

A PROTOCOL FOR AYLUGA NATURAL LIFE PARK PROJECT SIGNED EMU, MUNICIPALITY OF FAMAGUSTA AND MAKAMER



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Municipality of Famagusta and Famagusta Women's Centre Association (MAKAMER) signed a collaboration protocol concerning the Ayluga Wetlands located in Çanakale region of Famagusta. With the signed protocol, parties agreed on launching a natural life park in the Ayluga Wetlands region which would provide a relaxing atmosphere for the members of the society where they can

observe the natural beauties of the region. The protocol was signed on Wednesday, 3 January, 2024 at 03:00 p.m. at EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç's office. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay and the Director of MAKAMER Sıdıka Özdoğan signed the said protocol. EMU Faculty of Architecture, Department of Architecture academic staff member and Project Coordinator on behalf of EMU

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Müge Rıza, MAKAMER Environment Committee Representative and Project Coordinator on behalf of MAKAMER Pelin Üretici and, Secretariat of MAKAMER Serap Akalınlar were also present during the signing session.

"EMU Fulfills its Responsibilities towards the Community"

Delivering a speech during the signing session, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç → pg. 2

EUL RECTOR PROF. DR. MEHMET ALİ YÜKSELEN VISITS RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ

European University of Lefke (EUL) Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Yükselen paid a courtesy visit to Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. The visit took place on Thursday, 4 January, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç's office.

Congratulating EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç for taking the office, EUL Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Yükselen wished Prof. Dr. Kılıç and his team

success in their endeavors. During the courtesy visit, recent developments in higher education in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and potential areas for future collaboration between the two universities were also discussed.

At the end of the visit, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç presented a traditional Cypriot Lefkara work panel to EUL Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Yükselen.



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noted that EMU has responsibilities towards the community and that it continues to increase and improve the collaborations signed with non-governmental organizations. Reminding that Ayluga Wetlands region is one of the distinguished spots of Famagusta, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that the project concerning the improvement of the region is a significant step taken within this context. Moreover, Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed that, EMU will continue to provide support by using the fund of knowledge it has gained throughout its journey over the last 40 years. Thanking everyone who have contributed to the preparation process of the protocol, Prof. Dr. Kılıç wished the protocol to be beneficial for all.

“The Project will provide Important Contributions to the City and the Community”

Also speaking at the signing session, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay stated that Famagusta is one of the richest regions on the island in terms of wetlands and, that the protocol to be signed with EMU and MAKAMER would provide important contributions to the city and the community. Emphasizing the importance of EMU’s existence in the higher education sector of the country as well as its critical role not only for the city of Famagusta but also for the other higher education institutions in the country, Dr. Uluçay called on the public to consider

this characteristic of EMU when dealing with the government and state. Thanking everyone who had a part in the preparation process of the protocol, Dr. Uluçay wished for a protocol beneficial for all.

“We Thank Everyone who has contributed to the Project”

Mentioning that they have been monitoring the process related to the Ayluga wetlands since 2017, MAKAMER Director Sıdıka Özdoğan pointed out that despite making progress at times, certain factors such as the pandemic have caused delays in the project, and she discussed the challenges the association has faced during this period. Özdoğan conveyed that, in addition to various awareness projects aimed at fostering the wetlands’ ownership and a sense of belonging among the local community, they have been working with a committee consisting of members of the local community, including the regional mukhtar of Çanakkale, and two MAKAMER members. Özdoğan expressed gratitude to everyone, especially EMU and Municipality of Famagusta, who collaborated with MAKAMER and contributed to the project during this process.

FORMER RECTOR OF ÇANAKKALE ONSEKİZ MART UNIVERSITY PROF. DR. ALİ AKDEMİR VISITS RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ



Former Rector of Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University and Istanbul Arel University, Graduate Education Institute Director Prof. Dr. Ali Akdemir paid a courtesy visit to Eastern Mediterranean University

(EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. The visit took place on Tuesday, 2 January, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Providing information about EMU, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that EMU is the only state university in the

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) which was established by law.

