

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

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç released a New Year's message. The said message reads as follows:

“Across the globe, in our motherland Türkiye, and within the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, the year 2024 witnessed significant economic and political developments. For our university, it marked a historic milestone, a year characterized by substantial progress, the implementation of positive initiatives, and a continued trajectory of success. Throughout the year, we dedicated ourselves to advancing our university's academic excellence, fostering the development of our students, and making meaningful contributions to society. The most notable advancement for our institution in 2024 was the enactment of the Financial Protocol. On the 4th of April 2024, said protocol, designed to establish a sustainable financial framework for our university, was officially signed by the Minister of National Education, Mr. Nazım Çavuşoğlu, under the auspices of the Prime Minister of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Dr. Ünal Üstel. For our university, 2024 proved to be a momentous year, defined by the unwavering commitment



of EMU staff to their institution, their diligent efforts, the realization of new achievements, and the cultivation of hope for a promising future. On the other hand, the ongoing conflicts in various regions, the natural disasters, and the tragic events that claimed the lives of infants and young children in 2024 have regrettably been recorded in history as profound sources of sorrow and a somber reminder of humanity's shortcomings. As we welcome 2025,

we embrace the understanding that every New Year offers opportunities for fresh beginnings, renewed hope, and the promise of a brighter future. With this perspective, we turn to a new chapter in both our lives and the world around us. May this chapter be adorned with vibrant and cherished memories, accompanied by health, happiness, peace, and harmony. Let us hope that this New Year brings the end of conflicts, enables children to thrive in conditions of equality and joy, and ushers in an era of prosperity and tranquility for all. As the Eastern Mediterranean University, we are committed to elevating our ambitions for 2025, striving to lead in diverse fields such as science, technology, arts, and sports, while continuing to make a meaningful impact through social awareness initiatives. Our foremost aspiration is to further strengthen Eastern Mediterranean University's standing as a globally renowned institution of higher education. On this occasion, I wholeheartedly wish our students, alumni, all our personnel members and our society a happy New Year, hoping that 2025 will be a year marked by success, memorable moments shared with loved ones, and significant strides toward realizing our aspirations.”

## COLLABORATION PROTOCOL SIGNED BETWEEN EMU AND KYRGYZ STATE UNIVERSITY



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Ishenaly Arabaev Kyrgyz State University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the aim of developing, strengthening and encouraging relations between the two institutions. Signing session took place on Friday, 20 December 2024 at

01:00 p.m. at EMU Rector's Office building where EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Ishenaly Arabaev Kyrgyz State University Rector Prof. Dr. Aigul Abdraeva Tolokovna signed the protocol. Present during the signing session were EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Salih

Katircioğlu, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, and the visiting delegation from the Kyrgyz State University.

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that they convened to sign a collaborative protocol

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to strengthen the ties and partnership between EMU and Kyrgyz State University. Highlighting his confidence that the protocol would enhance collaboration in areas such as academics, student exchange, and research with Kyrgyz State University, Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed his pride in being part of this initiative. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also underscored that EMU is willing to engage in all kinds of cooperative efforts with Kyrgyz State University.

On the other hand, Kyrgyz State University Rector Prof. Dr. Aigul Abdraeva Tolokovna mentioned that her son and daughter-in-law are graduates of Eastern Mediterranean University which has fostered a deep personal bond with EMU. Prof. Dr. Abdraeva Tolokovna expressed her joy at visiting EMU and signing the protocol. She also highlighted her belief that the collaboration agreement between the two universities would not only enhance ties with Kyrgyzstan but also play a significant role in advancing cooperation between the two nations.



### An Exchange of Presents Following the Signing Session of the Protocol

Following the signing session, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç presented Kyrgyz State University Rector Prof. Dr. Tolokovna a traditional Cypriot Lefkara work panel and EMU souvenirs. On the other hand, Prof. Dr. Tolokovna presented Prof. Dr. Kılıç a souvenir unique to their university.

# SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUB HOSTS TURGAY KARAKAŞ THE FIRST AEROSPACE ENGINEER OF TÜRKİYE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Special Education Club hosted Turgay Karakaş who holds the title of Türkiye Yüzyılı Scientist, the first aerospace engineer of Türkiye with cerebral palsy and, a senior engineer at the TÜBİTAK Defense Industry Research and Development Institute (SAGE). The event took place on Monday, 23 December 2024 at 02:30 p.m. at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall where Karakaş shared his success story with the slogan of “There is No Such Thing as Impossible, It Only Takes a Little Time”.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Culture Department’s Directors Şirin Zaferyıldızı Zaimağaoğlu, TRNC Presidency Persons with Disability Committee Chair Ahmet Akdeniz, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, EMU Communication Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy and EMU Engineering Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı attended the event.

The talk event commenced with a video screening about Karakaş’s life and career journey and, continued with the opening speeches.

