

FACULTY OF DENTISTRY ORGANIZES WHITE COAT CEREMONY



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Dentistry organized a “White Coat Ceremony” and a “High Honour-Honour Ceremony” within the scope of 22 November, Dentistry Day and, Oral and Dental Health Week. The said ceremonies took place of Friday, 22 November 2024

at 10:00 a.m. at the Champion Angels Amphitheatre. In the ceremony, first year students who have just began their educational journey at the EMU Faculty of Dentistry as of 2024-2025 Academic Year Fall Semester were presented with their white coats. On the other hand, ranking

students of 2023-2024 Academic Year Spring Semester received their honour and high honour certificates.

The ceremonies were attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman **cont. p. 3**

News from Our Alumni

TURKISH BAR ASSOCIATIONS IN TRUST OF EMU FACULTY OF LAW GRADUATES



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Law graduates are making a distinguished mark of themselves by being appointed to significant titles within the bar associations in various counties around Türkiye. EMU Faculty of Law 2006 graduate Attorney Ufuk Kök was recently appointed as the President of Denizli Bar Association, officially taking the office from the former President during a Bar Presidency and Executive Board Handover Ceremony. **cont. p. 2**

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In his remarks, Attorney Kök expressed his contentment on being elected as the new president of Denizli Bar Association within the scope of the 49th General Assembly. Kök noted that he has consistently followed EMU's achievements on international platforms and expressed his pride in being an EMU graduate. Moreover, Attorney Engin Yıldız, a 2009 graduate of the EMU Faculty of Law, serves as the Vice President of the Denizli Bar Association. Attorney Yıldız also shared his pride in his EMU background, emphasizing how the education and expertise he acquired here have significantly contributed to his career progress.

A Wind of EMU in Edirne and Malatya
Graduates of EMU are also assuming leadership positions in other major bar associations across Türkiye. One notable example is Attorney Gökhan Karakoç, who serves as the President of the Edirne Bar Association. A 2002 graduate of the

EMU Faculty of Law, Karakoç shared that his education at EMU gave him a strong legal foundation and that he has always felt proud of his university. Karakoç highlighted that EMU not only contributed to his academic growth but also provided numerous opportunities for personal development. Attorney Karakoç credited his successful career progression to the education he received at EMU and expressed his ongoing pride in being an EMU graduate.

On the other hand, Attorney Onur Demez, a 2008 graduate of the EMU Faculty of Law, is currently the President of the Malatya Bar Association, and holds the distinction of being the youngest person to ever serve in this role. Noting that the expansive vision and excellent education at EMU significantly contributed to his professional achievements, Attorney Demez emphasized that, beyond its academic strengths, EMU also supports the social development of its

students, ensuring they graduate with high confidence as lawyers. Demez acknowledged that the education and opportunities he received at EMU played a crucial role in his success and career path, and concluded by saying, "Being an EMU graduate is a privilege".

Proud Achievements from EMU Alumni
Making remarks on the topic, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç underscored that, along with its academic success in international platforms, EMU also attracts attention with the important successes of its graduates. Stating that EMU takes pride in its students chairing significant bar associations of Türkiye, Prof. Dr. Kılıç highlighted that the success of the graduates reflects the high quality of education at EMU and their dedication to upholding the rule of law. Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded, "We are confident that our graduates will keep representing EMU with pride. I wish them great success in their endeavours".



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M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Salih Katircioğlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Department of Culture Director Şirin Zaferyıldızı Zaimağaoğlu, Chief Physician of Famagusta State Hospital Dr. Mustafa Kalfaoglu, Cyprus Turkish Practitioners Association, Public Health, Environment and Human Rights Responsible Dr. Cemal Mert, EMU Faculty of Dentistry Dean Prof. Dr. Hikmet Solak, EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. Ozan Gülcan, EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Acting Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Gözoğlu, EMU Faculty of Dentistry Vice Dean Prof. Dr. Şükrü Tüzmen, many academics, students and their families.

Following a moment of silence and national anthem, the event continued with opening speeches. EMU Faculty of Dentistry's Dean Prof. Dr. Hikmet Solak underscore that dentistry is one of the oldest professions in the world, providing information on the history of dentistry and touching on the differences between a dentist and a dental practitioner. Making remarks on 22 November – Turkish Dental Practitioner's Day and World Oral Health Day, Prof. Dr. Solak stated that as the EMU Faculty of Dentistry, they aimed to celebrate both occasions with the white coat ceremony.

“You are taking on a Title for Providing Services in the Healthcare Sector”

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç said, “The white coat ceremony carries profound meaning and importance in the healthcare-related sectors. By wearing this coat, you are taking on a title that marks your entry into the health sector, along with the responsibility and awareness it entails. It is a privilege and a source of pride for me to share this moment and these feelings with you. From the first day it was established in 2019, EMU Faculty of Dentistry has provided world-class academic education to students from various regions of the world, with a strong faculty possessing international recognition and experience, along with advanced technological devices and equipment. Today, as you put on the white coats that represent your future profession, you are embarking on the first step of your professional journey. I wholeheartedly wish that the knowledge and expertise you acquire here will lead you to remarkable achievements. I extend my warmest congratulations on 22 November, World Dentistry Day, and Oral and Dental Health Week, and celebrate all students who have earned high honours and honours certificates”.

