

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY EVENT HELD AT EMU



A “Down Syndrome Awareness Day” event led by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Special Education Club, was organized on Friday, 21 March 2025 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. at the Atatürk (CL) Square. The event was held with the contributions of Green Crescent Club, ultrAslan UNI Eastern Mediterranean, Children’s Rights Club, Folk Dance Community and Beşiktaş Fan Club, as well as the EMU Unit for Students with Disabilities. As part of the said event, students of Ziyamet Special Education School and Ötügen Special Education School were hosted at EMU.

“Our Only Difference is +1”

Delivering a speech at the event, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç

Zorlu stated that they had gathered for a very special cause and said, “First and foremost, I congratulate our student clubs. Today, we hosted two special education centers. On 21 March – Down Syndrome Awareness Day, we remind everyone that the only difference is +1 and that we are all the same. It’s important to raise awareness on this topic and support individuals with Down syndrome in integrating into society. I sincerely appreciate your compassion on this matter”.



The event included a variety of activities designed to support individuals with Down syndrome in exploring their potential and engaging more with society. Guests had a wonderful time participating in face painting, exciting games, music, and creative crafts.



VISIT FROM AZERBAIJAN-CYPRUS FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

Azerbaijan-Cyprus Friendship Society Visits EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç

Within the scope of the Turkic World International Nowruz Festival, the Azerbaijan – Cyprus Friendship Society paid a courtesy visit to Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. The visit took place on Thursday, 20 March 2025 at 05:30 p.m. Academic collaborations, cultural interaction between the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and Azerbaijan, and views on the Turkic World International Nowruz Festival hosted by EMU were discussed during the said visit.



Present during the visit were, Member of the Azerbaijani Parliament and the Chairperson of Health Committee Musa Guliyev, EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) Member Halil İbrahim Orun, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren and Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, Republic of Türkiye Foreign Policies Board Member Prof. Dr. Aygün Attar, Chairperson of the Azerbaijan-Cyprus Friendship Society Orhan Hasanoğlu, Azerbaijan State Artists and Naçivan State Philharmonic Orchestra Soloist Zülfügar Mahmudov, Türksöy Culture Department Supervisor Şehnaz Sonat, Kazakhstani artist Malika Aldamzharova, Kyrgyz artists Gulira Kasykulova, Uzbek artists Artur Utegenov, Naçivan State Philharmonic Orchestra Soloist Afsana Babayeva and Azerbaijani students.



“EMU is a Part of Us”

Orhan Hasanoğlu, the Chairperson of Azerbaijan-Cyprus Friendship Society, expressed that the Azerbaijan-Cyprus Friendship Society was established in March 2013 at EMU and said, “In TRNC, we have always felt as if we are in Azerbaijan. EMU is a part of us”. Expressing his sense of belonging to the TRNC and EMU, Hasanoğlu highlighted his pleasure that the first day of the Turkic World International Nevruz Festival would be held at EMU.

“A Great Value for Both Countries”

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç celebrated Nowruz and expressed his contentment, saying, “Today is the first day of Nowruz, and it brings me great joy to see you all here on this special occasion. I welcome you all”. Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized the strong brotherly relationship with Azerbaijan and spoke about the importance of Azerbaijan-Cyprus relations, stating that such visits are of great significance for both countries. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also provided information about EMU, highlighting that the university trains



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students from all over the world, with a special focus on Azerbaijan.

“Symbolizing Unity and Togetherness”

Member of the Azerbaijani Parliament and the Chairperson of Health Committee Musa Guliyev commenced his speech by saying that he feels at home in the TRNC. Guliyev highlighted that the participation of the TRNC in summit meetings of Turkic states is a significant step toward recognition by these countries. Guliyev pointed out that Turkic states bear a great responsibility in recognizing the TRNC and shared that, in this regard, they decided to hold Nowruz celebrations in the TRNC. Speaking about Nowruz, Guliyev explained that the holiday represents unity and togetherness, and should be celebrated by all Turkic states.