## “A Very Important Source of Inspiration for All”

Delivering the opening speech of the event, Prof. Dr. Kılıç said; “At today’s event, Turgay Karakaş who holds the title of Türkiye Yüzyılı Scientist, the first aerospace engineer of Türkiye with cerebral palsy and, a senior engineer at the TÜBİTAK Defense Industry Research and Development Institute will share inspiring examples that demonstrate the idea that nothing is impossible. Mr. Karakaş will also recount his remarkable career journey. In life, there are no limits if you learn to pursue your dreams, work diligently, and persevere. Mr. Karakaş exemplifies this mindset, and I am certain his experiences will provide invaluable inspiration and guidance for us all. In addition to its commitment to delivering quality education, our university also fosters the development of students’ vision by bringing them together with distinguished individuals from various fields who have achieved extraordinary success”.

## “We Are Nails Supporting the Progress of This Country”

Taking the stage following the opening speech, Karakaş inspired EMU students



by sharing his journey, which included his personal background, overcoming illness, being recognized as a gifted individual, and his notable accomplishments. He recounted the difficulties he faced in his education due to congenital cerebral palsy and explained that his true life struggle began after these challenges. Karakaş also discussed his achievements at TÜBİTAK and how his aerospace engineering career took shape. Recalling his university years, he highlighted leading Türkiye’s first Cruise Missile Project, remarking, “We made contributions to all types of munitions, including air-to-ground, ground-to-sea, ground-to-air, and even submarine systems.” Karakaş concluded his speech with a powerful message: “A nail secures a horseshoe, a horseshoe saves a horse, a horse carries a hero, and a hero can shape the destiny of a nation. Each of us is a nail contributing to the development of this country.”

## A Courtesy Visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç

Prior to the talk event, Turgay Karakaş and the delegation accompanying him, paid a courtesy visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. At the end of the meeting, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented Karakaş a traditional Cypriot souvenir.



## EMU-OHS TRAINING ASSOCIATION SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES “BASIC OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY” TRAINING



Yektaoğlu Şahali, Assist. Prof. Dr. Ayşenur Talat Zrilli, Assist. Prof. Dr. Ece Çelik, Assist. Prof. Dr. Emine Atasoylu, Assist. Prof. Dr. Özlem Şahali Kovancı, Dr. Gülcan Dürüst Sakallı, Dr. Işıl Nurdan Işık and retired EMU administrative staff member Hüseyin Ünal Yetiner.

Participants completing the training were presented with certificates by EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and, Chair of EMU-CEC and Dean of EMU Faculty of Communication Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy during a certificate ceremony. Following obtaining their certificates, participants took the OHS exam held on 18 December 2024 and organized by TRNC Ministry of Labour and Social Security.

### Training to Continue

EMU-OHS Training Association operating under EMU-CEC plans to carry out the Basic Occupational Health and Safety Training series during the next year. Moreover, EMU-OHS Training Association stated that they will continue to organized trainings, approved by the TRNC Ministry of Labour and Social Security, on various different fields such as “Compulsory Occupational Health and Safety at the Workplace”, “Basic Occupational Health and Safety” and “Construction Occupational Health and Safety” trainings.



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Training Association operating under EMU Continuous Education Center (CEC) successfully completed the “Basic Occupational Health and Safety” training held between 8 July and 18 November 2024. The 4-month training consisting total of 200 hours was carried out in line with the Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) regulations and permits of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), including both theoretical and practical applications.



The trainings were conducted by experts in their fields who work within the body of EMU-OHS Training Association. The training team included experienced personnel members such as Prof. Dr. Orhan Korhan, Prof. Dr. Umut Türker, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba, Assist. Prof. Dr. Aybike

### News from Our Alumni

## EMU GRADUATE GÜLHAN BALTA KUZU THE SHINNING STAR OF DEDEMAN TOURISM GROUP



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism 2005-2006 Academic Year Spring Semester graduate Gülhan Balta Kuzu continues to make a name for herself with the achievements she gained in the tourism world. Establishing the foundations of her professional career with the education she received at EMU Faculty of Tourism, Kuzu works at the Dedeman Tourism Group as an Executive Board Member in charge of Sales and Marketing.

Kuzu started her career at Dedeman Tourism Group in 2006 in the sales department. Over time, she held managerial positions in various sales segments and eventually became the Executive Board Member in charge of Sales and Marketing. During the pandemic, Kuzu played a significant role in the company’s success by implementing swift and effective strategies through the “Stay Safe” Manifest.

Underscoring the importance of increasing the number of female professionals in the field of

tourism, Kuzu noted that the female employee ratio within the Dedeman Group is above the average in Türkiye. Moreover, Kuzu also believes that women can make a significant impact in the tourism industry due to their attention to detail and coordination skills.

### “Being an EMU Alumni has always brought me Added Confidence and Strength”

Expressing her pride in being a member of the Dedeman family, Kuzu emphasized their ongoing efforts to bring innovative projects to the tourism sector by stating, “Every new goal is a new beginning for me”. She mentioned that the strong education she received at EMU Faculty of Tourism helped her blend theoretical knowledge with practical experience, laying a solid foundation for her career. Kuzu also noted that the vision and experience gained at EMU are aspects she carries with pride. Kuzu concluded by saying, “Being an EMU alumni has always brought me added confidence and strength in my professional life.”