Following the opening speeches, the event continued with the presentation of white coats to students and ended with the presentation of honour and high honour certificates to the ranking students of EMU Dentistry Faculty in the 2023-2024 Academic Year Spring Semester.



RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ RELEASES A MESSAGE ON 24 NOVEMBER - TEACHERS' DAY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç released a congratulatory message on the occasion of 24 November – Teachers' Day. The message by Prof. Dr. Kılıç reads as follows:

"24th of November is a significant and meaningful day for all teachers, as it marks the day in 1928 when Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of the Republic of Türkiye, accepted the title of Head Teacher of the Nation's Schools. This day has been celebrated as the "Teachers' Day" since 1981, the 100th anniversary of Atatürk's birth.

Education is undoubtedly the cornerstone of any society, and teachers, who carry out this noble and vital role, occupy an essential place in our lives. Atatürk, as Head Teacher, emphasized the importance of education and teachers with his statement; "The future's guarantee is based on a solid educational foundation, and education itself depends on the teacher". Teachers dedicate themselves



so fully to shaping our lives that, no matter how much time passes, we will always remember their names and the moments we shared in their classrooms. Beyond imparting knowledge, teachers play a crucial role in shaping our future and leaving a lasting impact on our lives. Teachers are the key architects of society,

nurturing the leaders, scientists, and artists of tomorrow. On this occasion, I extend my heartfelt congratulations on 24 November – Teachers' Day, to all our dedicated educators, and I pay my respects and express my gratitude to Head Teacher Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and all the teachers who have passed away."

Visits to Rector

EMU GRADUATE AND PRESIDENT OF EDİRNE BAR ASSOCIATION GÖKHAN KARAKOÇ VISITS RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ

2002 graduate of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Law, Gökhan Karakoç, paid a courtesy visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. The President of Edirne Bar Association, Karakoç expressed his contentment on being at EMU and stated that he has always been proud to be a member of EMU alumni.

Karakoç emphasized the positive influence of his education at EMU on his personal development and expressed his strong affiliation with the university. He acknowledged that EMU



played a key role in his professional journey, noting that the knowledge and

skills he acquired at the EMU Faculty of Law were instrumental in his career success.

Stating that the university keeps in regular contact with its alumni and consistently monitors their achievements, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed pride in Karakoç's role as president of one of Türkiye's leading bar associations. At the conclusion of the visit, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented Karakoç with a gift representing EMU, while Karakoç gave Prof. Dr. Kılıç a gift that reflected the culture of Edirne.

NESİM LEVİ, RETIRED CEO OF PROFILO, DELIVERS A WORKSHOP AT FACULTY OF TOURISM

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism and, Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Business Administration co-organized a workshop held with the participation of Nesim Levi, retired CEO of Profilo, one of the leading home appliances and electronics brands of Türkiye. The workshop titled “Creativity: Child’s Play” took place on Tuesday, 19 November 2024 at 09:30 a.m. at EMU Faculty of Tourism.

Receiving great interest from the participants, the event was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Acting Dean of EMU Faculty of Tourism Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mine Haktanır, EMU Faculty of Dentistry’s Dean Prof. Dr. Hikmet Solak, EMU Business and Economics Faculty, Business Administration Department Head Assoc. Prof. Dr. Burak Erkut, faculty members, academic and administrative personnel as well as students.

Delivering the opening speech of the event, Acting Dean of Faculty of Tourism Assoc. Prof. Dr. Haktanır expressed their contentment on hosting such a prominent figure like Mr. Levi. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç also took the stage and said; “As a higher education institution, our very special responsibility is to build bridges between the sector and the university. Building these bridges hold great significance. Alongside offering theoretical training to our students, we also strive to equip our students with practical skills which they will use following their graduations. Nesim Levi was with us last year as well. In a sense, this event has become a tradition and we are pleased and honoured to have Mr. Levi with us, welcoming him on behalf of my university, my students and academics. We are truly honoured to be here today. We extend our most sincere thanks to you for presence here with us today”.

In his “Creativity: Child’s Play” workshop, Levi underscore the importance of creative thinking in the business world. Talking about the innovative ideas and the effects of innovation processes on business world, Levi shared his experiences on sustainability and customer-oriented approaches. Moreover, Levi presented precious insights on creative thinking and the ways to be successful in the business world. Following the presentation, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented Levi a silver plate for his contribution to the event. Within the scope of the workshop, participants of the event formed groups and experienced creative thinking methods all together. At the end of the event, certificates were presented to all the participants.



BANKING AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT STUDENTS REPRESENT EMU AT THE CFA RESEARCH CHALLENGE



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Business and Economics, Banking and Finance Department students represented the university in the CFA Research Challenge, a competition that assesses university students' financial analysis abilities and offers rigorous training under the guidance of experienced mentors. Total of 158 students from 25 universities from Azerbaijan, Georgia and the Turkish Republic of Northern

Cyprus (TRNC) participated in the global competition organized in Istanbul by the CFA Society Istanbul.