“Honoured to Host Visiting Delegation at the University”

In his remarks, EMU VYK Member Halil İbrahim Orun expressed his pride on hosting the Azerbaijan- Cyprus Friendship Society at the university. Highlighting the hardships and struggles of the Turkish Cypriots in the past, Orun emphasized that the Turkish Republic of Northern

Cyprus achieved its freedom after 1974. Orun also expressed his satisfaction in seeing Azerbaijan take steps towards recognizing the TRNC and conveyed their deep affection for Azerbaijan.

“EMU Serves as an Example for Academic Endeavours”

Republic of Türkiye Foreign Policies Board Member Prof. Dr. Aygün Attar touched on the historic relation of Cyprus and Turkic World, stating that the Nowruz is a common value for all Turkic world countries and that it needs to be celebrated should be celebrated regardless of religious or ethnic differences. Prof. Dr. Attar stressed the significance of academic work, pointing out that EMU sets an example for academic endeavours in Cyprus. Prof. Dr. Attar wished for a year filled with peace and love for the world and celebrated the unity and fellowship of the Turkic world.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented appreciation plaques to Member of the Azerbaijani Parliament and the Chairperson of Health Committee Musa Guliyev, the Chairperson of Azerbaijan-Cyprus Friendship Society

Orhan Hasanoglu and Republic of Türkiye Foreign Policies Board Member Prof. Dr. Aygün Attar.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç Attended Turkic World International Nowruz Festival

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç attended the Turkish World International Nowruz Festival held on Thursday, 20 March 2025 at 08:00 p.m. at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center where he delivered a speech. EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren and, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici also attended the said event.

Underscoring that Nowruz is a unifying value for the Turkic world and that cultural heritage is transmitted from one generation to the next, Prof. Dr. Kılıç extended his Nowruz greetings to everyone and wished them an enjoyable evening.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND MINING SIGN A COLLABORATION PROTOCOL



EMU Earthquake Research and Application Center and The Department of Geology and Mining Sign a Collaboration Protocol

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Earthquake Research and Application Center (DAUM) and the Department of Geology and Mining operating under the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Deputy Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment signed a collaboration protocol with the aim of conducting seismic studies in Cyprus and the broader Mediterranean region, facilitating the use of innovative technologies in earthquake research, enhancing public awareness, making evaluations, and proposing science and technology-driven, future-focused

solutions. The signing session of the protocol took place on Tuesday, 25 March 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at EMU Rector's Office where EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and the Director of TRNC Department of Geology and Mining Ayşen Albayrak signed the said protocol.

Present during the signing session were, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, Rector's Office Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Arzu Abıç, Chair of DAUM and EMU Department of Civil Engineering academic staff member Prof. Dr. Mahmood Hosseini, DAUM Executive Board member and Department of Civil Engineering

academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eriş Uygur, DAUM Executive Board members and Department of Civil Engineering academic staff members Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Cemal Genç and Assist. Prof. Dr. Umut Yıldırım.

“Educating the Society Holds Great Importance”

Making remarks before the signing session, Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that they had gathered to sign a protocol, specifically important in terms of contributing to the public. Prof. Dr. Kılıç highlighted the critical importance of conducting studies and raising public awareness, particularly due to the recent earthquakes and the fact that our country is situated on fault lines. Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that the collaboration between two state institutions would be a significant step in terms of accessing and sharing data. In his speech, Prof. Dr. Kılıç also mentioned the establishment process of the Earthquake Research and Application Center, expressing his pleasure in cooperating with the TRNC Department of Geology and Mining, and thanked everyone who contributed to the protocol.

“We will contribute to Even More Valuable and Scientific Studies with EMU”

Speaking after Prof. Dr. Kılıç, the Director of the TRNC Department of Geology and Mining, Albayrak, emphasized the significance of advancing their work to an academic level. Albayrak expressed confidence that this collaboration with Eastern Mediterranean University would contribute to more valuable and scientific research. Albayrak also extended her gratitude to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç for his support.