## FACULTY OF EDUCATION'S DEAN PROF. DR. AHMET PEHLIVAN SELECTED AS TDK COMMUNICATION MEMBER

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Education's Dean Prof. Dr. Ahmet Pehlivan has recently been selected as a member of the Turkish Language Association (TDK) Communication Membership upon the decision by the Board of Directors following a meeting held at the TDK headquarters in Ankara. TDK Communication Membership consists of a group of people who have significantly contributed to promoting the Turkish language and culture worldwide.

In a statement released by EMU regarding the TDK Communication Membership appointment of Prof. Dr. Ahmet Pehlivan, it was highlighted that this selection is a significant source of pride for both the EMU community and the academic world. The statement also conveyed best wishes to Prof. Dr. Pehlivan for success in his new role.



### TDK Communication Members

TDK Communication Members are individuals who contribute to the advancement and preservation of the Turkish language, engage in linguistic research, and promote Turkish culture. They are selected from prominent scientists and experts who are recognized nationally and internationally, particularly those who have made



significant contributions in Turkish-speaking countries and regions where Turkish is widely spoken. The term for a communication member is five years, and they may be re-elected after their term ends. Communication members are chosen based on the decision of the Scientific Board, recommendation of the Institution's President, and the approval of the Board of Directors.

## EMU REPRESENTED AT THE 3<sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL AND 6<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES CONGRESS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Dentistry's Vice Dean Prof. Dr. Şükrü Tüzmen represented EMU at the Süleyman Demirel Faculty of Medicine 3rd International / 6th National Health Services Congress organized by Süleyman Demirel University on 19-21 December 2024.

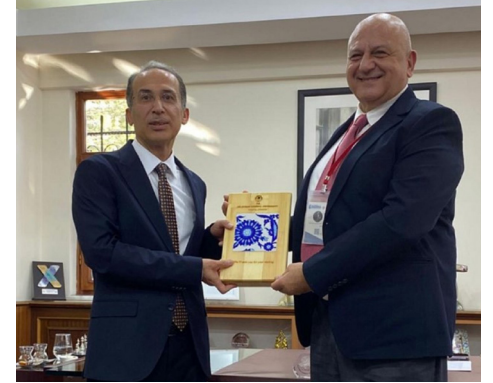
The congress addressed key topics including genetic and genomic research using advanced molecular techniques, studies on genetic disorders, and the evaluation of scientific data. Furthermore, discussions on innovations and scientific progress were held, along with poster presentations and collaborative projects with companies from the Süleyman Demirel University Teknopark.

### “EMU Offers its Students Education and Research Opportunities at International Levels with its Scientific Discipline and Systematic Thinking Integrity”

In his speech at the congress, Prof. Dr. Tüzmen stated that they have begun to collect the results of the studies carried out for the future generations. Underscoring that



research and studies conducted by Molecular Biology and Genetics Labs bear significant financial budgets, Prof. Dr. Tüzmen stated that they have gravitated towards “in silico” (computer based) and artificial intelligence (AI) based studies. Underscoring that EMU provides students with international education and research opportunities through its scientific discipline and systematic thinking framework, Prof. Dr. Tüzmen noted that since 2012, the university has hosted various social and scientific events, enabling students to take part in master's and doctoral programs abroad. Prof. Dr. Tüzmen also expressed his commitment to continuing



his scientific and academic endeavours on behalf of EMU. At the end of the congress, Süleyman Demirel University Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Saltan presented Prof. Dr. Tüzmen a certificate and a souvenir.

### Meetings Held within the scope of Project Collaboration

On behalf of EMU, Prof. Dr. Tüzmen carried out preliminary meetings with the Süleyman Demirel University and Tahran University with the aim of evaluating academic collaboration opportunities. In the said meetings, views of carrying out joint projects were exchanged.

# “INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS IN DIGITAL ERA” PANEL HELD AT EMU IN MEMORY OF PROF. DR. ESİN KONANÇ



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Law and Intellectual Property Rights Research and Application Center (FIMAUM) organized “Intellectual Property Rights in Digital Era” panel on Friday, 20 December 2024 at 03:30 p.m. at EMU Faculty of Law LA1 Hall. Held for the 16th time this year, the panel was organized in memory of late Esin Konanç, Former Dean of the EMU Faculty of Law and EMU Faculty of Law Criminal Law Professor, who sadly passed away in 2009 due to a traffic accident. Delivering the opening speech of the panel, Acting Dean of EMU Faculty of Law Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba mentioned about the

contributions of Prof. Dr. Esin Konanç to the EMU Faculty of Law and her significant studies in the field of law.

### Various Topics Discussed

The panel featured various presentations; “A Broad View on Intellectual Property Rights” by EMU Faculty of Law academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Emine Koçano Rodoslu, “Copyright on User-Generated Content Platforms” by EMU Faculty of Law research assistant Gönül Derya who talked in detail regarding the copyrights of work provided through content platforms, and “Copyright on Work Produced through Artificial Intelligence” by research assistant Murat Özad who provided insight on how to evaluate copyrights of work produced via AI.