Noting that the quality of EMU has been accredited by various independent international ranking institutions, Prof. Dr. Kılıç highlighted that the academic increase in EMU is to gradually continue. During the visit, Prof. Dr. Akdemir provided information about Istanbul Arel University and discussed the possible collaborations to be made with EMU.

At the end of the visit, Prof. Dr. Akdemir presented Prof. Dr. Kılıç a souvenir unique to the Istanbul Arel University. On the other hand, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented a Cypriot Lefkara work panel to Prof. Dr. Akdemir.

FACULTY OF TOURISM

ACCREDITED WITH ISO 22000:2018 FOOD SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATE

Eastern Mediterranean University (DAU) Faculty of Tourism stands out as the first and only Tourism Faculty in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) accredited with the ISO 22000:2018 Food Safety Management System standard.

The EMU Faculty of Tourism has once again proven its compliance with the ISO 22000:2018 Food Safety Management System standard through the accreditation renewal audit held on 20-21 December, 2023. As a result of the external audit managed by the Chief Inspector and Senior Food Engineer Nurettin Uzun, the full compliance of EMU Faculty of Tourism with food safety standards has been confirmed and certified as of 3 January, 2024.

With the ISO 22000:2018 Food Safety Certificate, the EMU Faculty of Tourism has certified food safety within the scope of Hotel Management, Gastronomy, and Culinary Arts Services. The Faculty has officially documented its superior standards in food safety concerning successfully completed accreditation in hotel operations, gastronomy, and culinary arts services. This certification once again emphasizes the commitment of the EMU Faculty of Tourism to internationally recognized standards for students and

stakeholders. Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Dean of the DAU Faculty of Tourism, expressed pride in the achieved success, stating, "Food safety is a fundamental element in the tourism sector and secures our faculty's quality standards at an international level in this field. We take pride in reaffirming our commitment to providing a reliable educational environment for our students and stakeholders."

Prof. Dr. Öztüren extended thanks to the team led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. M. Güven Ardahan, Assistant Dean, Administrative Officer Kaan Özkorkut, and Senior Instructor Hatice Kumaş, along with Quality and OHS Management Systems Consultant Latif Sakar, for their significant roles in the successful audit process. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ardahan, in his statement, said, "This certification is the result of teamwork and disciplined management. I congratulate everyone involved and express my gratitude for their achievements."

ISO 22000:2018 is considered a global reference for food safety management systems. Its attainment by the EMU Faculty of Tourism emphasizes once again the commitment to providing a healthier and more reliable educational environment for both students and stakeholders.



FERHAT CAN AND VOLKAN BAŞOCAK GAVE A SEMINAR ON “INNOVATIVE CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUE: WOOD-HYBRID SYSTEM” AT FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE



At the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture, the significant “Wood-Hybrid System,” which holds an important place within Innovative and Sustainable Architectural Designs, was discussed through a conference given by two prominent figures known for their global applications.

Ferhat Can and Volkan Başocak, two influential names actively engaged in Vienna, Austria, in their professional lives, introducing innovative applications in sustainable pursuits to various countries worldwide, delivered a seminar titled “Innovative Construction Technique: Wood-Hybrid System,” hosted by the EMU Faculty of Architecture.

As it is known, the universal search for environmentally friendly development solutions to the depletion of global energy resources, environmental pollution, and the climate crisis has intensified globally. In the field of architecture, sustainable designs have been developed and started to take place in many countries through innovative applications alongside conventional methods. Particularly in the twentieth century, as concrete structures took the forefront among building systems and materials, their energy efficiency and lasting negative effects on the environment have been frequently debated. As a result, new alternatives, with significant uniqueness, have begun to be implemented.