PRESTIGIOUS RESEARCH PRIZE

*EMU Academician Assist. Prof. Dr. Nafia Akdeniz
Awarded With Prestigious Research Prize*

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (FLEPS) academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Nafia Akdeniz was awarded with 2024 Early-Career Researcher Prize granted by Journal of Refugee Studies published by Oxford University Press.

Assist. Prof. Dr. Akdeniz received the said prize with her article titled "Hope in the Ruins of Home: Narrative Meaning-Making of Forced Displacement,

Place Attachment and Deferred Future Resettlement in Varosha". The said article offers a valuable contribution to the field by exploring in depth the issue of forced displacement, the sense of belonging of individuals, and their aspirations for the future.

A statement released by EMU FLEPS reads, "We extend our congratulations to Assist. Prof. Dr. Nafia Akdeniz for this significant achievement, wishing her continuous success in her academic career".

Journal of Refugee Studies 2024 Early-Career Researcher Prize

The Journal of Refugee Studies is an interdisciplinary academic publication that centers on subjects like forced migration, displacement, refugees, asylum seekers, migration policies,



and integration. Published by Oxford University Press, it annually presents the Early-Career Researcher Prize to recognize the accomplishments of emerging scholars who have made impactful contributions to the field. The winning article is chosen by the editorial team and international advisory board and is made available for free for one year.

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NEW RESEARCH

Another New Research From EMU Faculty of Tourism

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism published a new research study on the factors influencing Muslim students' choice of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC).

The study titled "Motivational Factors Shaping Muslim Students' Decisions to Study Abroad: A Case Study of Northern Cyprus" carried out by the acting Dean of the Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkyay Yorgancı and PhD student Fetine Bayraktar was published in the "The Experience of Muslim Students and Scholars in Academic Institutions in the West" edition of the Journal of International Students. Said study examines the key elements influencing the decision making process of Muslim students who preferred Northern Cyprus for their studies.

Indexed in prestigious databases such as Scopus, ESCI, SJR, ProQuest and ERIC, the journal is regarded as one of the most significant academic publications in the field of international education.



The Quality of Academic Education and Safe Environment are in the Forefront

Carried out in line with the data gathered from the two leading educational institutions in the North Cyprus, the study approaches the academic, social and cultural experiences of the students. In accordance with the research findings of Assist. Prof. Dr. Yorgancı and Bayraktar, the quality of academic education, high standard campus facilities, financial affordability as well as safe environment in terms of culture and social aspects are among

the top reasons why students prefer to study in North Cyprus.

A statement by Assist. Prof. Dr. Yorgancı and Bayraktar included: "The findings clearly show once again that, as Northern Cyprus is an isolated country, it lacks the same level of international interaction as other countries. Along with this, the prevalence of the local language and the limited availability of part-time job opportunities are identified as the primary challenges for students. These findings offer valuable insights for universities and policymakers in shaping strategies for international students.

Taking into account the motivations of students studying in Northern Cyprus and the challenges they face, this research could serve as a foundation for creating an effective educational tourism strategy for the region. The study has provided important insights for universities and policymakers to develop more targeted strategies for international students. Moreover, it offers valuable perspectives on the future of educational tourism and diversity. To learn more or access the study, you can visit the Journal of International Students website".

SUCCESSFUL AGEING

“Başarılı Yaşlanma / Successful Ageing” Conference Held at EMU

Within the scope of the ‘Respect for the Elderly Week’, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Health Sciences Faculty and the Association of Elder Rights and Mental Health co-organized a conference titled “Başarılı Yaşlanma / Successful Ageing” at the Champion Angels Amphitheatre in the EMU Health Sciences Faculty. During the event, Geriatrics Specialist Prof. Dr. Mehmer Refik Mas from Kolan British Hospital provided insights on the physical, mental and social aspects of successful ageing.