### Certificates of Appreciation Presented

At the end of the event that received high level of participation, Acting Dean of EMU Faculty of Law Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba presented the participants with certificates of appreciation. With this meaningful event organized to honour the academic legacy of late Prof. Dr. Esin Konanç, offered participants valuable insights into the latest developments in intellectual property rights.



## DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS HOLDS THE 5<sup>TH</sup> INTERCULTURAL FOOD FESTIVAL



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Health Sciences Faculty, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics held the fifth edition of its “Intercultural Food Festival” on Tuesday, 17 December 2024 between 12:00 p.m. and 02:00 p.m. The event aimed to provide the students an opportunity to socialize through introducing their traditional cuisines. Students from different countries and cultures attended the event with their cultural and traditional dishes and recipes.

Dean of the Health Sciences Faculty Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Vice Deans Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yasin Yurt and Assist. Prof. Dr. Asiye Yeter Başaran, Head of the Nutrition and Dietetics Department Assist. Prof. Dr. Gözde Okburan, Head of the Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Department Prof. Dr. Mitat Koz, Head of the Department of Nursing Prof. Dr. Sevinç

Taştan as well as academic staff members and students of Departments of Nutrition and Dietetics, Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, and Nursing attended the event.

The promotional brochures handed out at the event included recipes, ingredients, and the nutritional information for each portion of the meals. Following the event, which was held with strong participation, certificates of attendance were presented to the students and Assist. Prof. Dr. Fatma Hülyam Eren, who effectively coordinated the event. The certificates were presented by Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Assist. Prof. Dr. Gözde Okburan, Head of the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, and other faculty members from the department.



## HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY ORGANIZES AN ONLINE SEMINAR WITHIN THE SCOPE OF WORLD PARAMEDICS DAY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Health Sciences Faculty, Paramedics Undergraduate Program and Health Services School, First and Emergency Aid Associate Program organized an online seminar with participation of Dr. Semra Çelikli, the first paramedic and paramedics educator of Türkiye. The event that was organized within the scope of 22 December, World Paramedics Day, took place on Monday, 23 December 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

The event commenced with an opening speech by EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç. Then, Dr. Semra Çelikli delivered a presentation titled “Past, Present and Future in Paramedics”. In her presentation, Dr. Çelikli provided

extensive information on the historical development of paramedic profession, current working conditions and her future goals.

Participants showed great interest at the seminar which offered valuable insights shedding light to the career journeys of the students. After a question-answer session, the event concluded with a certificate of appreciation presented to Dr. Çelikli.

### Who is Semra Çelikli?

In 1992, Dr. Semra Çelikli was sent to Cambrian College in Canada to receive training for the establishment of Türkiye’s first Paramedic program. After completing her education, she returned to Türkiye in 1993 and launched the first Paramedic



Program, continuing her work at Dokuz Eylül University. Dr. Çelikli is the first person in Türkiye to hold the Paramedic title and continues to teach in this field.

# TWO MAJOR BOOKS ON THE CONSERVATION OF ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FROM EMU ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER PROF. DR. KAĞAN GÜNÇE

## CONSERVATION OF ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE

# SOUL OF HISTORY

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Two books titled “Conservation of Architectural Heritage: Soul of History” and “Conservation of Architectural Heritage: Traces of History” that evaluate the recent approaches in conservation of architectural heritage, coordinated and co-edited by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture academic staff member and the Vice Chair of EMU Institute for Graduate Studies and Research, Prof. Dr. Kağan Günçe, have been published.

### New Books Contributing the Conservation of Architectural Heritage

Throughout the human history, all events contributed to the cultural accumulation from a social standpoint, ultimately creating the experiences that shape the cultural heritage. These accumulations and experiences, ensure that cultural heritage manifests as a key indicator of a community and the surrounding environment.

Conservation of architectural heritage, which is an important component of cultural heritage, has evolved into a global policy since the 20th century, supported by national and international agreements, laws, regulations, and directives. The main objective of these policies is to preserve cultural heritage sustainably and ensure its transmission to future generations.

Prepared in line with this awareness and published by the Journal of Architectural Sciences and Applications (JASA) and IKSAD Publishing House, the new two international books offer great contributions to the conservation of architectural heritage. Written in English language and based on blind review system, “Conservation of Architectural Heritage: Soul of History” and “Conservation of Architectural Heritage: Traces of History” consists of studies carried out by experts in their fields.

The “Conservation of Architectural Heritage: Soul of History” co-edited by Prof. Dr. Kağan Günçe and

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Damla Mısırlısoy, and “Conservation of Architectural Heritage: Traces of History” co-edited by Prof. Dr. Kağan Günçe and Prof. Dr. Atilla Gül, provide insights of the conservation of architectural heritage and aim to create an updated platforms by presenting new expansions.

### A Thorough Review Process

Prof. Dr. Kağan Günçe noted that they received 102 valuable submissions for the book titled “Conservation of Architectural Heritage”. Following a thorough review of these submissions, 39 works were chosen, and the editorial process commenced.