Students competing in the competition from EMU are Banking and Finance Department 3rd and 4th year students; Lilian Mansour, Pania Amini, Otobek Sadykov, Evelina Syrovaia, Persis Koukap Nawomi, Ahmed Firas Ali, Mohamed

Ettoubaji, Daniel Bassey Etop and Thandolwethu Ncongwane.

EMU Teams – Sole Participants from TRNC
The competition featured 34 teams, with EMU being the sole university from the TRNC to participate, with its two teams. Competing in the renowned CFA Challenge, the EMU teams demonstrated their expertise and abilities while carrying out in-depth research in international finance and investment, presenting their results to a panel of expert judges. The teams' reports will be submitted to the jury on 6 January 2025, and the winners will be revealed shortly after.

Stating that the challenge offers the students the opportunity to develop their analytic thinking abilities, financial knowledge and team-work skills, Head of EMU Department of Banking and Finance Assist. Prof. Dr. Nigar Taşpınar underscored that they will always support their students in such international arenas where they gain experiences.

PROF. DR. OSMAN M. KARATEPE RELEASES A '24 NOVEMBER TEACHERS' DAY' MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF EMU-ATAUM



On behalf of Eastern Mediterranean University, Atatürk Research and Application Center (EMU-ATAUM), Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe released a message for 24 November, Teachers' Day. The said message reads as follows:

“Throughout history, every society has created its own distinct culture based on its way of life and passed it down to future

generations. Education serves as one of the key means for transferring culture, life experiences, and knowledge to the next generation. Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk consistently highlighted the significance of education, and it was through the Republic he established that Türkiye was able to transition to a modern education system.

By taking on the title of ‘Head Teacher’ and stepping up to the blackboard, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk stated, “My true identity is that of a teacher; I am the teacher of my nation...”. He was deeply involved in the educational mobilization of the Turkish people and introduced a new educational approach aimed at advancing the newly founded Turkish state to the level of modern civilization. Teachers trained within this modern education system played a crucial role in the history of the Turkish struggle in Cyprus. During this difficult period, teachers from Türkiye helped foster a sense of national identity in students, contributing to the development of strong young individuals

for the Cyprus struggle and supporting the shaping of their futures.

24 November 1981, is the day when Atatürk was officially given the title of ‘Head Teacher’ by the Council of Ministers through the Nation’s Schools Regulation. Since then, this date has been observed as Teachers’ Day. Every 24 November holds great importance in reflecting on the role, place, and value of teachers in society. Teachers are the builders of tomorrow and the champions of education. Teaching is a noble profession that shapes the future. As Head Teacher Mustafa Kemal Atatürk said, “Teachers! The Republic needs strong, intellectually, scientifically, and morally virtuous protectors. It is in your hands to nurture the new generation with these qualities and skills”.

On this special occasion, I remember our Head Teacher Mustafa Kemal Atatürk with great longing and respect, extending all our teachers my best wishes on Teachers’ Day.”

EMU REPRESENTED AT FDI WORLD DENTAL CONGRESS 2024

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Dentistry academic staff members Assoc. Prof. Dr. İşıl Özgül Kalyoncu and Assist. Prof. Dr. Pınar Erçal, and students of the faculty; Halil Ahmet Kara, Emine Azra Aktepe, Şevval Seçkin and Tunç Akkoyunlu represented EMU at the FDI World Dental Congress 2024 organized in collaboration with World Dental Federation (FDI) and Turkish Dental Association (TDA). The said congress took place in Istanbul Congress Center (ICC) and Istanbul Lütfi Kırdar International Congress and Exhibition Center (ICEC).

Within the scope of the congress, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kalyoncu chaired a session in which European Academy of Paediatric Dentistry (EAPD) Committee Member Andreas Agouropoulos participated as a guest speaker.

The congress, offering a scientific program and exceptional networking opportunities, focused on contemporary topics and research in dentistry, allowing dentists and dental students to share knowledge and experiences. In this regard, it became a key event for those eager to stay informed about the latest advancements in the field and acquire new knowledge.



CHAIR OF EMU CWS REPRESENTS EMU AT THE 6TH INTERNATIONAL WOMEN AND JUSTICE SUMMIT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Center for Women Studies (CWS) Chairperson Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilten represented EMU at the 6th International Women and Justice Summit organized by Women and Democracy Foundation (KADEM). Held at Haliç University in Istanbul, the summit was organized within the framework of “Artificial Intelligence and Women” theme and, discussed topics such as the effects of technology on women and, the role of technology within the context of gender equality.

The opening ceremony of the event was also attended by Republic of Türkiye (TR) President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Emine Erdoğan. TR Minister of Family and Social Services Mahinur Özdemir Göktaş and KADEM Executive Board Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Saliha Okar Gümrükçüoğlu delivered presentations in

panels and sessions organized to stress the power of women within the society.

The summit explored in detail, through a comprehensive approach, how artificial intelligence can contribute to building a more equitable and secure future for women. Presentations highlighted the need for action to promote gender equality and empower women, focusing on discussions about women’s roles, rights, and identities in the era of artificial intelligence.