“Ageing – A Natural and Inevitable Process of Life”

In her opening speech, Prof. Dr. Hatice Jenkins, the President of the Association of Elder Rights and Mental Health, stated that ageing is a natural and inevitable process of life and said, “What truly matters is experiencing this process in a way that is healthy, active, and peaceful”. Underscoring that the process of ageing should not be identified as a biological process, Prof. Dr. Jenkins underlined the importance of addressing the psychological, social and spiritual aspects of the process. Saying “Active participation of elders within the society, strengthening of social relations and enjoying elder hood are keystones of successful ageing”, Prof. Dr. Jenkins stressed that the crucial role everyone plays in achieving successful aging. She explained that the Association of Elder Rights and Mental Health operates with this goal in mind and informed participants about its mission and activities.



ageing process, providing valuable insights on the sustainability of a health life. The conference provided suggestions for increasing the quality of life for elders. Participants had the opportunity to ask questions regarding topics they are curious about.

At the end of the event, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Refik Mas and Prof. Dr. Hatice Jenkins were presented with souvenirs by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Malkoç.



“Golden Age”

Dean of the EMU Health Sciences Faculty, Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç expressed that they had gathered for a very meaningful event, saying that she prefers to say “getting along in years” instead of “ageing” and that this process is referred as the “golden age” of life. Prof. Dr. Malkoç highlighted how the golden age contributes to a deeper understanding of life, wisdom, and personal growth. She also shared her experience of meeting Prof. Dr. Hatice Jenkins and emphasized that this conference would serve as a meaningful investment in the lives of young people. Concluding her speech, Prof. Dr. Malkoç paid homage to the 18 March Çanakkale Victory, honoring Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and all the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the country, with deep respect and gratitude.

Taking the stage after Prof. Dr. Malkoç, Prof. Dr. Mas touched on the physical, mental and social aspects of successful



A MULTIDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVE ON ADDICTION

“A Multidisciplinary Perspective on Addiction” Conference Held at EMU

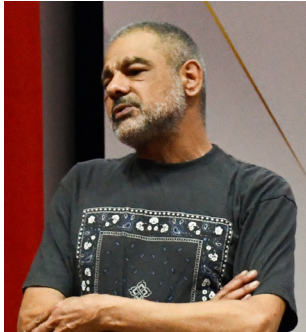
Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Social and Cultural Activities Directorate and Medi Foundation Anti-Addiction Association co-organized a conference titled “A Multidisciplinary Perspective on Addiction” with the contributions of Presidency Anti-Addiction Commission and EMU Psychological Counselling, Guidance and Research Center (PDRAM). The event took place on Saturday, 15 March 2025 between 09:30 a.m. and 05:00 p.m. at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall where extensive presentations on the role of different disciplines in the fight against addiction were delivered.

“We Value Sharing Scientific Progress For The Benefit Of Society and Encouraging Cooperation across Disciplines”

Delivering the opening speech of the event, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu underlined that addiction is not only an individual problem, rather is a social one, saying; “Addictions to alcohol, substances, technology, gambling, and social media are becoming more prevalent in today’s world. This growing issue threatens both the physical and mental well-being of individuals”. Stressing the importance of a multidisciplinary approach in the fight against addiction, Prof. Dr. Zorlu continued, “In this fight, it is essential for healthcare professionals, psychologists, social workers, lawyers, and educators to collaborate. As a university, we value sharing scientific progress for the benefit of society and encouraging cooperation across disciplines”.

“The Fight against Addiction is not limited to Treatment”

The Founding Director of Medi Foundation, İsmet Koldaş Medi emphasized that addiction is not merely an individual program, it is a multidimensional phenomenon impacting a whole family, society and generations. Noting that the fight against addiction is not limited solely to treatment, Medi said they have been carrying out various events and social responsibility projects over the last five years. Medi expressed that through academic partnerships and projects with public institutions, they have created science-based strategies to enhance public awareness,



highlighting that they have made important strides, especially in safeguarding young people from potential risks.

