

THE PROTOCOL ON ENSURING THE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OF EMU HAS BEEN SIGNED



The protocol prepared within the scope of efforts to ensure the financial sustainability of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has been signed on Thursday, 4 April 2024 at 04:30 p.m. at EMU Senate Hall. Present during the signing ceremony were; TRNC Prime Minister Dr. Ünal Üstel, TRNC Minister of Finance Dr. Özdemir Berova, TRNC Minister of

National Education Nazım Çavuşoğlu, TRNC Minister of Labour and Social Security Sadık Gardiyanoğlu, Undersecretary of the Prime Ministry Hüseyin Cahitoğlu, EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Private Secretary of TRNC Minister of Finance Kamil Ağcabay, VYK Members, Vice Rectors, Deans,

Chairs and members of DAU-SEN, DAU PER-SEN, DAU BIR-SEN unions, academic and administrative personnel. The said protocol was signed by Minister of National Education Nazım Çavuşoğlu, EMU VYK President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Chair of the EMU Academic Personnel Union DAU-SEN Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ercan Hoşkara, Chair

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of the EMU Personnel Union DAU PER-SEN Erdal Altun and Co-Chair of the EMU Unity and Solidarity Union DAU BIR-SEN Buğu Sümen Cohar.

“We are members of EMU, We will Re-Achieve and Continue Our Path”

During the speeches preceding the protocol signing ceremony, DAU BIR-SEN Co-Chair Cohar expressed warm welcomes to everyone and stated their great pride in the upcoming signing of the protocol. Cohar conveyed that it was the first time in the history of EMU that all stakeholders of the university had come together. Cohar emphasized that the university’s growing financial crisis would be overcome with the protocol prepared with the support of the government and the collective labor agreement.

Expressing that the three unions have been putting their efforts to overcome the financial struggles of the university with the support of the government, DAU PER-SEN’s Chair Erdal Altun thanked everyone who participated in the preparation process of the said protocol. Noting that EMU personnel always makes self-sacrifice, Altun stated his belief that these struggles are to be resolved in the shortest time. Altun said, “We are members of EMU, we will re-achieve and continue our path”.

Also speaking at the signing ceremony, DAU-SEN Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ercan Hoşkara remarked that today, with the protocol, a new hope would emerge, noting that at this point, both the unions and the government had reached a consensus to sign. Expressing gratitude to all stakeholders who contributed, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hoşkara emphasized the need to uphold the most valuable institutions of society for societal existence. Underscoring the importance of seeking quality over quantity in higher education and emphasizing the need to avoid repeating past mistakes, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hoşkara conveyed that a significant step had been taken to solve problems.

“EMU Personnel Members Owned Their Institution, Looking into the Future with Greater Confidence”

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed his wish for the protocol, prepared jointly with the government and containing rational gains, to be beneficial to everyone. Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that EMU, with its national and international achievements, serves as a reference and quality point in higher education in the TRNC, highlighting that EMU, as the flagship of higher education, is a university that empowers the country. Prof. Dr. Kılıç conveyed that with

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the signed protocol, the university will achieve a sustainable structure, addressing the difficulties faced. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined that the protocol is a consensus agreement and has been prepared with great effort and goodwill to reach a solution. Noting that today is a historical day and a turning point for EMU, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stressed that EMU employees who set aside personal interests, have taken a significant step towards safeguarding their institution, and are looking into the future with greater confidence. Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed his gratitude to those who contributed to bringing the process to this point, highlighting EMU's exceptional place in the hearts of the community. Prof. Dr. Kılıç used the expression, "EMU will be stronger with you".

"We will continue moving forward with Firm Steps, Stronger than Ever"

Expressing that EMU is the locomotive of the higher education in TRNC, EMU VYK President Dr. Erdal Özçenk stated his contentment on attending the protocol signing ceremony, which will pull EMU through the financial difficulties it faces and carry it into the future with hope. Noting EMU's status as a university that has achieved many firsts in the country and has overcome all challenges to date, Dr. Özçenk conveyed his gratitude to those involved in preparing the protocol for EMU to achieve a sustainable financial structure. Dr. Özçenk expressed his wishes for the protocol to be beneficial and stated that together, they will continue moving forward with firm steps, stronger than always.

