

## 'YÖK' VISITS EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. KILIÇ

**COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION AUDIT BOARD PRESIDENT VISITS EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ**

Council of Higher Education (YÖK), Higher Education Audit Board President Ercan Özkan and an accompanying delegation paid a courtesy visit to Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. Various topics concerning higher education were discussed during the said visit. Potential solutions for transfer issues regarding international students, horizontal transfer procedures, and the YÖK system were discussed and assessed.

Also present during the meeting were EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Salih Katırcıoğlu, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici.

### "EMU - The University Most Aligned with YÖK Standards"

As part of the visit, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç provided extensive information about EMU,

noting that the university has over 77.000 alumni members. Stressing that EMU is a transparent educational institution, Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined the university's dedication to maintaining high educational standards. Pointing out that all universities must comply with unified criteria across financial, academic, and administrative areas, Prof. Dr. Kılıç also noted that, as a state university, EMU sets a strong example in this respect. Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized the importance of auditing academic standards and stated that EMU has encountered no difficulties in applying YÖK standards on an international scale. Prof. Dr. Kılıç remarked, "EMU is a benchmark in this respect".

### "It is Important to Benefit from EMU's Educational Expertise"

Ercan Özkan, the President of YÖK Audit Board, mentioned that they work closely with YÖDAK

to monitor and oversee universities in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Özkan highlighted the noticeable improvements in the education system over the last four years and stressed the importance of utilizing EMU's extensive educational experience as the most established institution in the TRNC. Özkan also shared that the evaluation and reporting processes of universities are conducted regularly and sought insights from EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç regarding the issues faced by international students.

At the end of the said visit, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç presented traditional Cypriot souvenirs to Higher Education Audit Board President Ercan Özkan and the visiting delegation.



## EMU TO SHINE THROUGH THE TEKNOFEST TRNC 2025



The Teknofest TRNC 2025 organized by the Türkiye Technology Team (T3) will be held at the old terminal building of Ercan Airport between the dates of 1-4 May 2025. Eastern Mediterranean University which is among the institutional stakeholders of this year's event will also participate in the finals of Teknofest TRNC 2025.

Being one of the biggest Festivals on Aerospace and Technology, Teknofest has received over 15 thousand applications this year. As part of the festival which will also feature leading technology companies from Türkiye, participants will compete to realize their projects to be carried out in 7 different categories. Over 50 thousand visitors are expected to the said festival.

### 3 Teams from EMU to Compete in the Finals

As a result of evaluations conducted within the scope of the festival, 3 teams from EMU has qualified for the final round of the event. Supervised by the EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Chemistry academic staff member Prof. Dr. Huriye İcıl, the HUNEC2025 team will be competing in environment and energy category. The second team from EMU, team AGROBOTIX supervised by Faculty of Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering academic staff member Prof. Dr. Qasim Zeeshan will participate in agriculture category. Adding more, the third team from EMU titled the EMU Riders will also compete in the category of agriculture under

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the leadership of Faculty of Engineering, Department of Computer Engineering student Yusuf Eren Çakır.

The members of EMU teams are as follows: HUNEC2025 – Süleyman Soyel, Feray Soykut, Elif Doğru, Seval İkizoğlu, Ayni Öztürk, Tuğba Bayırlı and Selin Salioglu; EMU AGROBOTIX - Abdulmalik Bileid, Murtada Mohamed, Muhammad Umar, Oussama El Salibi, Osinachi Mbah and Ayşegül Gazioglu; and lastly, EMU Riders Team - Emirkan Eşme, Arda Günsüren, Yusuf Eren Çakır, Sümeyye Kaynak and Mithatcan Sonsuz.

## “EMU is one of the Strongest Contributors”

In his statement on the topic, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said; “Teknofest is



more than just a competition—it is a chance to be part of a visionary movement shaping global technology. It is the world's biggest tech festival, where creative ideas become real, ground-breaking projects are brought to life, and future tech leaders unite to

make an impact. Organized by the T3 Foundation and the Ministry of Industry and Technology, with support from Türkiye's top tech companies, public institutions, media organizations, and universities, Teknofest continues to be a hub of innovation and a vital part of the international tech scene. As a globally recognized university, EMU plays a key role in empowering young innovators with its international outlook, experienced faculty, cutting-edge labs, and infrastructure designed for innovation. While Teknofest aims to shape tomorrow's technology, EMU is dedicated to nurturing the individuals who will build that future”. Prof. Dr. Kılıç wished success to the students and academics who will be representing EMU in the competition.

## EMU AGROBOTIX TEAM IN THE FINALS OF TEKNOFEST TRNC 2025

EMU AGROBOTIX team from the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) will be competing in the finals of the Teknofest TRNC 2025 organized by the Türkiye Technology Team (T3) to be held at the old terminal building of Ercan Airport between the dates of 1-4 May 2025. EMU is among the institutional stakeholders of this year's event.