Experts from Various Fields Shared Their Views

Various presentations were delivered; “Psychological Basis of Addiction” by Clinical Psychologist Ahsen Hümeyra Ak, “Addiction from a Biological Perspective” by Histologist and Embryologist Katriye Komili, “Social Dimensions of Addiction and Preventive Studies” by Social Service Specialists Instructor Barış Başel and Instructor Gizem Ercantan, “Legal Aspects of Addiction” by Lawyer Rahime Tuğalan, “Family Dynamics in Addiction” by Clinical Psychologist and Instructor Gizem Gülden,

“The Role of Nursing in the Fight Against Addiction” by Nurse and Instructor Ahmet Enes Güngördü, “The Role of Physiotherapy in the Process of Recovery from Addiction: Mental and Physical Recovery” by Physiotherapist and Instructor Seda Erdoğan Gedik, “Stress and Impulse Control Exercises Workshop” by Specialist Psychologist Özlem Güler Erginsoylu and Specialist Psychologist Güler Atas Buldu and, lastly “Addiction Treatment Processes and Rehabilitation Process” by the Chairperson of the Prime Ministry of Anti-Drug Commission Teyfide Tecel Tremeşeli.

At the end of the event, guest speakers and students attending the event were presented with certificates of participation.



VARIOUS EVENTS HELD AT EMU AS PART OF 14 MARCH WORLD SLEEP DAY

Within the scope of the 14 March – World Sleep Day, various events were organized in collaboration with Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculties of Arts and Sciences, Medicine and Health Sciences. The events took place on Friday, 14 March 2025 at 01:00 p.m. at the Activity Hall of the Center for the Application and Research for Healthy Life (SAYMER), under the guidance of World Sleep Society (WSS) delegate and EMU Department of Psychology academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Gökçe Yılmaz Akdoğan. Workshops and seminars were held for parents and students.

Sleep Health and Baby Massage Workshop

Within the framework of the “Make Sleep a Health Priority” theme set by WSS for the year of 2025, a workshop titled “How to prioritize your Baby’s Sleep Health” was delivered for parents of children within 0-2 age group. During the workshop, Ebru Azak, EMU General Psychology Master’s Program student, shared insights on sleep hygiene with the participants. Furthermore, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Güçhan Topcu, EMU Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation academic staff member, gave families practical tips on baby massage.

Different Topics Discussed within the scope of Sleep Health

Organized in collaboration with the EMU Psychology Students Club, the second session of the events featured a seminar delivered by 3rd year Psychology student Sila Bakır who approached the relation between sleep and quality sleep. During the seminar, EMU Department



of Psychology academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Deniz Atalar emphasized the important connection between sleep and driving abilities in traffic. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Amber Eker, a faculty member of the EMU Faculty of Medicine, shared information on the symptoms and treatment methods for restless leg syndrome. Finally, Assist. Prof. Dr. Gökçe Yılmaz Akdoğan from the EMU

Department of Psychology provided practical tips to students on how to improve their sleep hygiene and prioritize their sleep health.

The events held were highlighted on the World Sleep Federation’s website, which showcases activities from 600 delegates across 70 countries, and were nominated for distinguished event awards.



News from Our Alumni

EMU GRADUTE EMRE TOK – CHIEF GROWTH OFFICER AT PUREVPN

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) continues to step forward with its successful alumni. EMU Faculty of Engineering, Department of Industrial Engineering graduate Emre Tok began his career as the Bing Marketing Manager at Microsoft UK, later served as Vice President at Careem, and played a key role in the sale of Careem to Uber for \$3.1 billion. He is currently serving as the Chief Growth Officer (Vice President) at the PureVPN division of the Dubai-based cybersecurity company PureSquare.

Commencing his educational journey in 1993 at EMU, Emre Tok mentioned that it was at EMU where he first discovered the internet and has been working on online projects and products for the past 27 years. He also emphasized that the labs and opportunities offered by EMU allowed him to explore the potential of the internet at an early age.