After the editorial process, the book titled “Conservation of Architectural Heritage: Soul of History” contains 19 valuable chapters, and “Conservation of Architectural Heritage: Traces of History” includes 20. Prof. Dr. Günçe stressed the vital importance of preserving architectural heritage worldwide and in the region, particularly in terms of shaping identity and fostering peace. He also pointed out the need to align the preservation and utilization of architectural heritage with sustainable development principles.

### Access to the Books

#### “Conservation of Architectural Heritage: Soul of History”

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#### “Conservation of Architectural Heritage: Traces of History”

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## CONSERVATION OF ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE

# TRACES OF HISTORY

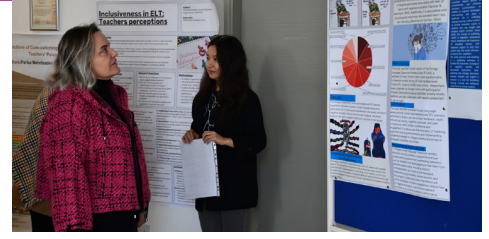
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## POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH POSTER PRESENTATIONS EXHIBITED AT EMU FOREIGN LANGUAGES EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



Postgraduate research poster presentations prepared within the scope of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Education, Foreign Language Education Department, English Language Teaching Master's and Doctoral Programs, were exhibited at the Faculty of Education on Tuesday, 24 December 2024 at 12:00 p.m. during an opening ceremony organized. The poster presentations exhibited consists of research conducted by postgraduate students as part of Transformative TESOL Education: Diversity (ELTE 519) and Innovation, Social-Emotional Learning and Studies in Second Language Acquisition (ELTE 603) course coordinated by Prof. Dr. Naciye Kunt.

The opening ceremony of the exhibition was carried out by Faculty of Education Dean Prof. Dr. Ahmet Pehlivan. Present during the ceremony were EMU Faculty of Education Vice Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. Hatice Hasipoğlu, EMU Foreign Language Education Department Head Assist. Prof. Dr. Fatoş Erozan, faculty members and students. The poster presentations highlighted modern themes like

transformation, diversity, innovation, and social-emotional learning in language teaching, while showcasing extensive and innovative research on second language acquisition.

### English Language Education Master's Program Research/Poster Titles:

The posters prepared by master's program students and exhibited in the event were; "Navigating Complexities in Multicultural Classrooms Considering the Current Situation in the World" by Aruzan Nariman; "Inclusiveness in ELT: Teachers' Perception" by Gülgün Özertay and Muhammed İbrahim Emrem; "Teachers' Self-Efficacy and Attitude towards Inclusive Education" by Ejber Aydın, Mehdi Sadeghi Mohammadi, Lina Öztoprak and Beyza Nur Çelik; "Learners' Perceptions of Translanguaging in English Language Learning" by Dilek Üyücü; "Socio-Emotional Learning in English Language Learning" by Doğanur Hacimuratlar and Sila Taş and lastly; "Enhancing FLEP School Learners' Participation through Translanguaging: Teachers' Perspectives, Practices, and Implications" by Shahjahan Ara.

### English Language Education PhD Program Research/Poster Titles:

The posters prepared by PhD students and exhibited in the event were; "A Qualitative Study on Challenges and Emotions of Undergraduate Students in EMI Classes" by Şerife Engür; "Enhancing Explicit Language Learning in the Elderly: The Role of Brain Plasticity in Cognitive Improvements" by Elena Gasmı; "Personality Differences and Language Learning: A Comparison in the FLEPS Context" by Sena Küçükkancabaş; "Functions of Code-Switching in an EFL Context: Teachers' Perspectives" by Parisa Mehdizadeh; "Exploring the Role of Classroom Anxiety in Second Language Acquisition: Impacts on Turkish Intermediate Level EFL Learners" by Ekrem Seral; "Sex Differences in Motivation for Language Learning: Exploring Language Learning Strategies in Final International University (FIU)" by Napee Narottam Lodhia; and, "Examining Code-Switching as a Scaffolding Technique in Zanzibar EFL Classrooms: Cognitive Benefits and Educational Implications" by Yussuf Mohammed Khatip. The event ended with a photoshoot by faculty members and project students.

## DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING ORGANIZES TRADITIONAL PASTA BUILDING COMPETITION AND CERTIFICATE CEREMONY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Engineering, Civil Engineering Department organized a "Traditional Pasta Building Model Competition" within the scope of 'Introduction to Civil Engineering' (CIVL100) and 'İnşaat Mühendisliğine Giriş' (INSA100) courses. As part of the event, students who have achieved success in the 2023-2024 Academic Year Spring Semester were also presented with High Honour and Honour Certificates during a certificate ceremony held.

Held the participations of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and the Dean of EMU Faculty of Engineering Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, the event featured presentation of participation certificates to the Vice Head of EMU Department of Civil Engineering Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tolga Çelik, who fulfilled the coordinatorship duty in collaboration with the Urban Planning Department, EMU Research Assistant Efecan Ünal and to all students who have contributed to the project.

