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## EMU ONCE AGAIN RECEIVES FULL POINTS FROM QS STARS RANKING

Eastern Mediterranean University successfully completed the QS Stars evaluation carried out in every four years by England-based Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), one of the prominent university ranking and evaluation institutions in the field of higher education. EMU, which achieved successful results and showed consistent improvement in QS Stars evaluations in 2013, 2017, and 2021, maintained its upward trajectory in 2025 by earning five out of five stars in three categories. The evaluation highlighted Hospitality and Leisure Management, Global Engagement, Facilities, and Scientific Research as the university's top-performing areas.

In area rankings category, EMU was ranked as the 54th in the world in the Hospitality and Leisure Management category, receiving five full stars which is defined as "Excellent". EMU's contributions to science, the expertise it has shown, its achievements in world ranking and the prestigious international accreditations it holds played a significant role in this success.

EMU was also awarded a full five-star "Excellent" rating in the Global Engagement category, recognizing its international partnerships, collaborative programs with renowned global universities, memberships in



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international academic associations, global reputation, and commitment to fostering international diversity on campus.

Furthermore, EMU also earned a perfect five-star "Excellent" rating in the Facilities category, which evaluated its campus infrastructure and the amenities offered to students. The rating reflects the university's extensive services, including its library, bookstores, cafeterias, restaurants, dormitories, healthcare services,

student clubs and societies, as well as the advanced technology used in classrooms and other facilities.

According to the overall evaluation report from QS, EMU is recognized as a prestigious institution with international standing, offering excellent education, outstanding campus amenities, and the ability to meet almost every need of its students, while adhering to the standards set by QS.

#### "EMU Has Always Been a Role Model in Quality"

Making remarks on this achievement, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç sa,d; "As a state-university, EMU has always been a beacon for improving the higher education in the country. As EMU, academic excellence and

compliance to international standards are within our fundamental goals. EMU being listed within the top rankings of different international ranking lists is not a coincidence. Our university has always been a role model in quality. This success achieved in the QS Stars rankings underscore EMU's ongoing endeavors over the years and showcases its rise in the international arena. I congratulate all the members of EMU who have significantly contributed to this success and look forward to even more achievements".

## EMU 2024 - 2025 ACADEMIC YEAR FALL SEMESTER GRADUATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON 31ST JANUARY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), 2024 – 2025 Academic Year Fall Semester Postgraduate, Undergraduate and Associate Graduation Ceremony will be held on Friday, 31 January 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex. Increasing the number of its graduates every year, the number of EMU's alumni will grow to nearly 76,000 with the graduation of students in the 2024 – 2025 Academic Year Fall Semester.

During the ceremony commencing with a moment of silence and the National Anthem, speeches on behalf of the graduates and protocol speeches will be delivered. Then, the top ranking students of the faculties, schools and departments will be

presented with their diplomas and awards by the members of protocol. The ceremony will continue with the presentation of diplomas to postgraduates and awards to the thesis supervisors. The ceremony will conclude with the presentation of diplomas to undergraduate and associate degree graduates, followed by throwing of the caps. Nearly a thousand students will be graduating from EMU during the 2024 – 2025 Academic Year Fall Semester Graduation Ceremony. 2024 - 2025 Academic Year Fall Semester Graduation Ceremony will be broadcasted live on Friday, 31 January 2025 on BRT 2 channel, EMU TV and via social media platforms Youtube – <a href="https://www.">https://www.</a> youtube.com/user/eastmeduniv and Facebook https://www.facebook.com/eastern.med.univ/).



# EMU GETS READY TO LEAVE ITS MARK ON THE TEKNOFEST TRNC COMPETITIONS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) is getting ready to participate in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) event of TEKNOFEST, world's biggest Aviation, Space and Technology event.

## **EMU Rector's Office to Fully Support the Competitors**

Team members and supervisors of competing groups who finalized their registrations into the TEKNOFEST TRNC gathered at the EMU Senate Hall upon the call from EMU Rector's Office to strengthen the support.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, EMU Technology Competitions and Project Coordinator and Board of Trustees (VYK) Consultant Assoc. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyalı and, EMU Rector's Office Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tolga Çelik were present during the said meeting.