Within the scope of the seminar, along with comprehensive information about wood-hybrid systems, practical examples implemented in various parts of the world were presented. The sharing of the speakers’ expertise in their fields and their experiences in active professional lives contributed to raising awareness among all participants regarding new developments in architecture within the context of sustainable practices and provided concrete methods for potential future steps. Suggestions were proposed for the introduction of Wood-Hybrid systems to the education and application sectors through Eastern Mediterranean University in the coming years. Ferhat Can and Volkan Başocak, who are involved in innovative and

sustainable building design and applications in Vienna, Austria, stand out in the field due to their accumulated experiences. Ferhat Can serves as the Chief Technology Officer at Cree Buildings, focusing on economic technologies in this position. Can, who has developed a profound expertise in innovative and sustainable architectural designs, has been involved in numerous prestigious projects. On the other hand, Volkan Başocak, as an architect, engineer, and educator, has taken part in various firms alongside running his own company, contributing to projects in sustainability, renewable energy, thermal energetic restorations, and the preservation of historical buildings. These projects, combining technical innovations and efforts to preserve historical heritage, showcase Başocak’s knowledge and innovative approach in the field.

Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alpar Atun, the Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, emphasized the importance of closely monitoring developments in education and application within the EMU Faculty of Architecture. She highlighted the necessity of efforts towards implementing the wood-hybrid system, an innovative construction system, in our country as soon as possible. She pointed out that these sustainable applications could be a valuable initiative for resource-limited Northern Cyprus.

STUDENT EXHIBITION ‘FROM WASTE TO ART’ FROM DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture organized an awareness event within the scope of the course ‘ARCH 320 UN SDGs: An Interdisciplinary Approach for the Future of Our Planet,’ offered by the Department

of Architecture. The event, titled ‘From Waste to Art,’ was proposed, designed, and presented by the students as part of their semester project for the course. In scope the event, students, under the supervision of the course coordinator Prof.

Dr. Şebnem Hoşkara from the Department of Architecture, exhibited the works they produced using waste materials at the entrance of the central lecture halls building.

The concept behind the works created by students using waste materials was identified as ‘A Happy World.’ Each work produced within the scope of the project significantly represents a different United Nations Sustainable Development Goal in an abstract manner.

To draw attention to the global goals, the students also placed logos of the Sustainable Development Goals on the floor to create awareness among other students attending the event. This exhibition, which successfully garnered the interest of various student groups using the space, can be viewed at the entrance of the Central Lecture Halls building until the beginning of the 2023-2024 Academic Year Spring Semester.

FACULTY OF DENTISTRY ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER PROF. DR. A. NEHİR ÖZDEN ATTENDED THE ORAL IMPLANTOLOGY SYMPOSIUM IN ANKARA

Prof. Dr. A. Nehir Özden, the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Dentistry academic staff member, attended the Oral Implantology Symposium hosted by Başkent University in Ankara.

Distinguished speakers from both domestic and international backgrounds participated in the symposium, sharing their knowledge and experiences with the attendees. The symposium covered various topics, including fixed rehabilitation of edentulous jaws with 4 implants, radiological assessment in implantology, current approaches in augmentation-free implant procedures, an overview of materials used in implant

prosthetics, treatment of aesthetically unsuccessful implants, current prosthetic approaches in supra-implant applications, understanding alveolar bone loss, gaining and preserving it from the effects of biofilm, clinical strategies for augmenting atrophic crests, managing aesthetic problems around implants, and soft tissue, as well as digital application strategies for different healing aspects in gingival shaping.

Throughout the symposium, discussions were held regarding the current status of digital workflow compared to conventional procedures in implant dentistry, exploring what steps should be taken in the future. The significance of

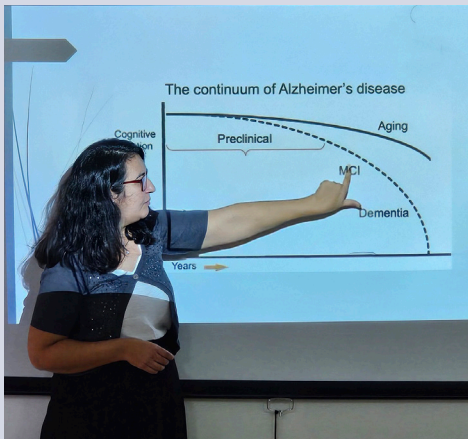


the responsibilities of practitioners and educators in terms of their contributions to public health was once again highlighted during the event.