In his remark, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç congratulated the Civil Engineering students for their hard work and success. Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Kılıç acknowledged the pivotal role of civil engineering in human history, underscoring its contribution to the development of

civilizations. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also emphasized that success requires consistent effort, determination, and dedication.

Head of EMU Department of Civil Engineering, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eriş Uygur emphasized the importance of student activities and noted that the building model competition is a first step taken into the world of design. Uygur explained that this competition allows students to experience the fundamental parameters they will face in real projects, as it is an event where load transfer, structural components, and connections are explored through experimental techniques.

### Successful Project Determined

In the Pasta Building Model Competition, the building model that incorporated a space truss system and was able to support over 26 kilograms of weight using only 250 grams of pasta during static vertical loading tests won first place. The competition was evaluated by a panel of judges from the EMU Civil Engineering Department, including Prof. Dr. Mahmood Hosseini, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Cemal Genç, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Giray Özay, and Asst. Prof. Dr. Umut Yıldırım. The top three students in the competition were awarded gift vouchers, sponsored by Baygül Café.



## “LET’S LEARN ABOUT WIND INSTRUMENTS” CONCERT AND TALK HELD AT EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Presidency Symphony Orchestra (CSO) co-organized a concert and a talk event titled “Let’s Learn about Wind Instruments”. The event took place on Thursday, 19 December 2024 at 12:30

p.m. at Fine Arts Education Department Choir Hall.

During the event, Karl Goepfert’s Wind Instrument Quartet and Turkish Cypriot composer Ali Hoca’s 2005 composition titled Four Photographs were performed. The ensemble included Pamir Kolat on flute, Eylül Can Akdağ

on oboe, Doğa Yürümez on clarinet, and İdil Bilbay on bassoon. Captivating the audience with the magic of classical music, the artists earned widespread praise for their exceptional performance.

At the talk event held following the concert, the history of wind instruments, their features and their place in different forms of music were discussed in detail. Audience got the opportunity to get information on the musical richness of wind instruments.

Making remarks regarding the event, Head of EMU Fine Arts Education Department Prof. Dr. S. Çetin Aydar said; “At our department, the artists of TRNC Presidency Symphony Orchestra delivered a musical performance and a talk event introducing the wind instruments. We extend our most sincere thanks to them for this pleasant concert and the beneficial introduction”.

## “UYANIŞ: YAŞAYAN ÖLÜLER” VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN THEMED THEATRE PLAY RECEIVES GREAT INTEREST AT EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism and Community Involvement Center co-organized a violence against women themed theatre play with the contributions of EMU Theatre Community and EMU Music Club. The short play

“Uyanış: Yaşayan Ölüler” (Awakening: Living Dead) featuring students from the EMU Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts as performers, was staged at the EMU Activity Center Theater Hall. The play garnered attention as a significant social

responsibility project designed to raise societal awareness. Vice Dean of EMU Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Yorgancı Maloney, EMU Information Management and Services Unit Chief Cemal Kılıç, Community Involvement Center’s Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir, EMU academic staff members and personnel, ultraAslan Uni-Eastern Mediterranean Club and EMU students watched the performance.

### Impressive Musical Performance Delivered

The play was written by Büşra Köseoğlu Tatlı, with project coordination led by Asst. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir, Chair of Community Involvement Center. In this musical, Berfin Sevimli, a student from the EMU Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts, delivered powerful renditions of emotionally charged songs like “Sarı Gelin” and “Ünzile”.

### Social Issues Taken to Stage

The play powerfully addressed critical social issues such as femicide, violence against women, child brides, and infidelity. Drawing attention to the over 400 femicides in Türkiye and Northern Cyprus this year, the final scene featured the actors holding banners protesting violence against women. Moreover, a slideshow displayed the names and photographs of women who had been murdered, aiming to raise awareness.

At the end of the well-received performance, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Yorgancı Maloney, took the stage to express gratitude to the actors and all those involved in the project, presenting certificates to the contributors.

# HANDOVER IN EMU STUDENT COUNCIL



Following the 2024-2025 Academic Year Student Council elections held at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), a Handover Ceremony was held at the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate. At the ceremony which was attended by EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, plaques of appreciation were presented to the Student Council Members who completed their duty, and the new administration took over the task.

During the ceremony, Dilara Aydın, who held the position of Student Council Secretary General both in the previous and current terms, delivered a speech on behalf of Mehmet Zeki Arslan, the former president of the 2023-2024 Academic Year Student Council. Aydın shared that throughout their tenure, they had worked hard to provide the best service to their fellow students. Aydın also wished success to the newly elected Student Council President and members, expressing her belief that they would accomplish significant achievements.

2024-2025 Academic Year Student Council President Serkan Alper Aslan also delivered a speech, wishing the new council to be beneficial to all and expressing that they will work hard on fulfilling the duties of the council to the fullest. Aslan thanked the former President and members of the Student Council for their efforts and contributions.