Underscoring the significant impact of EMU’s education on his career, Tok stated that the strong academic foundation and opportunities offered by EMU have been key in his achievements today. Tok said, “EMU didn’t just teach me technical skills, but also shaped my perspective as a curious and investigative person. The university’s excellent academic team and technological infrastructure were some of the most important factors in guiding my career”.

Emre Tok also expressed that the friendships he had initiated at EMU not only hold a significance in his professional life but also in his personal life and, said, “My friends who I had met during my time at EMU did not only shape my career journey but also played a crucial role in shaping my life. I found the friends with whom I will spend my retirement at EMU”.



RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ RELEASES A MESSAGE ON RAMADAN FEAST

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç released a message on the occasion of Ramadan Feast. Extending his greetings to all the members of EMU community and our society, Prof. Dr. Kılıç wished that the feast brings peace, health, and tranquillity to humanity. The message released by Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç reads as follows:

“The spiritual depth and peaceful atmosphere of Ramadan have once again reminded us of the importance of cooperation, solidarity, sharing, patience, and tolerance. Holidays, on the other hand, are special occasions

that strengthen our bonds and, reinforces love and respect. These meaningful days, when we gather with our families and loved ones, should showcase the finest examples of unity and togetherness. Holidays symbolize unity and togetherness, representing times to feel friendship, love, and brotherhood at their fullest.

I sincerely wish that Ramadan Feast, one of the most significant holidays in the Islamic world, brings health, peace, prosperity, and happiness to the EMU family, our nation, the Motherland Türkiye, and all of humanity. I extend my warmest holiday greetings to you”.



LIFESTYLE MEDICINE WELLNESS FAIR

EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Organizes “Lifestyle Medicine Wellness Fair”

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty organized “Lifestyle Medicine Wellness Fair”. During the event held at the Entrance Hall of the Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty with high

participation of students, students taking the “Introduction to Lifestyle Medicine” course presented their posters prepared on the fundamentals of lifestyle medicine and awareness.

The presentations focused on the significance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle, emphasizing its impact on overall well-being and health. Students provided insights on self-care, behaviour

modification, and goal-setting strategies while discussing fundamental aspects of lifestyle medicine as outlined by the American College of Lifestyle Medicine. These key areas included physical activity, nutrition, sleep, stress management, avoiding harmful substances, and building positive social and spiritual connections. The event was also attended by faculty members, students, and administrative staff.



21 MARCH WORLD POETRY DAY EVENT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted the “21 March World Poetry Day” event organized in collaboration with Cyprus Artists and Writers Union (KSYB) and Cyprus Literature Association. Coordinated by Prof. Dr. Ümit İnatçı, Chair of the EMU Design and Research Center, the events commence on Friday, 21 March 2025 at 02:30 p.m. with a talk event held with poets. Said event continued with a musical recital at 05:00 p.m. The events organized at EMU Activity Center Hall were open to the public.

Talk and Musical Recital Held

Held with participation of poets from France, Türkiye and Cyprus, the event featured a talk titled “Poetry and Translation in Evolving World” which was moderated by Emel Kaya. Metin Cengiz, Tuğrul Keskin and Maria Siakalli participated in the event as guest speakers. Then, at 05:00 p.m. on the same day, a poetry and musical recital was performed in accompany of Atakan Sarı’s piano and Mustafa Fegan’s violin performance.

Numerous Poets Featured in the Event

Held with great interest from public, the event hosted numerous prominent figures from the literature world such as, Nafia Akdeniz, Bedia Bales, Fatma Akilhoça, Zeki Ali, Levent Atikoğlu, Hüseyin Bahca, Metin Cengiz, Alasios-Andreas Chrysanthou, Maria Chrysostomou, Kiriaki Drakou, Marios Georgiou, Katerina Herakleus, Mihalis P. Hristofidis, Giorgos Frangos, Ümit İnatçı, Ruhsan İskifoğlu, Emel Kaya, Tuğrul Keskin, Burçak Midilli, Tamer Öncül, Faize Özdemirciler, Jean Poncet, Jenan Selçuk, Maria Siakalli, Dimitra Sokratous, Tuğçe Tekhanli and Neşe Yaşın.