TRAINING SESSIONS COMMENCE FOR THE NATIONWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEUROCOGNITIVE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM IN COLLABORATION BETWEEN EMU AND THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

As part of the collaboration protocol between Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of Health in the field of health, initial training sessions for memory screening in individuals aged 65 and above have commenced. The said initiative is the result of the efforts of the Primary Health Services Department and EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine. The first training program, aimed at Primary Care Doctors and Nurses, commenced with the participation of healthcare professionals from Famagusta and İskele regions.

The training, held at EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine, commenced with opening speeches from Project Coordinators Dr. Naciye Nami, Chief Doctor of the Primary Health Services Department, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Amber Eker Bakkaloğlu from the Neurology Department of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine, and Assist. Prof. Dr. Nimet İlke Akçay, Acting Dean of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine. Following the opening speeches, the training workshop commenced. During the workshop, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Amber Eker Bakkaloğlu delivered presentations on 'Dementia, Dementia in Cyprus, and the Importance



of Screenings' and Psychologist Hazal Dinçyürek presented on 'Tests to be Used in Screening.' The workshop concluded with a



presentation from Sümer Gürbüz of the Ministry of Health Information Technology Unit, introducing the registration system.

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY STUDENTS MEET ART ENTHUSIASTS



A photography exhibition showcasing the photographs captured by students of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) was organized within the scope of the “Advanced Photography” course by the Faculty of Communication, Department of New Media and Journalism.

Led by photography artist and EMU Faculty of Communication academic staff member Dr. İsmail Gökçe, the “Advanced Photography” course covered 17 different projects, ranging from documentary to conceptual photography, experimental photography, and photographs generated using artificial intelligence. A total of 60 photographs were selected for the mixed

exhibition, drawing significant interest from attendees.

Reflections Through the Lens of Students

Dr. Gökçe, in his opening speech at the exhibition, expressed his delight in presenting the individual projects that his students had worked on throughout an academic semester in the “Advanced Photography” course. He highlighted that these photographs weren’t mere moments captured but engaged in a dialogue as a blend of past and present. Dr. Gökçe emphasized the significance of the exhibition coinciding with the late Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wilbert Skip Norman’s birthday on December 22nd, reflecting on his own

photographs being showcased 23 years ago during his time as Skip Norman’s student at the Faculty of Communication’s end-of-semester student exhibition. He expressed his happiness at now hosting his own students’ exhibition under the same faculty roof, congratulating his students and thanking everyone present at the opening.

Dedicated to Wilbert Skip Norman

In his address at the exhibition, Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy, the Dean of the Faculty of Communication, highlighted the importance of showcasing the practical photographs captured by students during their coursework, reaching a broader audience through the exhibition. Prof. Dr. Ersoy emphasized how students were able to apply practical knowledge gained in their courses within the faculty. He noted that dedicating the exhibition to the late Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wilbert Skip Norman, who had also served as the dean of the Faculty of Communication, was a matter of immense pride for the faculty.

The exhibition featured photographs captured by students Ahmet Mete Yiğit, Aslı Akaylı, Hüseyin Barut, Asmin Dila Oral, Aydın Çınaroğlu, Bamlak Alemayehu Lemma, Berk Deniz Ceylani, Fatih Abiç, Güney Genç, Louis Kalanga Mahunde, Mohamad El Tawil, Nujin Dilba Karakulak, Tyasdeer Said Al Tamimi, Semiha Mortazavi, Sanem Yılmaz, Valeria Poberejet, and Yağız Günel.

FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION COMMEMORIZES LATE ACADEMICIAN WILBERT SKIP NORMAN



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication commemorated late academic staff member and photographer Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wilbert Skip Norman by putting together a corner in his memory. Academic staff members and students showed great interest in the commemoration corner organized in Wilbert Skip Norman Photography and Film Studio. The commemoration corner consists of photographs shot by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Norman during the 70s and provides information about Assoc. Prof. Dr. Norman’s valuable contributions to the EMU Communication Faculty. EMU New Media and Journalism Department Chair Prof. Dr. Hatice Aliefendioğlu delivered a presentation in the event and provided the participants information

on Assoc. Prof. Dr. Norman. Stating that he is proud to be a student of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wilbert Skip Norman, EMU Faculty of Communication Dean Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy noted that he had learnt so much regarding academic life from late academician. Known as “Skip”, Prof. Dr. Ersoy added that Assoc. Prof. Dr. Norman was highly beloved by the students. Prof. Dr. Ersoy also highlighted that Assoc. Prof. Dr. Norman was passionate about Cyprus and had made significant contributions to society and the university in Cyprus through his appreciation for cultural studies.