## “A Significant and Valuable Responsibility”

Making remarks during the ceremony, Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren congratulated the new student council and wished them success during their tenure. Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren pointed out that the students are the most crucial element for the university, and in this regard, the Student Council has an important responsibility in representing all students. Prof. Dr. Öztüren acknowledged the impressive and meaningful work done by the former Student



Council and wished the new council a successful term ahead. Prof. Dr. Öztüren also highlighted that the members of the Student Council dedicate their personal time to this role, emphasizing that it is a significant and valuable responsibility.

## “May Your Path Be Clear and Your Luck Abundant”

EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, who could not attend the Student Council Handover Ceremony due to his busy schedule, sent a message to the student which said; “I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Mehmet Zeki Arslan, the President of the Student Council, for successfully fulfilling his responsibilities during the 2023-2024 Academic Year, and through him, to all the members of the previous Student Council Board. I also want to express my sincere thanks for their valuable contributions to all students at our university. Today, the new Student Council for the 2024-2025 Academic Year takes over. I warmly congratulate the new Student Council President, Mr. Serkan Alper Aslan, and all the newly appointed Council Members, wishing them great success in their new roles. May your path be clear and your luck abundant. I greet you all with love and respect”.

The names of the students who will serve in the EMU Student Council in the 2024-2025 Academic Year are as follows: Serkan Alper Aslan (President), Elifnaz Mermer (Vice President), Dilara Aydın (Secretary General), Yiğit Özoğul (Financial Affairs Officer), Kadir Furkan Dirican (Disciplinary Affairs Officer), Ferhat Akıntı (Member), Furkan Özönay (Member), Mahmut Osman Kişi (Member), Maryann Cheluchkuwu Ugwuanyi (Member), Hajarrah Nakakembo (Member), Emre Yalçın (Member), Duru Çetin (Member), Fersu Salel (Member) and Safarbek Sadykov (International Member Representative).



# EMU'S STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR CHAMPION ANGELS

**“WE ARE HERE FOR OUR CHAMPION ANGELS UNTIL THE END  
ON THE PATH TO JUSTICE THROUGH APPEAL”**



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## ŞAMPIYON MELEKLER'İN YANINDAYIZ!

On behalf of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç released a statement of support for Champion Angels regarding the latest developments on their case. The message released by Prof. Dr. Kılıç reads as follows:

“We continue to feel the deep sorrow of the loss of our Champion Angels, including the children of our university staff, as well as students, parents, and employees from Famagusta Turkish Maarif College, who tragically passed away in the collapse of the İsiyas Hotel in Adıyaman during the Kahramanmaraş-centered earthquakes on 6 February 2023. This profound loss remains in our hearts as intensely as it did on the very first day.

From the outset, Eastern Mediterranean University has closely followed the pursuit of justice initiated by the families of the Champion Angels. Despite the availability of expert technical reports from various universities, including our own, the legal proceedings concerning

the İsiyas Hotel concluded on 24 December 2024, with a verdict that, particularly for the families filled with grief and longing, resulted in deep disappointment and sorrow. As a result of the ruling, the hotel owners, those responsible, and the architect were sentenced to various prison terms. However, rather than the anticipated charge of ‘intentional manslaughter’, they were convicted only of ‘reckless negligence’. Regrettably, this decision does not provide an adequate punishment for those responsible for the loss of 72 lives at the İsiyas Hotel, and justice has not been fully served.

It is of paramount importance that justice is served to prevent the recurrence of similar acts of negligence and mistakes, and to safeguard against future tragedies. While no punishment can restore our children or loved ones, nor alleviate the suffering of the families of the Champion Angels, we firmly believe that by ensuring the İsiyas case is documented as a precedent with the application of a more robust legal framework, it can play a role, at least to some extent,

in preventing such disasters in the future.

As the Eastern Mediterranean University, we remain steadfast in our support for the new legal efforts to be initiated by the families of the Champion Angels. We hold firm in our belief that true justice will ultimately prevail through the Court of Appeal, and that all those responsible will eventually face the consequences they deserve. We are committed to standing by the Champion Angels throughout the journey to ensure that justice is achieved through the appeal process. As a prestigious institution of higher education, our university is fully prepared to offer any assistance and support in the pursuit of justice for the Champion Angels.

We once again remember our Champion Angels with deep sorrow and longing, and we wish patience and resilience to their families throughout the upcoming legal proceedings. We also hope that by raising awareness about earthquakes and improving building safety, similar tragedies will be prevented in the future.”

## Promotional Activities in TÜRKİYE



On 2 December 2024, the “7th Balıkesir University Promotion Days” event was held by ‘EKET Fuarcılık’ at Avlu Congress and Culture Center. Cansu Okyay, İzmir Promotion Office personnel, attended the event as a representative of our University.



On 3 December 2024, Fatma Erik Çetinkaya, Ankara Promotion Office personnel, represented our university at Ankara Betül Can Anatolian High School.



On 2 December 2024, Unilook organized university promotion days at Sivas Fidan Yazıcıoğlu Culture Center. Tan İşkeleli, Samsun Promotion Office personnel, attended the event as a representative of our university.