TEKNOFEST TRNC will be held on 1-4 May 2025 at the Old Terminal Building of Ercan Airport. Registrations for competitions will continue until 30 January 2025. Organized 10 times since 2018,

TEKNOFEST brings its blend of friendly and allied regions, technology competitions, and an unforgettable event experience to the TRNC. As part of TEKNOFEST TRNC, young participants will have the opportunity to bring their dreams to life in seven different technology contests, while the National Technology Initiative's excitement will reach people of all ages, from 7 to 70, throughout the Eastern Mediterranean.

## "TEKNOFEST Technology Competitions Will be Our Culture"

Speaking at the meeting, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Solyalı expressed that students taking part in the TEKNOFEST competitions would acquire valuable experience and expertise across various areas. Furthermore, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Solyalı highlighted that TEKNOFEST would become an integral part of the culture at EMU through its technology contests. Extending his thanks to the students, committed advisors, and stakeholders who would help initiate this process, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Solvalı noted that EMU would offer the ideal environment for this initiative. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Solyalı also encouraged participants to extend their support to teams that have not finalized their registrations, calling for more teams to take

part in the experience and contribute to a strong EMU presence.

#### "As EMU, We Will Succeed Together"

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç shared their excitement and pride in being part of TEKNOFEST, an event symbolizing innovation, creativity, and progress. Prof. Dr. Kılıç stressed that TEKNOFEST goes beyond mere competition, serving as a platform for tackling challenges, overcoming obstacles, and advancing development. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also pointed out that the event offers a crucial environment for presenting innovative talents.

Underscoring that initiatives to be carried out in this field would take the participants a step forward, Prof. Dr. Kılıç highlighted the importance of TEKNOFEST by saying; "There is not a notion called failure. As EMU, we will succeed together". Prof. Dr. Kılıç also emphasized that EMU is a university that keeps pace with modern developments and mentioned that taking part in TEKNOFEST reflects a mindset of thinking big. Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded his speech by wishing success to the students and faculty members who would represent EMU in the competition.



## EMU COMPLETES ISO 9001:2015, ISO 10002:2018 AND ISO 45001:2018 AUDITS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), completed ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System, ISO 10002:2018 Student Satisfaction Management System and ISO 45001:2018 Occupational Health and Safety Management System inspections conducted by the Turkish Standards Institution (TSE), a member of the world's widest certification network IQ Net.

The audits were carried out between 13 and 17 January 2025 under the guidance of EMU Total Quality Management Center which took the responsibility for establishing, implementing, renewing, ensuring compliance with management systems, reporting to senior management, and coordinating audits. The audits conclude with a closing meeting held on Friday, 17 January, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in

the Senate Hall of the EMU Rector's Office building. The closing meeting was attended by EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, EMU Academic Affairs Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Burak Ali Çiçek and TSE Auditors Rıza Buğra Alp Giray Okumuş, Tolga Öztekin, Miraç Öztok, Melek Selcen Öksüz Çelevi and EMU Quality Unit Representatives.

## "The Quality Process – Ongoing Effort Requiring Enhancement"

In his address during the closing meeting, EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe underscored that observations made during the audit process had been documented and that areas needing improvement would be addressed without delay, emphasizing that the quality process is an ongoing effort requiring continuous enhancement.

#### **TSE Auditors Presented Their Views**

Underlining the importance of evaluating the data collected during the audit process with an appropriate and healthy system, TSE auditors added that the data collected should also be shared with the employees. Noting that accredited programs play a significant role in contributing to the other units, TSE auditors stated that ensuring occupational health and safety is among their fundamental priorities, beyond production and service processes.

Following the remarks, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe conveyed his thanks to those contributing to the audit process, and all the Quality Unit Representatives for their devoted work. Noting that the audit week was successfully completed, Prof. Dr. Karatepe expressed that the audit report would be shared with EMU in the near future.

### News from Our Alumni

## FACULTY OF TOURISM ALUMNI ÇAĞATAY KAAN EREN INSPIRES NEW GRADUATES

Graduating from the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism, Department of Tourism Management with undergraduate and master's degrees, Çağatay Kaan Eren currently works as an Executive Meetings Manager at Destination DC, the official destination marketing organization for Washington, D.C.

Eren stated that strong academic education of EMU, combined with its international connections, greatly broadened his perspective on his career path following graduation. Emphasizing that actively engaging in student clubs significantly enhanced his leadership and organizational skills, Eren also noted that the experience he gained through EMU's student clubs was instrumental in his success at the Turkish Culture Night event held in Washington, D.C.