Who is Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wilbert Skip Norman?

One of the oldest and colorful figures of EMU

Faculty of Communication, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wilbert Skip Norman, passed away on 18 March, 2015, in Washington DC. Skip Norman graduated from the Berlin Film Academy in 1969. In 1976, he earned his undergraduate degree in German Language from Ohio State University, and in 1979, he obtained a master’s degree in Cinema. Completing his Ph.D. at the same university in 1984, Skip Norman worked at the University of Southern Mississippi, Ohio University School of Fine Arts, and Howard University Department of Radio, Television, and Film between 1984-1995. Serving as a visiting faculty member at Marion Technical College, The New University of Lisbon, and The German Film and Television Academy, Skip Norman started working at the Eastern Mediterranean University Faculty of Communication, Department of Journalism in 1996. Having served as a faculty member at the EMU Faculty of Communication from 1996 to 2010, Skip Norman taught a wide range of courses in areas such as photography, culture and communication, research methods, visual literacy, anthropological research methods, news photography, film theory, screenplay, and film analysis. He also supervised master’s and doctoral theses. His academic articles were published in numerous journals, including Visual Anthropology Journal of Cyprus Studies, The Zora Neale Hurston Forum and, Point of View: A Film Journal, and he presented at numerous conferences.

VISIT TO PRESS ORGANIZATIONS BY NEW MEDIA AND JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication, Department of New Media and Journalism a field trip to press organizations as part of the 'Introduction to Journalism' course. Led by the Dean of the Faculty of Communication, Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy, and Research Assistant İ. Emre Sugel, the trip provided students with the opportunity to meet with media professionals.

During the visit, Turkish News Agency Cyprus (TAK), Halkın Sesi Newspaper, Independent Media Group, and Kıbrıs Postası were visited. Students had the chance to interact with leading media figures in Cyprus, gaining insights into the working principles of media outlets and experiencing the stages of publication flow. Detailed information was provided on online and conventional journalism, agency reporting, and Web TV broadcasting during the visit.



Discussions on Internship and Job Opportunities

Commenting on the event, Dean Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy expressed his satisfaction with students gaining knowledge and observing the work environment by interacting with experienced media professionals. He emphasized the significance of establishing

new connections regarding internships and job opportunities for students during this trip, extending gratitude to the institutions hosting EMU students. Prof. Dr. Ersoy also mentioned the continued growth of collaborations with the industry, highlighting the importance of combining educational programs with the industry.

NEW MEDIA AND JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT STUDENTS HONORED WITH CERTIFICATES OF SUCCESS

Students of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) New Media and Journalism Department were honored during the Honor and High Honor Certificate Ceremony. The well-attended, presented certificates to students who demonstrated success during the Spring Semester of the 2022 – 2023 Academic Year by faculty members.

“Theory Meets Practice for Societal Benefit”

The opening speech at the ceremony was delivered by the Chair of the EMU New Media and Journalism Department, Prof. Dr. Hanife Aliefendioğlu, who commended the students for their achievements and conveyed gratitude to the attendees. Prof. Dr. Aliefendioğlu emphasized the evolving diversity in publishing and journalistic activities in a field where digital technologies continuously advance, highlighting the dynamic innovations within educational programs. Stressing the importance of students being able to produce content in various formats utilizing the technological facilities within the faculty



before graduation, Prof. Dr. Aliefendioğlu expressed their commitment to combining theory with practice for societal benefit.

Artificial Intelligence Used with Ethical Values

During his speech at the ceremony, Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy, the Dean of the Faculty of Communication, congratulated the successful students and the faculty

members responsible for their education. He mentioned the faculty's efforts to strengthen technological infrastructure in every department and their dedication to providing all possible resources to the students. Prof. Dr. Ersoy also advised students on the significance of artificial intelligence in today's professions and highlighted the incorporation of ethical values in using AI both within and outside the classroom.