The event ended with the presentation of demands and proposals focused on empowering women to the public. Moreover, it underscored the need to enhance advocacy efforts and reiterated the importance of taking meaningful steps to ensure women achieve greater equality in shaping future technological advancements.



FACULTY OF TOURISM CONTINUES TO OFFER CAREER OPPORTUNITIES TO ITS STUDENTS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism continues its efforts with the aim of contributing to the career development of its students and alumni. In this respect, two events offering significant career opportunities in tourism and hospitality sector were organized by the faculty within the previous days.

The first event consisted a visit by the authorities from Aliée Istanbul Hotel, one of the most prestigious hotels of Istanbul.

Authorities visited the EMU Faculty of Tourism and presented the students career opportunities available at their hotel. Senior Executives of the hotel, set to open in February 2025, consists of Culinary Director Tolgar Mireli, Food and Beverages Director Yekya Eroğlu, Front Office Director Atıl Şeran and Human Resources Director Ümit Can Abay who provided extensive information on career opportunities available at various departments within the hotel. On the

other hand, the second important event organized by the EMU Faculty of Tourism was hosting Specialist Career Consultant Francesca Tagliavini from HOSCO, one of the leading career platforms in tourism and hospitality sector. Attending the seminar event as a guest speaker, Tagliavini explained the students various key points in job application; such as, effective CV writing and interview strategies. Guiding the students on how to easily reach career opportunities within the sector, Tagliavini also shared some tips on accelerating the job search process using the features offered by the HOSCO platform.

With these two major events received great interest as part of EMU Faculty of Tourism's efforts taken to contribute the professional journeys' of its students and graduates. Faculty indicated that it will continue presenting various career opportunities to its students by the virtue of the strong connections it has within the sector.

"CYPRIOT CUISINE" WORKSHOP HELD AT FACULTY OF TOURISM



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism organized a workshop titled "Cypriot Cuisine". EMU Tourism Faculty academic staff member and Specialist Chef in Cypriot Cuisine, Mine Adalier carried out the event with the 11th and 12th grade students of Famagusta

Commercial High School. The "Cypriot Cuisine" themed workshop was designed to introduce high school students studying culinary arts the traditions of Cypriot cuisine and the preparation of its traditional dishes. During the event, students had the chance to both learn how to cook Cypriot

dishes and enjoyed tasting them. The said event was attended by Famagusta Commercial High School Principal Zehra Güçlühan, Assistant Principal Hasan Soyer, Famagusta Commercial High School teachers Ahmet Özyaşar and Erkül Aktunç and, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of Education Supervisor Bahar Gülnihal.

EMU Faculty of Tourism Acting Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mine Haktanır explained that these events aim to equip students with both theoretical and practical knowledge, ultimately enhancing their future career prospects. Expressing her belief that partnerships with vocational schools play a crucial role in students' professional growth, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Haktanır also emphasized that EMU Faculty of Tourism will continue to support such activities.

FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT STUDENTS GIVE CHILDREN WITH LEUKAEMIA HOPE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication, Department of Public Relations and Advertising students carried out a meaningful social responsibility project on the occasion of Children with Leukaemia Week. As part of the Marketing Communication for Social Responsibility course supervised by Assist. Prof. Dr. Umut Ayman, students of the department, Buse Alagök, Doğa Güney, Kemal Şimal and Milana Infarovich, organized an event, hoping that they could give children with leukaemia hope.

Within the scope of the project, conducted under the body of EMU Community Involvement Center (CIC), various products of Kemal Saraçoğlu Children with Leukaemia and Fight against Cancer Foundation (KSV), such as cups, notebooks



and bags were put up for sale at the EMU Faculty of Communication building. The profits of the sale will be donated to the foundation. UltrAslan student society operating under the EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate also supported the event. The event showcased an inspiring

sense of solidarity, with the products on sale drawing significant attention. Assist. Prof. Dr. Ayman thanked all those who supported the project, which aimed to bring hope to children battling cancer, and reminded that the donations collected handed over to KSV by the project team.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT STUDENTS ORGANIZES 20 NOVEMBER WORLD CHILDREN'S RIGHTS DAY EVENT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication, Department of Public Relations and Advertising students organized a special event on the occasion of 20 November – World Children's Rights Day, under the body of EMU Community Involvement Center (CIC) and in collaboration with Cyprus Foundations Administration Kindness Volunteers (İyilik Gönüllüleri). Held as part of the Social Responsibility for Marketing Communication course taught by Assist. Prof. Dr. Umut Ayman, EMU students Aysel Lidya Arkol, Mehmet Kamiler, Ayşenaz Bahşi and Banu Karagöz organized a toy donation event with the "Tiny Hearts, Huge Dreams" theme at the Famagusta Maarif Preschool.

EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Educational Sciences academic staff member Prof. Dr. Sibel Dinçyürek, Nicosia Coordinator of Kindness Volunteers Fadime Aydın, Kindness Volunteers Supervisor Hanige İşkey and Kindness Volunteers Famagusta-Iskele Supervisor Özlem Kadiraga attended the said event.