#### "Trust Yourself and Be Confident in Showcasing Your Talents"

Making advices to the new graduates, Eren underscored the importance of following one's passions, remaining open to learning and never underestimating the significance of small steps. Expressing that success is a product of patience and courage, Eren said; "Every achievement in life serves as a steppingstone to the next opportunity. Trust yourself and be confident in showcasing your talents. My greatest wish for you is to embark on a journey that brings both personal and professional fulfillment as you write your own story." Eren concluded by reminding that Eastern Mediterranean University provides its students with a strong foundation for their future, and wished the new graduates great success in their career journeys.



## RUSSIAN PHYSICIST PROF. DR. SERGEY G. CHEFRANOV GIVES "NEW PERSPECTIVES TO THE DYNAMICS OF THE UNIVERSE" SEMINAR AT EMU



World-renowned Russian Physicist Prof. Dr. Sergey G. Chefranov gave a seminar at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Physics. Known for the scientific studies carried out at Russia's A.M. Obukhov Institute of Atmospheric Physics and Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Prof. Dr. Chefranov delivered "Generalization of Starobinsky's R2 Theory and the Quasi-Steady Universe" presentation on Thursday, 16 January 2025 at 12:00 p.m., providing insights on the new modellings enhancing Starobinsky's R2 Theory and its the impacts on quantum gravity and cosmology. The seminar was attended by the Chair of EMU Departments of Physics and Chemistry Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı, Vice Chair of

Department of Physics Prof. Dr. Seyedhabibollah Mazharimousavi, Distinguished Professor Prof. Dr. Mustafa Halilsoy, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün, Assist. Prof. Dr. Huriye Gürsel Mangut, academics from the faculty and the university, undergraduate, master's and PhD students of the Departments of Physics and Chemistry as well as other EMU students from different departments of the university, and the members of the public.

During the seminar, Prof. Dr. Chefranov, known for his interdisciplinary approach that has introduced new perspectives to the scientific community, garnered significant praise from both academics and students for his groundbreaking insights on how Starobinsky's theory has

influenced the formulation of cosmological equations. Students asked many questions regarding the innovation views and scientific approaches of Prof. Dr. Chefranov. At the end of the presentation, Prof. Dr. Sakallı presented Prof. Dr. Sergey G. Chefranov a plaque of appreciation, on behalf of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç.

#### Who is Prof. Dr. Sergey G. Chefranov?

Prof. Dr. Sergey G. Chefranov is a renowned scientist who has made significant contributions to the fields of theoretical physics, hydrodynamics, and cosmology. He graduated from the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology and has completed several doctoral studies at both the USSR Academy of Sciences and the Russian Academy of Sciences, with a focus on vortex dynamics and turbulence theory.

Currently serving as a researcher at Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Prof. Dr. Chefranov is also a member of the New York Academy of Sciences and the European Society of Mechanics. He has reviewed for numerous international journals and has authored countless articles that have enriched the scientific community.

### Visits to Rector

# KTMMOB CHAMBER OF CIVIL ENGINEERS PAYS A VISIT TO EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ



Union of Chambers of Cyprus Turkish Engineers and Architects (KTMMOB), Chamber of Civil Engineers (IMO) paid a courtesy visit to Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. Present during the visit were, Chair of KTMMOB IMO Abdullah Ekinci, Bookkeeper Hüsnü Coşan, Executive Board Member Ayşe Pekrioğlu Balkış member of IMO Şener Çağnan and EMU Rector's Office Coordinator and member of IMO Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tolga Çelik.

At the meeting, discussions were held on initiating steps to set up a building materials laboratory within the university within the scope of the

collaboration between IMO and EMU. It was also highlighted that this laboratory would greatly benefit the sector and enhance building inspection processes.

During the visit, it was underscored that the planned laboratory would serve as a critical facility for the region, focusing on testing the quality and safety compliance of materials used in construction projects. In the initial phase, testing will primarily target concrete and reinforcement steel, assessing their durability, strength, and adherence to standards. Moreover, plans were emphasized to expand the laboratory's capabilities

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in the future to include testing other building materials. Designed to provide more efficient services to construction companies in Famagusta and its surroundings, the laboratory aims to improve project safety and quality while playing a vital role in building inspection and quality control.