FACULTY OF LAW ORGANIZES CHARITY BAZAAR FOR CHAMPION ANGELS ASSOCIATION



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Law organized a charity bazaar in favor of Champion Angels Association.

Academic staff members, students, EMU Student Clubs and administrative personnel showed great interest in the event. EMU

Faculty of Law's Acting Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba submitted the revenue of the event to Champion Angels Association Representative and Faculty academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Can Azer. On the last day of the event, EMU Faculty of Law academic staff members and students held a march with torches to show their support to the Isias Case.

With this meaningful event, not only was fundraising achieved, but also a sense of unity and solidarity was strengthened. Academics and students, coming together with a sense of social responsibility, demonstrated a beautiful example of contributing to social responsibility projects through solidarity.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND ENGLISH PREPARATORY SCHOOL ORGANIZES CHARITY BAZAAR FOR CHAMPION ANGELS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (SFLEPS), as part of its community involvement projects, organized a charity bazaar for the benefit of the Champion Angels Foundation. The aim was to contribute to the construction of a new school and scholarships in memory of the Champion Angels. The event took place in the front yard of EMU FLEPS, drawing significant interest from both students and faculty members.

Various products were sold at the stands opened by the project coordinator and students. The proceeds from the sales will be donated to the Champion Angels Foundation in the upcoming days.



At the end of the bazaar, characterized by great enthusiasm and participation, the project coordinator and students expressed their happiness and pride for successfully completing another community involvement event. Certificates were presented to those involved in organizing the bazaar and to the winners of competitions held during the semester.

OBSERVATION EVENT BY ASTRONOMY AND SPACE SCIENCES CLUB

The Astronomy and Space Sciences Club operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Social and Cultural Activities Directorate, Student Clubs Unit, organized an observation event at the EMU Beach Club. The event, attended by club members and nearly 50 EMU students interested in astronomy as well as Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı, Head of the Physics Department at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Assist. Prof. Dr. Huriye Gürsel Mangut, faculty member at the Physics Department and advisor to the EMU Astronomy and Space Sciences Club, Dr. Mert Mangut, faculty member at the Physics Department, and Research Assistant Erfan Keshavarz.



The attendees used telescopes from the department's inventory to observe the sky. During the observation session that extended into the early morning hours, students had the opportunity to explore

and receive information on Jupiter and its moons, the Andromeda galaxy, and constellations. Students also enjoyed a pleasant evening singing songs around a bonfire with their instructors and friends.

CONGOLESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION COMMEMORATES GABRIEL SHIMATA KASONGO

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Congolese Student Association operating under EMU International Student Activity and Societies Unit organized a commemoration ceremony for Congolese student Gabriel Shimata Kasongo who sadly passed away following an accident in Nicosia. The event took place on Thursday, 4 January, 2024 at EMU Atatürk Square where a candlelight vigil was held. Congolese Student Associations from other universities around the island also attended the event to commemorate late student Kasongo.

A statement released by the EMU Congolese Student Association reads as follows: "Today, we gathered here with heavy hearts. The flickering candlelight illuminated the faces of those who came to mourn the loss of a member of our community. Heartfelt speeches were delivered during the ceremony. Additionally, hymns were sung as memories were shared.

The EMU Congolese Student Association played a crucial role in organizing this poignant event, highlighting the power of unity and support in our diverse



community. In times like these, we remember the importance of coming together to mourn, remember, and honor those we have lost.

While extending our deepest condolences to the family and friends of the deceased

student, we also want to reaffirm our commitment to creating a compassionate and supportive environment for every member of our community. May the memories of our friend live in our hearts, and may we find solace in the shared bonds that unite us all".

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES FROM INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SOCIETIES



including enchanting dances, emotional melodies, and thought-provoking poetry. The lively energy of these performances transported the audience into a world filled with cultural richness and diversity, showcasing the power and beauty of the human nature.