At the end of the event, poets participating in the event were thanked for their contributions to literature and art world and, presented with certificates of participation.



EMU ÖZAY ORAL LIBRARY DIRECTOR OSMAN SOYKAN RELEASES A STATEMENT ON 61ST LIBRARY WEEK



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Özay Oral Library Director Osman Soykan released a statement on the 61st Library Week. The statement reads as follows:

“The 61st Library Week is being celebrated this year, between the 31st of March and 4th of April 2025, in Türkiye and our country.

The “Library Week” is observed in the week commencing with the last Monday of March every year. The celebration of the week as “Library Week” was officially recognized by the Ministries of National Education in Türkiye in 1964 and in our country in 1996. The aim of this week is to emphasize the value of books and reading and, to raise awareness about the importance of libraries for societies.

“Information” is an irreplaceable value of our era. Societies that place importance on knowledge, adhere to scientific principles, and embrace science as their compass are consistently progressing in the realms of science and technology. This progress has a beneficial impact on both the quality of intellectual life and economic well-being.

Today, the university libraries, especially with the utilization of internet technology, have evolved beyond being mere repositories of information to also serve as information portals that connect

researchers with new sources of information whether within the close environment or far beyond. University libraries are now focusing more on facilitating users’ access to information rather than physically possessing it, emphasizing knowledge organization. Consequently, interlibrary collaboration and document sharing has gained significant importance. This new library policy grants academics and researchers unrestricted access to information, transcending spatial constraints. The new mission of the 21st century university library is to guide users in accessing information in all formats without limitations.

As it is an important week for all libraries, the 61st Library Week also holds a special place for EMU Özay Oral Library. Our library is one of the prominent libraries, offering extensive printed and electronic information services with the widest academic collections in our region.

With its approximately 170,000 hard copy books, 10,000s of electronic journal memberships and nearly 350,000 full text e-book collections, our library serves in a way to support Eastern Mediterranean University, a prominent higher education institution in both our region as well as all around the world, reach its educational goals.

Thanks to our library’s memberships in online databases, along with thousands of electronic



journals and books, online copies of conference papers, thesis, reports, evaluation records, statistical data, study journals, standards, bibliographic records and similar materials can be accessed by our researchers.

With its efficient information services and extensive collections, our library remains as an indispensable source supporting our university’s contemporary, innovative, progressive and student-oriented educational approach.

Alongside with our University’s academic personnel members and students, our library opens its doors to world researchers and members of the society. In this context, we invite and encourage our community to read books and benefit from the services offered by our library.

Individuals wishing to obtain more information about EMU Özay Oral Library can visit our website (<http://library.emu.edu.tr>).

On this occasion, I extend my best wishes to all librarians and library enthusiasts and, wish our society many days filled with books.”

NOWRUZ CELEBRATED WITH EVENTS

A Nowruz event was held at EMU Activity Center with the participation of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Pakistan, India, Iran, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan Student Societies.

Recognized as one of the oldest festivals, Nowruz means “A New Day” and symbolizes rebirth and affirmation of living in harmony with nature. Indicating the beginning of spring, Nowruz is globally celebrated with various events.

In their opening speeches, EMU Student Societies expressed their wish for Nowruz to bring happiness to the world and extended their festive greetings to all.

Attending the event, EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren delivered a speech, extending his greetings for the Nowruz and wishes for a year full of health, success and happiness.

Students Wore Traditional Outfits

Following the speeches, student societies delivered musical and dance performances. Students showed great interest in the event, attending with their traditional outfits. They also presented their cultural dishes to the participants' taste.