"We have never given up on EMU. We will not give up"

TRNC Minister of National Education Nazım Çavuşoğlu emphasized the intense efforts that have been made up to this day, stating that the protocol prepared today and the mutual sacrifices made will enable the sustainable resolution of the accumulated financial problems over the years. Çavuşoğlu, stating "A TRNC without EMU is never conceivable", spoke of the love and respect for EMU, emphasizing that EMU will coexist with the TRNC simultaneously. Highlighting the importance of the measures taken in the Protocol and Collective Labor Agreement, Çavuşoğlu stated that they aim to converge at an EMU where quality education and performance in reaching the world are maximized. Çavuşoğlu continued his remarks as follows: "Together, we will raise EMU. Strength arises from unity. We believed we are saving it. We believed we are broadening the path. We have never given up on EMU. We will not give up. We are all members of EMU. May our protocol be auspicious".



"EMU is Inestimable"

Addressing the participants, Prime Minister Dr. Ünal Üstel acknowledged that today's progress has been achieved through sacrifices made for the future of EMU, expressing gratitude to those involved. Dr. Üstel noted that the TRNC is an island of tourism and education, stating that EMU, as a pioneer in education on the island, is a favorite and highly esteemed institution of the TRNC.

Üstel highlighted the government's commitment to preserve EMU at any cost, stating that everyone must make sacrifices and, radical measures must be taken to ensure the institution's perpetual existence. Emphasizing that the status presented to the government today is not a something to take lightly, Üstel emphasized, "But this situation does not reflect the value of EMU and that EMU is inestimable".

Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented silver plates to TRNC Prime Minister Dr. Ünal Üstel, Minister of Finance Dr. Özdemir Berova, Minister of National Education Nazım Çavuşoğlu, and Minister of Labor and Social Security Sadık

Gardıanoğlu, thanking them for their support for the protocol prepared for the sustainable financial structure of EMU.

Collective Labor Agreements Signed

Following the protocol being signed, Academic Personnel Union DAU-SEN and Administrative Personnel Union DAU PER-SEN Collective Labor Agreements were signed as a result of the efforts carried out between EMU VYK and EMU Rector's Office.

DAU-SEN collective labor agreement was signed by EMU VYK President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and DAU-SEN Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ercan Hoşkara, witnessed by EMU VYK Member Ersun Kutup, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and, Mathematics and Science Education Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hamit Caner. On the other hand, DAU PER-SEN collective labor agreement was signed by EMU VYK President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and EMU PER-SEN Chair Erdal Altun.

CRCP 7TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES HELD AT EMU



The 7th International Conference in Communication and Media Studies organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, Center of Research and Communication for Peace (CRCP) was held on 4-6 April, 2024 at Communication Faculty's Purple Hall.

This year's conference was held with the "Peace-ing it Together: Reconsidering Communication, Community and the Media in the Anthropocene" theme. Delivering an opening speech at the event, the Chair of CRCP Prof. Dr. Hanife Aliefendioğlu welcomed the participants attending the event and thanked everyone who have contributed to the realization of the conference. Providing detailed information on the conference program, Prof. Dr. Aliefendioğlu wished for a fruitful conference.

Moreover, Prof. Dr. Aliefendioğlu highlighted that the importance of the center's existence and activities during this period where social, geographical, and economic fragility in the region threatens peaceful voices and efforts. Prof. Dr. Aliefendioğlu also conveyed the contentment of the center on founding member of the center, Prof. Dr. Sevda Alankuş's achievement for being awarded by the Turkish Journalists' Association for her contributions on peace journalism.

Prof. Dr. Ersoy: "Peace Studies are the Mission of the Communication Faculty"
Also speaking at the event, EMU Communication Faculty's Dean Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy stressed his belief that the annually organized conference hosted by the EMU Communication Faculty will be successful. Stating that a great

importance is attached to peace culture at the EMU Communication Faculty, Prof. Dr. Ersoy underlined the on-going peace studies carried out at the faculty which are a part of faculty's mission. Expressing that being a part of such events is always prideful, Prof. Dr. Ersoy noted that conferences and various different events on peace communication have been organized at the Faculty of Communication for nearly 20 years. Commemorating Prof. Dr. Johan Galtung, one of the prominent figures in peace studies and peace journalism, who recently passed away, Prof. Dr. Ersoy wished for a beneficial conference.