İzmir Turkish College Fair was held on 3 December 2024. Gülçin Yayan İrdem, İzmir Promotion Office personnel, represented our university at the said event.



On 3 December 2024, “Adana University Department Promotion and Career Days” event was organized by ‘Artı Tercih Fuarcılık’. Giray Asutay, Mersin Promotion Office personnel, attended the event as a representative of our university.



On 4-5 December 2024, the “8th İzmir University Promotion Days” were organized by ‘EKET Fuarcılık’ at Tepekule Congress and Exhibition Center. Cansu Okyay, İzmir Promotion Office personnel, attended the event as a representative of our university.

## Promotional Activities in TÜRKİYE



On 3-6 December 2024, Süleyman Bediođlu carried out various promotion events in Antalya and its provinces. The events commenced with a presentation by Antalya Promotion Office personnel Tufan Otuzaltı and concluded with a presentation by educator and author Süleyman Belediođlu. The first day of the event took place in Kumluca, Finike and Demre. The second day consisted of Antalya (central) and, Serik, Alanya and Gazipaşa provinces on the fourth day.



"Unilook Denizli Fair" was held on 6 December 2024. İzmir Promotion Office personnel Gülçin Yayan İrdem attended the event as a representative of our university.



"İzmir Tekfen College Career Days Fair" was held on 6 December 2024. İzmir Promotion Office personnel Cansu Okyay attended the event.



"Mersin Eket Fair" was held on 5 December 2024. Mersin Promotion Office personnel Giray Asutay attended the event as a representative of our university.



"Antalya Eket Fair" was held on 9 December 2024. Antalya Promotion Office personnel members Ahmet Ümit Ünal and Tufan Otuzaltı attended the event.

## Promotional Activities in TÜRKİYE



“Gaziantep Artı Tercih Fair” was held on 9-10 December 2024. Hatay Promotion Office personnel Atilla Semih Ünsal attended the event.



“Mersin Eket Fair” was held on 11 December 2024. Mersin Promotion Office personnel Giray Asutay attended the event.



“Aydın Unilook Fair” was held on 10 December 2024. İzmir Promotion Office personnel Gülçin Yayan İrdem attended the event.



“Şanlıurfa Artı Tercih Fair” was held on 11 December 2024. Şanlıurfa Promotion Office personnel members Mehmet Demirkan and Ömer Faruk Öncel attended the event.



Ankara-region Süleyman Beledioğlu events were held on 10-11 December 2024. Ankara Promotion Office personnel Fatma Erik Çetinkaya delivered promotional presentations during the said event.



“Çanakkale Unilook Fair” was held on 12 December 2024. İzmir Promotion Office personnel Cansu Okyay attended the event.

## Promotional Activities in TÜRKİYE



“Kadir Has Anatolian High School Career Days” events were held on 12 December 2024. İstanbul Promotion Office personnel members Çağla Kucur Atış and Emrah Sariz attended the event.



“Diyarbakır Artı Tercih Fair” was held on 13 December 2024. Şanlıurfa Promotion Office personnel members Ömer Faruk Öncel and Mehmet Demirkan attended the event.



“Tuğba Özbek Anatolian High School Fair” as held on 12 December 2024. İzmir Promotion Office personnel Gülçin Yayan İrdem attended the event.



“İskenderun Eket Fair” was held on 13 December 2024. Hatay Promotion Office personnel Atilla Semih Ünsal attended the event.



Süleyman Belediöğlü events were held in Samsun and its provinces on 12-13 December 2024. Samsun Promotion Office personnel delivered presentations at the said event.



Süleyman Belediöğlü events were held in Mersin region on 14 December 2024. Mersin Promotion Office personnel Giray Asutay delivered presentations at the said event.



## Promotional Activities in TÜRKİYE



“Eket Gaziantep Fair” was held on 16 December 2024. Hatay Promotion Office personnel Atilla Semih Ünsal attended the event.



Süleyman Beledioğlu events were held in Şanlıurfa and Mardin regions on 18-19 December 2024. Şanlıurfa Promotion Office personnel members Ömer Faruk Öncel and Mehmet Demirkan delivered presentations at the said event.



“Sakarya Artı Tercih Fair” was held on 17 December 2024. İstanbul Promotion Office personnel Çağla Kucur Atış attended the event.



“Buca Zübeyde Hanım Education Institutions Fair” was held on 20 December 2024. İzmir Promotion Office personnel Gülçin Yayan İrdem attended the event.



“Adana Eket Fair” was held on 18 December 2024. Mersin Promotion Office personnel Giray Asutay attended the event.



“Kayseri Eket Fair” was held on 20 December 2024. Mersin Promotion Office personnel Giray Asutay attended the event.

*Yeni Yılına en içten dileklerle kutlar,  
2025 yılının size, ülkemize ve tüm dünyaya sağlık,  
mutluluk ve huzur getirmesini dilerim.*



*I wish you all a very happy New Year.  
May the year of 2025 bring health,  
joy and peace to our country and the whole world.*

Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç  
Rektör | Rector



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