"We are Happy to Support"

Kadiraga shared their joy in being part of and contributing to the event held for Famagusta Maarif Preschool as the Kindness Volunteers, highlighting their willingness to consistently engage in and support similar initiatives.

"First Collaboration held with a Foundation"

Akış Yeşilada Vaiz, the Principal of Famagusta Maarif Preschool, highlighted that it was the first instance of a student group partnering with a foundation to implement a social responsibility project.

Vaiz expressed her appreciation to the project team for selecting their school for such a significant occasion. At the end of the event, Vaiz presented certificates of appreciation to the EMU students who brought the project to life.

"Our Aim is to Inspire Students to Make a Difference in Society through Projects"

Assist. Prof. Dr. Ayman explained that the main objective of these initiatives is to cultivate a sense of social responsibility in students and motivate them to engage in real-life projects that benefit the community.

EMU CPC DISCUSSES THE ROLE OF TURKISH AEROSPACE AND DEFENCE INDUSTRY TRANSFORMATION ON EURASIAN SECURITY



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Cyprus Policy Center (CPC) researchers Assist. Prof. Dr. Devrim Şahin and Assist. Prof. Dr. Nalan Gelirli participated in the 4th online Manas Forum hosted by the Ibn Haldun University, delivering a presentation on the role of Turkish Aerospace and Defence Industry transformation on Eurasian

Security. Talking in the panel organized as part of the conference held with the “Enhancing Connectivity and Cooperation in Eurasia” theme, Assist. Prof. Dr. Şahin and Assist. Prof. Dr. Gelirli highlighted the evolving nature of security threats, pointing out that conflicts today are driven not only by inter-state disputes but also by non-state

actors like Hezbollah, the Houthis, and paramilitary groups in Iraq, stating that has led to considerable instability and anxiety within the international system.

Assist. Prof. Dr. Şahin and Assist. Prof. Dr. Gelirli reminded that Russia’s invasion of Ukraine was not based on its status as a sovereign state, but rather as a territory with various projections, and highlighted that other Eurasian countries in the former Soviet region could face similar threats in the future, with no guarantees of security. They emphasized the significance of developments in the Turkish Aerospace Industry for regional security, including in Eurasia, given the ongoing conflicts near Türkiye’s borders. However, Assist. Prof. Dr. Şahin and Assist. Prof. Dr. Gelirli cautioned that regional security policies should remain free from internal and regional pressures, concluding that Türkiye’s regional role should not be shaped by domestic political interests.

METHODS FOR COPING WITH EXAM ANXIETY AND STRESS SEMINAR HELD FOR EMU STUDENTS



Hosted by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism with the collaborations of EMU Psychological Counselling, Guidance and Research Center (EMU-PDRAM) and, EMU Community Involvement Center (CIC), a seminar titled “Adapting to University Life: Challenging Exams Lead to Strong Individuals!” was held for the new students of the university. Commencing with an opening speech delivered by

the Chair of CIC Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir, the event continued with presentations by EMU-PDRAM Chair Dr. Fatoş Özylem Küçük and EMU-PDRAM academic staff member Haşim Haşimoğulları.

Students attending the seminar were informed about the services offered by the EMU-PDRAM with the presentations delivered by Dr. Küçük

and Haşimoğulları and, brochures handed over to them during the event. During the event, which thoroughly addressed the adjustment to university life and the impact of exam anxiety, it was emphasized that stress is a natural part of life and can sometimes be beneficial. Furthermore, it was noted that being adaptable to change can assist in coping with stress over the long run.

Stating that students who struggle with stress may find it beneficial to receive support from an expert, Dr. Küçük and Haşimoğulları also informed the students regarding the free-of-charge psychological support services offered by EMU-PDRAM. Students who wish to receive support may apply for the said services through the webpage of EMU-PDRAM (<http://pdram.emu.edu.tr>). At the end of the event, EMU-PDRAM team was presented with certificates of appreciation by the Faculty of Tourism Vice Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Yorgancı.

EMU IEEE STUDENT CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN IEEEEXTREME PROGRAMMING COMPETITION

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) EMU Student Chapter participated in the international programming competition titled "IEEEExtreme 18.0".

In the competition, organized by the International Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, students from universities all around the world compete with each other to solve challenging coding problems. The competition, hosted by EMU's Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, involved students forming teams of up to three members. Over a 24-hour period, they worked with guidance from an IEEE faculty member to solve problems provided by IEEE. The participants demonstrated their coding abilities, competing both against time and fellow students from across the globe. IEEE EMU Student Chapter participated in the



said competition with 9 teams consisted of 22 students from EMU Departments of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Information Systems Engineering, Software Engineering, Computer Engineering, Mechatronics Engineering and Management Information Systems. Within the scope of the competition, the students represented

EMU internationally, working on complex algorithms, puzzles, and real-world programming problems. To maintain an ethical and fair competition environment, Chair of the Electrical and Electronics Engineering Department Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rasime Uyguroğlu and faculty member Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel acted as supervisors.