ALEKSANDR ZABOLOTKOV REMEMBERED

EMU Commemorates Aleksandr Zabolotkov with a Chess Tournament

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Sports Affairs Directorate organized “Aleksandr Zabolotkov Chess Tournament” for EMU students at Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex. The tournament held in commemoration of EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education academic staff member late Aleksandr Zabolotkov who sadly passed away in 2022, received great interest from the students who fiercely competed with each other.

The contestants of the tournament were divided into Category A or B, according to their levels on online chess platforms. Category A consisted of players with advanced level of chess knowledge who are experienced and professional players. On the other hand, Category B consisted of players who are new to the world of chess and are less-experienced.

Following competitive matches, Ali Doğan Nay completed the tournament in the first place in Category A, followed by Tuğra Istillozlu and Furkan Yurtal in second and third places. In Category B, Nehir Cantaş ranked the first, Atakan Topal the second and Mert Günlü the third.

“A Fantastic Setting with a Deep Sense of Friendship”

Aleksandr Zabolotkov, the son of late



EMU personnel Aleksandr Zabolotkov, said, “It was a great tournament. I extend my thanks to those who have organized this event in memory of my father. The tournament had a fantastic setting with a deep sense of friendship. I began my journey at EMU in 2003, and I continued my education here through to my doctorate. Today, I am proud to serve as an academic at this university. EMU provides excellent opportunities not only in academics but also

in sports. I congratulate all my friends who participated and earned top placements in the tournament”.

Following the speeches, Sports Affairs Directorate Coordinator Aydın Kayol, Sports Affairs Directorate personnel Ecevit Savaş Cankat and Aleksandr Zabolotkov, the son the late EMU personnel member Aleksandr Zabolotkov presented awards to the top-ranking participants.

FIRST SEMINAR OF EMU URDC "RE-THINK SDGS - FRESH PERSPECTIVES, BOLD SOLUTION"

SEMINAR SERIES HELD ONLINE ON

"EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL AND UN SUSTAINABILITY GOALS"

The first event of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Urban Research and Development Center's (URDC) "Re:Think SDGs – Fresh Perspectives, Bold Solution" seminar series was held online on Tuesday, 25 March 2025. The session titled "European Green Deal and UN Sustainability Goals" approached important topics.

Featuring Prof. Dr. Hatice Camgöz Akdağ, Chair of Business Engineering Department at Istanbul Technical University (ITU) as a guest speaker, the event focused on the fundamental framework of European Green Deal and the United Nation's Sustainability Goals. Providing valuable insights on global sustainability policies and green transformation processes, the event created a platform for embracing eco-friendly practices and achieving sustainability objectives.

The seminar organized as an indication of EMU's dedication to sustainable development and environmental awareness, along with its sustainable campus strategy, was attended with keen interest by academics from diverse fields, students, and those passionate about the topic. The webinar encouraged participants to engage in interactive discussions by asking questions.

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EMU PHILOSOPHY TEACHING GROUP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM COMMENCE STUDENT ADMISSIONS

Initiated within the scope of the collaboration protocol signed between the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of National Education, the "Philosophy Teaching Group Certificate Program" to be offered for TRNC citizen students under the roof of EMU Faculty of Education commence admitting students as of 2024 – 2025 Academic Year Spring Semester.

Those who hold the title of Philosophy Group Teacher are primarily responsible for effectively teaching philosophy-related subjects in the educational institutions they work for. This field aims to equip students with a solid understanding of key philosophical disciplines such as philosophy, logic, ethics, and aesthetics. These teachers

are tasked with delivering philosophy, sociology, and logic lessons in their respective institutions. Graduates have various career opportunities within the education sector, working at different levels. Beyond teaching in public or

private schools, they can also engage in non-governmental organizations, contribute to television, radio, newspapers, or digital platforms by hosting philosophy programs, writing opinion pieces, or reviewing books. Individuals who wish

to apply for the Philosophy Teaching Group Certificate Program may obtain detailed information regarding the program by contacting the EMU Registrar's Office, 630 14 25, or Faculty of Education, 630 40 44.



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