The event provided promising writers with an opportunity to share their creative visions. Students' heartfelt poems and stories touched on themes of love, loss, hope, and the human experience, creating a sense of common connection among the audience. Assist. Prof. Dr. Canan Salih, the organizer of the event and a faculty member at the Faculty of Communication, emphasized the importance of creating opportunities for international students to share their unique perspectives and experiences. The event finished with an enjoyable social gathering that facilitated students' bonding, story-sharing, and strengthening of connections.



Dance Night by the Nigerian Student Union

The EMU Nigerian Student Union organized a dance night event titled "Just Dance 2.0" at the EMU Activity Center Hall, transforming the center into a lively hub of energy and cultural celebration. The event showcased dynamic dance moves and energetic enthusiasm of Nigerian students. Professional dancers mesmerized the audience with flawless dance performances. Set to the rhythm of popular Nigerian songs, the night propelled the crowd into a shared passion for dance and cultural vibrancy. Known for their thrilling performances, the EMU Nigeria Student Union dancers delivered a breathtaking show, leaving the audience in awe.



Cinema Event by the Zimbabwe Student Union

As part of the events, the EMU Zimbabwe Student Union hosted an enjoyable movie night at the Pop Art Dorm Cinema. The event provided a platform for Zimbabwean students studying at EMU to come together, connect, and to have a collective experience of cinema. The movie night featured a fascinating film that resonated within the Zimbabwean community, taking them back to their homeland and reminding them of their rich heritage.

International Student Societies operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) International Student Activities and Student Societies Unit organized various cultural events.

Creative Writing Night with MEDI Foundation

The EMU International Student Activities

and Student Societies Unit, in collaboration with MEDI Foundation, organized a creative writing night at the Faculty of Communication. The event brought together various international student groups, creating a warm and inspiring atmosphere for artistic exploration. The night commenced with a series of captivating cultural performances,

THE WINNERS OF THE 'GAME JAM' GAME DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANIZED BY GAME DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY ANNOUNCED

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Social and Cultural Activities Directorate, Student Clubs Unit held a 'Game Jam' competition where participants had 48 hours to create a game, themed 'Unstable,' organized by the Game Design and Development Community. The event took place at the Communication Faculty, Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design, offering participants a short simulation opportunity for their future careers in the industry. Thirty students from 7 teams participated in the event. EMU Rector, Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, visited the participating students in person to observe their work. Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed the significance of this event and urged for continued efforts to organize it on a larger scale in the next term.

Presentations to the Jury Members

After the intense work put in by the participants day and night, as the clock stopped, the teams presented their developed games to the jury members consisting of EMU Communication Faculty, Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Senior Instructors Deha Mertkal and Hamid Zakeri Hanjani, Instructor Orod Peykanfar, and members of the EMU Game Design and Development Community Executive Board, Emre Kaçan and Rahmi Direnç Sezer, initiating the evaluation process.

Winners Announced

Participants were evaluated based on theme relevance, creativity, gameplay, audio, visual, and technical aspects. Additionally, all participants assessed other competing projects, providing objective evaluations and scoring each other. These evaluations were combined under an overall score, and the top three teams were awarded their prizes at a ceremony held at the EMU Communication Faculty, Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design. Scoring 81.5



out of 90, significantly impressing the jury with their visual and audio elements, the team 'Scubadivers and Beekeepers' claimed the first place with their horror game titled 'Borderline Sanity.' The team 'INT GAME () {}' secured the second position by merging puzzle and

parkour mechanics, showcasing creative gameplay in their game 'Boll-E.' The team 'Unknown' grabbed the third place by developing a successful product like 'Mob Shooter,' earning praise for theme relevance and gameplay with their game 'Chip Head.'

LIBYA'S 72ND INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS HELD



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Libyan Students Society operating under the EMU International Student Activity and Student Associations Unit organized a celebration event on the occasion of the 72nd Independence Day of Libya. EMU International Student Activity and Student Associations Unit Supervisor Cemre Mühendisoglu, Libyan students and many other students from different countries attended the event which was held at EMU Activity Center Hall. Libyan students of EMU performed their traditional music and dances during the event. Then, food from Libyan cuisine prepared by EMU Libyan Students Society was treated to the students and visitors.



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

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