EMU STUDENTS' EDUCATIONAL PROJECT TO ZİYAMET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts students visited the Ziyamet Elementary School and carried out an educational design project. As part of the project which was organized with the contributions of EMU Community Involvement Center, EMU students identified the needs of school garden with the help of elementary school's administration and significantly contributed in the improvement process of the basketball field.

Carried out under the guidance of Chair of the EMU Community Involvement Center Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir, the students applied creative designs they prepared for the field and garden of the elementary school. With this approach, EMU students aimed to strengthen the education side of the school garden. While they designed play areas to promote physical activities like hopscotch and obstacle courses, the students also created educational spaces featuring the Turkish and English alphabets and the days of the week. This project successfully achieved its goal of enhancing both the academic and social



skills of the students at Ziyamet Elementary School. Making remarks on the topic, EMU Faculty of Tourism Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mine Haktanır said; "This meaningful project showcased our students' ability to turn their knowledge and skills into a valuable contribution to society, fuelled by their sense of social responsibility. By contributing to Ziyamet Elementary School, they not only created an educational and informative space but also highlighted the significance of community service. I extend my heartfelt thanks to all the students who participated and to everyone who played a role in making this project a reality".



EMU-CWS RELEASES A STATEMENT ON 25 NOVEMBER INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



**CENTER FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY**
**KADIN ARAŞTIRMALARI VE EGİTİM MERKEZİ
DOĞU AKDENİZ ÜNİVERSİTESİ**

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Center for Women Studies (CWS) released a statement on 25 November – International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. The said statement reads as follows:

“Across the globe, one in three women is usually exposed to physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner. This alarming statistic reveals a worldwide epidemic that spans across cultures, borders, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Violence against women and girls is not just a severe violation of human rights, but a problem with devastating consequences in all aspects of their lives. The physical, sexual, and psychological

impacts of this violence, both in the short and long term, can be severe, leading to chronic health issues, trauma, and in the most extreme cases, death.

Violence against women does not only affect individuals, it also hinders their development, making it difficult for them to fully participate in and contribute to the society. It impacts families, disrupts communities, and causes broad outcomes on national economies. From the increased demand in healthcare services to legal expenses and productivity losses, this issue has significant social and economic costs.

Even though there have been some progress in the fight against domestic

violence, there still are many obstacles to be overcome. Among the 165 countries with laws addressing domestic violence, only 104 have comprehensive legal frameworks for tackling the issue.

However, data clearly shows that countries with robust legal systems in place experience significantly lower rates of intimate partner violence (9.5% compared to 16.1%). In Northern Cyprus, statistics indicate that an average of three women call the police daily due to violence, which is usually in the form of physical abuse followed by verbal aggression.

Women's right to live a violence-free life is protected by international agreements such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the 1993 UN Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women. However, challenges remain. Only 40% of women who experience violence seek assistance. This underscores the need to broaden access to comprehensive, high-quality services that focus on safety, protection, and recovery. It is especially

important to give particular attention to women and girls facing multiple forms of discrimination to ensure that no one is excluded.

As EMU-CWS, we strongly believe the significance of a multi-directional approach in addressing violence against women and girls. Prevention of violence must be prioritized and put in the center of all efforts. We believe that encouraging gender-focused early education, increasing awareness, empowering women, and engaging men and boys as allies in creating a violence-free culture is crucial. These efforts demonstrate our belief that tackling the root causes of violence is the most effective and sustainable way to achieve meaningful change.

Our vision is to create a world where every woman and girl can live free from violence. We are committed to realizing this vision by integrating advocacy, prevention, and education efforts. Ending violence is not just a moral imperative; it is crucial for creating a fairer and more equal future.”

DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS MAKES A STATEMENT ON 26 NOVEMBER WORLD OLIVE TREE DAY



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Health Sciences Faculty, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics released a statement on the occasion of 26 November – World Olive Tree Day. The said statement reads as follows:

“Importance of World Olive Tree Day”

Every year, the ‘World Olive Tree Day’ is globally observed on the 26th of November to draw attention

on the environmental, cultural and economic importance of olive and the olive tree. This special day is recognized with the aim of ensuring the preservation of olive trees and the sustainable olive production as well as emphasizing the role of olive tree through the history of humanity. For thousands of years, olive trees have thrived in Mediterranean climate regions, consistently benefiting humanity regardless of time or place. Renowned for their exceptional fruit,

which plays a vital role in our diets, and the olive oil derived from it, these trees are deeply significant both for health and cultural traditions.

“Effects of Olive Tree on Our Health”

Main significance of olives and olive oil on our health are as follows:

- 1. Healthy Fats:** Rich in monounsaturated fatty acids, olive oil promotes heart health by reducing bad cholesterol (LDL) levels and increasing good cholesterol (HDL). This provides protection against many chronic health conditions, especially cardiovascular diseases.
- 2. Antioxidants:** Olive oil contains polyphenols which are strong antioxidants. These compounds help prevent cellular damage, slow down the aging process, and provide protection against chronic diseases.
- 3. Anti-inflammatory:** The oleocanthal compound in olive oil helps reduce inflammation in the body.
- 4. Cancer Risk Reduction:** Research

suggests that regular and moderate olive oil consumption can play a role in reducing some cancer types.