Expressing that, as the EMU family, they will be providing support to the collaboration, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç added that they are pleased to take part in the project. During the visit, it was emphasized that IMO and EMU would establish a joint working group to ensure the provision of technical equipment, essential tools, and qualified personnel needed for setting up the laboratory.

It was recorded that preparations for a formal agreement to solidify the collaboration would commence soon, with the signing of the protocol marking the initiation of steps to make the laboratory operational. At the end of the visit, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented a unique Cypriot gift to the Chair of IMO Abdullah Ekinci, who in turn offered a gift to Prof. Dr. Kılıç as a gesture of mutual appreciation.

## DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE ORGANIZES "2ND ANNUAL RESEARCH DAY" EVENT



Organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Department of Architecture, the "2nd Annual Research Day" event took place on 17 January 2025 at Alpay Özdural Hall at the EMU Faculty of Architecture. Held with the purpose of providing the academics and students an opportunity to showcase their high-quality research, the event served as an important platform for collaborations.

The event commenced with opening speeches delivered by Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alper Atun, Dean of EMU Faculty of Architecture, and Prof. Dr. Rafooneh M. Sani, Chair of Department of Architecture.

## A Significant Opportunity for Collaboration and Exchange of Views

In her speech, Prof. Dr. Sani welcomed the attendees of the event, noting that they have preferred to gather with a smaller group this year. Prof. Dr. Sani stated that the event serves as a significant opportunity for research, collaboration and exchange of views. Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Sani stressed that they have felt the need for such an event following its first-time organization in the previous year. Prof. Dr. Sani ended her words by wishing the participants a beneficial day.

#### An Important Contribution to Institutional Identity

Also addressing the participants of the event, Prof. Dr. Atun expressed the faculty's contentment in hosting the event. Noting that the organising process of the event was a hard work yet joyous, Prof. Dr. Atun thanked those who have contributed to process, particularly Prof. Dr. Sani. Emphasizing the important role of events on institutionalization, Prof. Dr. Atun conveyed her hope for the continuation of such events in the future. Underscoring that the organized event significantly

contributed to the institutional identity of EMU, Prof. Dr. Atun wished everyone a pleasant day.

#### **EMU** has a Solid Publication History

Following the welcoming speeches, Director of EMU Institute of Graduate Studies and Research (IGSR) Prof. Dr. Ali Hakan Ulusoy took the stage and touched on three main points regarding the research activities carried out at EMU. Firstly, he highlighted their pride in the global partnerships with international universities, noting that these collaborations enhance global knowledge networks. Next, Prof. Dr. Ulusoy pointed out that EMU has a solid publication history, with many articles published in high-impact, peer-reviewed journals. Lastly, he emphasized the crucial role of graduate programs in research activities and mentioned that students in these programs benefit from a robust research infrastructure.

### Various Topics Discussed

As part of the 2nd Annual Research Day, keynote speakers EMU IGSR Director Prof. Dr. Ulusoy, Prof. Dr. Islam Elghonaimy and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dalia Hussein Mohamed Eldardiry delivered presentations. EMU IGSR Director Prof. Dr. Ulusoy made a presentation titled "Postgraduate Education and Research Activities at EMU". Then, Prof. Dr. Elghonaimy from College of Engineering at the University of Bahrain delivered a presentation titled "Optimizing Sustainable Landscape Maintenance Techniques through Digital Tools and Data Analytics". The final presentation of the session was delivered on "The Endless Journey of Building Research Skills in Design" by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eldardiry from College of Design at Imam Abdulrahman Bin Faisal University. In addition to the presentations, a panel titled "Panel Endorsing Faculty of Architecture Journal" was also held within the scope of the event.

Dean of EMU Architecture Faculty and Editor-in-Chief of the EMU Journal of Faculty of Architecture Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alper Atun, EMU Department of Architecture academic staff member and Editor of the Journal Prof. Dr. Beşer Oktay Vehbi and, EMU Department of Interior Architecture academic staff member and Editor of the Journal Prof. Dr. Nil Paşaoğluları Şahin delivered presentations.

Following the panel, a session titled "Broadening Research Perspectives" was held. In the said session, EMU Department of Architecture academic staff members Prof. Dr. Müjdem Vural, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ceren Boğaç and Assist. Prof. Dr. Pınar Uluçay respectively delivered the presentations titled; "Exploring the Potential of Research Workshops: Learning from Research Internships at Yıldız Technical University", "The Urban Grotesque: A New Theory for Non-Binary Urban Geographies" and "EU Research Funding Opportunities".