Following the opening speeches, keynote speaker Prof. Kaarle Nordenstreng joined the conference online with a presentation titled "Embracing the World Out of Order". The first panel moderated by Prof. Dr. Hanife Aliefendioğlu commenced following the speech of Prof. Nordenstreng. The panel continued with presentations delivered by Ayça Kurdoğlu, Duygu Onay Çöker and, Prof. Dr. Hanife Aliefendioğlu and Hanife Erişen.

The second panel of the conference took place within the moderatorship of Vasfi Çifçiöğlü where presentations were made by Nihal Soğancı, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aysu Arsoy, Vasvi Çiftçiöğlü and Huri Yontucu and, Assist. Prof. Dr. Canan Salih. A third panel was also held and moderated by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ülfet Kutoğlu Kuruç. Özker Kocadal and Julie Alev Dilmaç, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ülfet Kutoğlu Kuruç, Reeta Nousiainen and Assist. Prof. Dr. Baruck O. Opiyo delivered presentations in the third panel.

The conference event continued with another session held on Friday, 5 April, 2024, hosting Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mahoed Bailie who made a presentation titled "Food for Thought: Fueling the Debate in Critical Media Studies". Following the presentation of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bailie, Karmel Soboh, Sonia Zeeshan and Safiyyah Adan also delivered presentations moderated by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aysu Arsoy. In another panel, moderated by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Türksöy, Nafia Akdeniz, Rui Correia and Sophie Demetriou Drousioti made presentantations.

The conference event continued with an online talk held with Plestia Alaqad, a journalist from Gaza. Then, within the moderatorship of Assist. Prof. Dr. Yetin Arslan, İbrahim Emre Sugel and Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy, Assist. Prof. Dr. Pembe Behçetoğluları, Assist. Prof. Dr. Yetin Arslan, Sevilay Ulaş, Yasin Alp Çevik delivered their presentations.

The conference ended with a final session held on 6 April, 2024. The session moderated by Prof. Dr. Nico Carpentier included presentations of Antoni Roig, Gemma San Cornelia, Elisenda Ardevol, Nico Capentier, Lona Pall, Yiannis Christidis, Nikolas Karatzas, Yulia Belinskaya, Andreas Gebesmair, Jessica Richter and Georg Vogt.

Visits to Rector

RDU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN ALİ BIÇAK VISITS RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ

Rauf Denktaş University (RDU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Ali Bıçak paid a courtesy visit to Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç on Wednesday, 3 April, 2024 at 09:00 a.m. Latest developments regarding the both institutions and potential future collaborations were discussed during the said visit.

At the end of the visit, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented a traditional EMU souvenir to RDU Rector Prof. Dr. Bıçak.



TRNC DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTRY OF TOURISM, CULTURE, YOUTH AND ENVIRONMENT PAYS A VISIT TO RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ



Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Deputy Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment Private Secretary İbrahim Alkan and the Department of Culture's Director Şirin Zaimağaoğlu visited Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. During the visit,

which took place on Tuesday, 2 April, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., potential collaborations that could be initiated with EMU in the field of tourism were discussed.

During the visit, Alkan and Zaimağaoğlu highlighted the significance of EMU's support as a long-established university.



Stressing that the universities' responsibilities do not solely consist of providing education, but also to serve the public, Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized EMU's readiness to provide support whenever it is needed. At the end of the visit, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented traditional EMU souvenirs to Alkan and Zaimağaoğlu.

EMU'S GREAT SUCCESS IN VOLLEYBALL



EMU won the cups both in women's and men's categories in the 22nd Super Cup, the last championship of the season, organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Volleyball Federation. Taking place

on Tuesday, 2 April 2024 at 06:00 p.m. at Atatürk Sports Complex, EMU men's and women's teams defeated their opponents, Municipality of Famagusta Çamlık Sports (GMBÇS) men's and women's teams, with

scores of 3-1 and 3-2, respectively. Cups and medals were presented to the winning teams in an awards ceremony held after the competitions. Volleyball Federation Chair Enver Kaya and Deputy Chair Buran Atakan.

EMU men's and women's teams were also awarded with championship cups in the senior volleyball league held last week.