5. Supports Brain Functions: The polyphenols and oleic acid in olive oil protects brain health and may reduce the occurrence risk of neurological diseases such as Alzheimer's.

In conclusion, World Olive Tree Day is a crucial day to celebrate the cultural, economic and environmental importance of olive tree and the place it holds for health. This meaningful day is also significant for creating awareness on the necessity of preservation of the olive trees. Olive tree is not just a plant, but also the symbol of peace, health and sustainability. Therefore, observing this day with the aim of strengthening the respect towards the olive tree and ensuring that its legacy is passed on to future generations. World Olive Tree Day is a day when we can showcase our commitment to our joint cultural heritage and our own human values.”

MUSIC TEACHING PROGRAM'S SPECIAL CONCERT FOR THE 41ST YEAR OF TRNC

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education, Music Teaching Program students and choir organized a special event on the 41st year anniversary of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Held on Tuesday, 19 November 2024 at 12:00 p.m. at EMU Central Lecture Hall building, the event was attended by EMU Faculty of Education's Dean Prof. Dr. Ahmet Pehlivan, Fine Arts Education Department Head Prof. Dr. Serdar Çetin Aydar, academic and administrative personnel members and students.

During the concerts, Music Teaching Program students performed some of Pachelbel and Piazzolla's works, Turkish Cypriot songs and marches under the guidance of Choir Master Erkan Dağlı.



STUDENT COUNCIL HANDS OUT MEALS TO STUDENTS DURING THE EXAMS WEEK



With the aim of boosting the students' motivations during the exams period, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Student Council distributed chicken rice and 'ayran' at a stand set in front of Özyay Oral Library.

Receiving great appreciation from the students studying at the Özyay Oral Library,

the said event took place in the previous days with the participation of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU Acting General Secretary Derviş Ekşici and many students.

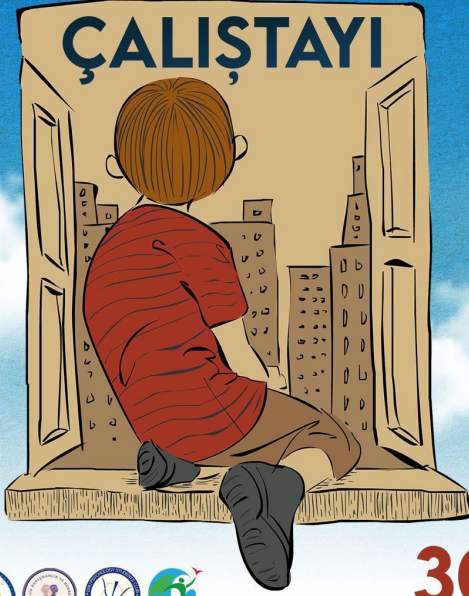
Making remarks on the topic, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç said; "Our students are

always precious and privileged. This event organized by the EMU Student Council will reassure and motivate our students during an intense exams period. Alongside being an institution of education, EMU is also a family, always striving to be a source of support for its students. I wish all our students success in their exams".

“CHILDREN’S RIGHTS IN CYPRUS THROUGH THE EYES OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WORKSHOP” TO BE HELD AT EMU



ÜNİVERSİTELİ GÖZÜNDEN KIBRIS'TA ÇOCUK HAKLARI ÇALIŞTAYI



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DAÜ HUKUK FAKÜLTESİ

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Children's Rights Club will be organizing a workshop titled “Children's Rights in Cyprus through the Eyes of University Students”. To be held on Saturday, 30 November 2024 between 10:00 a.m. and 04:00 p.m. at EMU Faculty of Law building, the workshop will be contributed by Psychology Students Club, Law Club, Special Education Club, Psychological Counselling and Guidance

Club operating within the university. As part of the “Children's Rights in Cyprus through the Eyes of University Students” workshop, a panel discussion on children's rights will take place following the opening remarks. During the said panel; Assist. Prof. Dr. Dilek Çelik, Faculty of Arts and Sciences Vice Chair of the Psychology Department will deliver a presentation on “Successes and Challenges in the 35 Years of the Convention on the Rights

of the Child.”; EMU Faculty of Education, Elementary Education Department academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eda Yazgın “Psychoeducational Intervention Strategies for At-Risk Children in Schools” and, Laden Asilzade, Chair of the Universal Children's Rights Association, “Children's Rights Advocacy and Activism in the TRNC.”