In the final session of the program titled "Conference Reviews", EMU Department of Architecture academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Harun Sevinç presented his research, "Sustainable Design Strategies to Enhance Daylight Performance of the EMU Rectorate Building in Gazimağusa, North Cyprus" which he shared at ICNTAD 2024. Next, Department of Architecture academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ege Uluca Tümer, discussed her study "Ecological Features of Adobe Houses in Rural Settlements: Vernacular Houses in the Villages of Mesaoria Plain, Cyprus". Lastly, PhD candidate Özge Selen Koç presented her joint research with Prof. Dr. Şebnem Hoşkara, titled "Building Climate-Resilient Public Spaces: A Holistic Examination of Nicosia, Cyprus, Guided by Global Environmental Agendas".







## EMU'S UNIT OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TO ORGANIZE A LOGO DESIGNING COMPETITION

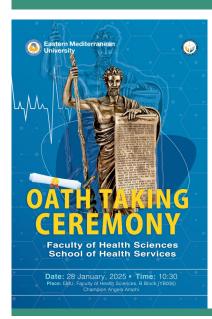
Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Unit for Students with Disabilities is organizing a logo designing competition which would also reflect the vision of the unit. The last date for submitting applications for the "Unit of Students with Disabilities Seeking for Its Logo!" competition has been determined as 3 March 2025 until 05:00 p.m. The selection committee of the competition consists of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, Head of EMU Department of Public Relations and Advertising Prof. Dr. Anıl Kemal Kaya, Head of EMU Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Assist. Prof. Dr. Fırat Tüzünkan, Coordinator of EMU's Unit of Students with

Disabilities Assist. Prof. Dr. Ünal Değer and EMU's Unit of Students with Disabilities Representative Ünsal Emre Gülener.

#### A Variety of Awards to be Granted

The results of the competition will be announced on 17 March 2025. Designers of ranking designs will receive certificates of achievement, plaques and a variety of awards. Open for applications of EMU students, the specification and application form of the said competition can be accessed from the Unit of Students with Disabilities or the unit's website. All students wishing to contribute to the vision of the Unit of Students with Disabilities, are encourage to take part in this meaningful competition.

## **HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS TO TAKE OATHS**

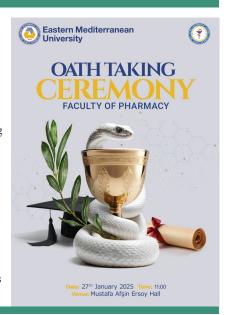


2024 - 2025 Academic Year Fall Semester graduates of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Pharmacy, Faculty of Health Sciences and School of Health Services are getting ready to take their first steps into their professions by taking oaths.

#### Over 100 Healthcare Professionals to Take Oaths

Over 100 healthcare professionals will take their oaths prior to the 2024-2025 Academic Year Fall Semester Postgraduate, Undergraduate and Associate Graduation Ceremony. The oath-taking ceremonies will commence with a moment of silence and National Anthem, followed by the protocol speeches. The ceremonies will end with new graduates taking their oaths on the professional principles accompanied by the Deans and Department Chairs.

Within the scope of the ceremony program, the oath taking ceremony for the EMU Faculty of Pharmacy graduates will take place on Monday, 27 January 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. On Tuesday, 28 January 2025 at 10:30 a.m., graduates of Health Sciences Faculty and School of Health Services will take their oaths during a ceremony held at the Champion Angels Amphitheatre.



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

### Faculty of Arts & Sciences

1- Aydin, Mustafa, and Nazim I Mahmudov. "Relative Controllability of Fractional Dynamical Systems With a Delay in State and Multiple Delays in Control." MATHEMATICAL METHODS IN THE APPLIED SCIENCES, 2025. https:// doi.org/10.1002/mma.10714 (Early Access)

#### Faculty of Business & Economics

1- Balcilar, Mehmet, Godwin Olasehinde-Williams, and

Berkan Tokar. "Achieving National Food Security in Sub-Saharan African Countries: The Role of Foreign Agricultural Aid." FOOD AND ENERGY SECURITY 14, no. 1 (January 2025). https://doi.org/10.1002/fes3.70042.



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