A Visit to EMU Rector's Office

Team members and the coaches of EMU women's and men's teams paid a visit to EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu on Wednesday, 3 April 2024 at 11:30 a.m. During the visit, Prof. Dr. Zorlu congratulated the EMU women's and men's volleyball teams for their achievements, wishing their success in the future.

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

Faculty of Pharmacy

- 1- Karadag, Asra, Sevde Nur Biltekin, Usman Ghani, Betül Demirci, and **Fatih Demirci**. "Enzyme-Based Antiviral Potential of Cinnamomum Verum J. Presl. Essential Oil and Its Major Component (E)-Cinnamaldehyde." ACS OMEGA, 2024. (Early Access)
- 2- **Najafi, Dena**, Goli Siri, Maryam Sadri, Omid Yazdani, Romina Esbati, Parvin Karimi, Ali Keshavarz, Amirreza Mehmandar-Oskuie, and **Mehmet Ilktac**. "Combination MEG3 LncRNA and Ciprofloxacin Dramatically Decreases Cell Migration and Viability as Well as Induces Apoptosis in GC Cells in Vitro." BIOTECHNOLOGY AND APPLIED BIOCHEMISTRY, 2024. (Early Access)

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

- 1- **Usturk, Selma, Elvan Yilmaz**, and **Erguel Mutlu Altundag**. "Low Fouling and PH-Responsive Poly(N-Vinyl Imidazole)/ Poly(Ethylene Glycol) Methacrylate Copolymer Gels for Colon Targeted Diclofenac Sodium Delivery." INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF POLYMERIC MATERIALS AND POLYMERIC BIOMATERIALS, 2024. (Early Access)
- 2- Ali, Riasat, Rimsha Babar, Houcine Aounallah, and **Ali Ovgun**. "First-Order

- Quantum Correction of Thermodynamics in a Charged Accelerating AdS Black Hole with Gauge Potential." INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF GEOMETRIC METHODS IN MODERN PHYSICS, 2024. (Early Access)
- 3- Yang, Yi, Dong Liu, **Ali Ovgun**, Gaetano Lambiase, and Zheng-Wen Long. "Rotating Black Hole Mimicker Surrounded by the String Cloud." PHYSICAL REVIEW D 109, no. 2 (January 2024).

Faculty of Business & Economics

- 1- Adebayo, Tomiwa Sunday, Oktay Ozkan, and **Babatunde Sunday Eweade**. "Do Energy Efficiency R&D Investments and Information and Communication Technologies Promote Environmental Sustainability in Sweden? A Quantile-on-Quantile KRLS Investigation." JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION 440 (February 2024).

Faculty of Engineering

- 1- **Mohamadi, Yashar**, Tahir Celik, and **Tolga Celik**. "Optimising Building Envelope and Insulation Materials for Energy Efficiency and Life-Cycle Cost in Cypriot Residences." ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING AND DESIGN MANAGEMENT, 2024. (Early Access)
- 2- Fan, Fan, Saeid Sahmani, and **Babak**

- Safaei**. "On the Roles of Strain Gradient Tensors in Quasi-3D Nonlinear Dynamics of Microplate-Type Piezoelectric Systems of Energy Harvesting under Triangular Mechanical Actuation." POLYMER COMPOSITES, 2024. (Early Access)
- 3- Mustafa, Jawed, Saeed Alqaed, S Mohammad Sajadi, Abdulrahman Mohammed Alsaiaari, and **Hikmet S Aybar**. "Impact of the Magnetic Field and the Height and Number of Triangular Blades inside a Rectangular Cavity on Natural Convection Heat Transfer." RESULTS IN PHYSICS 57 (February 2024).

Faculty of Health Sciences

- 1- **Bal, Selda Kartal**, and Meral Gun. "The Effects of Acupressure on Pain, Anxiety and Vital Signs in Patients Undergoing Coronary Angiography: A Randomized and Sham-Controlled Trial." EXPLORE-THE JOURNAL OF SCIENCE AND HEALING 20, no. 1 (2024): 101-9.

Faculty of Tourism

- 1- **Saydam, Mehmet Bahri, Victor Oluwafemi Olorunsola**, Hasan Evrim Arici, and Mehmet Ali Koseoglu. "Do ESG and Diversity Scores Predict Global Firms' Environmental Innovation?" JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT, 2024. (Early Access)



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