Children's Rights to Be Discussed across 8 Different Workshop Tables

Following the panel, over 100 participants will take part in discussions at eight separate workshop tables, focusing on various aspects of children's rights. Moderators from organizations such as SOS Children's Village, Universal Children's Rights Association, Famagusta Special Education and Vocational Training School, Cyprus Autism Association, Refugee Rights Association, EMU Faculty of Education, EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Cyprus Turkish Journalists' Union, Peace Mental Health and Neurological Diseases Hospital, and Famagusta Social Services Department will guide the conversations on the topics, such as: “Children Without Family Care or at Risk of Losing It”, “Children with Special Needs/Disabilities”, “Foreign/Refugee/Asylum-Seeking Children in Cyprus and Access to Rights”, “Children's Rights in Education and Development”, “The Legal Dimensions of Children's Rights”, “Institutional Perspectives on Children's Rights”, “Children's Rights in the Digital World and Media”, “Access to Psychosocial Support Mechanisms”. The workshop will conclude with a presentation of the report compiled from the discussions held at the workshop tables.



INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON COMMUNICATION IN THE DIGITAL AGE TO BE HELD AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication will organized the “4th International Symposium on Communication in the Digital Age” in collaborations with Communication Research Association (ILAD) and the Communication Faculty Deans’ (ILDEK). According to the statements made by EMU, the event will take place on 28-30 November 2024. To be hosted by EMU Faculty of Communication, the international symposium will discuss today’s and tomorrow’s communication with the theme of artificial intelligence. The said event will commence on Thursday, 28 November 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at Conference Hall.

On the first day of the symposium, permanent executive board member of ILDEK, Prof. Dr. Asaf Varol from The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga will participate in the event as a keynote speaker, delivering a presentation titled “Artificial Intelligence and Communication”. On the second day, another keynote speaker, Özdemir Tokel, Executive Board Chair of Bayrak Radio and Television Institution (BRTK) will take part in the event with a presentation titled “Political Communication and Media”.

Dr. Hıfzı Topuz Not Forgotten

One of the prominent figures in the field of communication and journalism, Dr. Hıfzı Topuz who sadly passed away previous year is not forgotten. Journalist Ali Baturay, Yenidüzen Newspaper Columnist Cenk Mutluyakalı, Turkish News Agency (TAK) Director Fehmi Gürdallı, Near East University (NEU) academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. İbrahim Özejder and ILAD General Secretary Füsün Özbilgen will discuss the “International Communication Order and Turkish Cypriot Media”.

The symposium will focus on the changes in communication processes driven by digital transformation and the advancement of artificial intelligence technologies, showcasing 48 academic papers. As outlined in the detailed program on the “CIDA International 2024” website, the event will

feature presentations in both Turkish and English, spread across 11 sessions, and will take place on 28-29 November 2024.

Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy: “We are Extremely Proud”

Making statements regarding the symposium, Dean of EMU Faculty of Communication Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy said; “We are extremely proud for bringing important and esteemed figures of communication world, together in an event hosted by EMU

Faculty of Communication”. Prof. Dr. Ersoy noted that the symposium would focus on artificial intelligence research. Prof. Dr. Ersoy also highlighted that Prof. Dr. Aysel Aziz, the founding dean of the EMU Faculty of Communication and Chair of the Communication Studies Association, had entrusted them with the responsibility of hosting the event, expressing his gratitude for the trust and assuring that they would successfully fulfil the task.



“PREVENTION OF PERSONAL DATA IN TRNC” PANEL TO BE HELD AT EMU



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Recently established with the aim of creating awareness on the issue of prevention of personal data, educating students in this regard and organizing events on the matter, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Prevention of Personal Data Club is getting ready to organize its first event ever. The club will organize a

panel titled “Prevention of Personal Data in TRNC” with participation of the Chairperson and the Members of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Prevention of Personal Data Board (KVKK).

The panel that will take place on Monday, 2 December 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at LA1 Amphitheatre located in EMU Faculty of Law building, will be moderated by EMU Faculty of Law Vice Dean and TRNC KVKK member as well as Club Supervisor, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Demet Çelik Ulusoy. The Chairperson of TRNC KVKK Assist. Prof. Dr. Kaan Kutlay and KVKK Members Dr. Elşen Mülazimoğlu, Lawyer Emre Yağmuroğlu, Police Inspector Deniz Tatar and business person Ali Doratlı will attend the event as panellists. With the event, it is aimed to raise awareness on prevention of personal data and informing the participants of the event on the issue. Participants are expected to show great interest in the panel in which certificated will be presented.

On the same day, EMU and TRNC KVKK will sign a collaboration protocol for promoting educational and academic endeavours, enabling joint efforts in various areas related to the protection of personal data between the university and the institution.

Last Week's Academic Publications

Source: Web of Science

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Faculty of Arts & Sciences

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“Laguerre-Type General-Appell Polynomials.” INTEGRAL TRANSFORMS AND SPECIAL FUNCTIONS, 2024. (Early Access)

Faculty of Engineering

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Adhesive Joining of CFPEEK and Microstructure Properties of Epoxy by Nd2O3 Rare-Earth Nanoparticles Reinforcement.” MATERIALS TODAY COMMUNICATIONS 41 (December 2024).

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1- Depreli, Ozde, Zehra Guchan Topcu, and Hayriye Tomac. “Mismatch between Fixed Classroom Furniture and Anthropometric Measurements among University Students: Relationships to Ergonomic Risk.” WORK-A JOURNAL OF PREVENTION ASSESSMENT & REHABILITATION 79, no. 2 (2024): 831–40.



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