LA1 Hall of the Law Faculty. The panel which took place under the moderation of Assist. Prof. Dr. Can Azer, academic staff member at EMU Faculty of Law, commenced with a reading of Prof. Dr. Esin Konanç’s biography, followed by a video screening featuring a collection of photographs. Distinguished speakers at the panel delved into current and contentious topics, exploring multifaceted dimensions of human rights. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Demet Çelik Ulusoy underscored the significance of human rights in the digital era through her presentation titled “Human Rights 4.0.” Assist. Prof. Dr. Emine Koçano Rodoslu examined the protection of personal rights amidst social media violations. Meanwhile, Assist. Prof. Dr. Bezar Eylem Ekinci analyzed the limitation of freedom of expression using decisions from



the European Court of Human Rights under the theme “Legitimate Purpose in Restricting Freedom of Expression.” Lastly, Assist. Prof. Dr. Nurcan Gündüz shed light on contentious aspects within criminal law concerning “Freedom of Expression and Depenalization of Insult,” offering insights with contemporary examples. This remarkable event served as a platform for academics and students to converge and discuss contemporary human rights issues. The engaged participation during the presentations led to a productive question-and-answer session and discussions that ensued

at the conclusion of the panel. Overall, the panel stood as a meaningful tribute, aiming to honor and commemorate the academic legacy of Prof. Dr. Esin Konanç. This noteworthy event served as a platform for academics and students to converge and discuss contemporary human rights issues. The engaged participation during the presentations led to a productive question-and-answer session and discussions that ensued at the conclusion of the panel. Overall, the panel stood as a meaningful tribute, aiming to honor and perpetuate the academic legacy of Prof. Dr. Esin Konanç.

STUDENT COUNCIL ORGANIZED A MARCH FOR THE MARTYRS



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Student Council organized a walk for the 12 soldiers who have been martyred in the Claw-Lock Operation conducted in northern Iraq. The walk, supported by student clubs operating under the Directorate of Social and Cultural Activities, saw a significant turnout.

Before the march, held starting from the EMU Activity Center, EMU Student Council President Başbuğ Kurtbey Duru spoke, expressing their wishes for God’s mercy upon the martyrs who lost their lives due to terrorist attacks and condemning the acts of terrorism. Accompanied by flags and slogans, the march concluded in front of the Prime Living Dormitory.



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

Faculty of Medicine

1- Teksoy, Nermin, Mehmet Ilktac, Betigul Ongen, and Karolina Skonieczna-Zydecka. "Investigating the Significance of Non-*Jejuni/Coli* Campylobacter Strains in Patients with Diarrhea." *HEALTHCARE* 11, no. 18 (September 2023).

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

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Greybody Factors of Symmergent Black Hole." *PHYSICS OF THE DARK UNIVERSE* 42 (December 2023).

4- Swift, Bethan, Bahar Taneri, Christian M Becker, Hasan Basarir, Huseyin Naci, Stacey A Missmer, Krina T Zondervan, and Nilufer Rahmioglu. "Prevalence, Diagnostic Delay and Economic Burden of Endometriosis and Its Impact on Quality of Life: Results from an Eastern Mediterranean Population." *EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH*, 2023. (Early Access)

Faculty of Business & Economics

1- Isayev, Mugabil, and Eralp Bektas. "The Nexus between Commercial Bank Lending and Shadow Banking Assets: Do Bank Risks and Profitability Moderate? Evidence from Emerging Markets." *APPLIED ECONOMICS LETTERS* 30, no. 9 (May 2023): 1162–67.

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15, no. 19 (October 2023).

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Faculty of Education

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Faculty of Engineering

1- Shahbazi, Fatemeh, and Mahmood Hosseini. "The Effect of Variation of Stories' Plan Size along Height of Relatively Tall Steel Buildings on Their Seismic Behavior." *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF STEEL STRUCTURES*, 2023. (Early Access)



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