EMU AGROBOTIX team supervised by EMU Faculty of Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering academic staff member Prof. Dr. Qasim Zeeshan will participate in Agriculture category of TEKNOFEST TRNC 2025 Research Project Competition with their project titled “Akıllı Tarım için Hibrit Mobilite AGROBOT / Hybrid Mobility AGROBOT for Smart Agriculture”.

The project aimed to develop an AGROBOT with a quadcopter setup that can both roll and fly, offering omnidirectional functionality, and capable of conducting health monitoring of agricultural products from a 360-degree angle.

In their remarks, EMU AGROBOTIX Team said; “Northern Cyprus is renowned for its olive and citrus trees. However, farmers face challenges such as a lack of mechanization, labor shortages, soil

drought, pests, and plant diseases. The goal of the proposed project is to address these issues by providing solutions. Our objective is to offer smart farming solutions to local producers who grow large quantities of agricultural products like olives and citrus for the production of fruit juices, pastes, jams, olives, and olive oil”.

EMU AGROBOTIX team is composed of EMU Mechanical Engineering

PhD student and team leader Osinachi Mbah, EMU Mechatronics Engineering Department student Murtada Mohamed Abdelbadie Mohamed, EMU Software Engineering Department student Muhammad Umar, EMU Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department PhD student Oussama El Salibi, EMU Mechanical Engineering PhD student Ayşegül Gazioglu and EMU Mechatronics Engineering Department graduate Abdulmalik Asmaeil Mansour Bileid.





## EMU RIDERS IN TEKNOFEST FINALS



### EMU RIDERS TEAM TO COMPETE IN TEKNOFEST FINALS WITH DATAHARVEST PROJECT

With their DataHarvest Project, EMU Riders team from the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) will be competing in the finals of TEKNOFEST TRNC 2025 organized by the Türkiye Technology Team (T3). EMU is among the institutional stakeholders of this year's event.

During the finals of TEKNOFEST TRNC 2025, to be held on 1-4 May 2025 at the Old Terminal Building of Ercan Airport, EMU Riders Team will compete with their developed project featuring a digital system

designed to enhance the efficiency and intelligence of agriculture in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC).

Consisting of EMU students, the members of EMU Riders team are EMU Computer Engineering Department students Yusuf Eren Çakır who is the team leader, Mithatcan Sonsuz and Sümeyye Kaynak as well as Software Engineering Department students Emirkan Eşme and Arda Günsüren.

#### DataHarvest: New Face of Smart Farming

Making remarks on the topic, EMU Riders Team stated; "DataHarvest: The New Face of Smart Farming was created to address the growing challenges faced by agriculture. In TRNC, farming is becoming increasingly difficult due to drought and the limitations of

traditional techniques. DataHarvest provides a modern solution by using sensors placed in the field to gather data on temperature, humidity, and rainfall. This data is then transferred online, analysed by artificial intelligence, and presented to farmers in clear, easy-to-understand recommendations. The solar-powered system stands out with its open-source design and TRNC-specific solutions. Moreover, it is about 50% more affordable than similar systems, making it an accessible solution for individual farmers and small businesses. With DataHarvest, farmers gain a clearer understanding of the needs of their land. This leads to increased crop yields, reduced water waste, and enhanced environmental sustainability. DataHarvest offers a local, smart, and cost-effective solution for TRNC agriculture".

## HUNEC IN TEKNOFEST FINALS



### EMU-HUNEC 2025 TEAM TO COMPETE IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY CATEGORY OF TEKNOFEST FINALS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) HUNEC Team is getting ready to compete in the finals of TEKNOFEST TRNC 2025 in the category of environment and energy. EMU is among the institutional stakeholders of this year's event. In the competition to be held between May 1-4, 2025, at the Old Terminal Building of Ercan Airport where

three teams from EMU will compete in the finals. Among these teams, the EMU HUNEC 2025 team will take part in the Environmental Water Management and Conservation Solutions category with their project titled "An Innovative Fluorescence-Based (+) Chemosensory Prototype for the Sensitive Detection of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  Ions in Aqueous Environments: Synthesis, Modeling, and Prototyping".

Supervised by EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Chemistry academic staff member Prof. Dr. Huriye İcil, HUNEC 2025 team consists of Department of Chemistry PhD students Seval İkizoğlu, Elif Doğru and Süleyman Soyel and, Department of Chemistry undergraduate students Tuğba Bayırlı and Aynı Öztürk.

In their statement, HUNEC 2025 team said; "Copper ( $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ) ions are essential metals for both human health and the environment. However, a deficiency can result in Menkes disease, while an excess may contribute to disorders such as Alzheimer's, Wilson's, and Parkinson's diseases. For this reason, accurately detecting these ions is highly important. Despite the critical role of water-soluble chemosensors in identifying  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ions, which pose toxicity risks to global water systems, very few such sensors currently exist. The aim of the project is to develop a highly sensitive method for detecting  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ions in aqueous environments. The HUNEC 2025 team also plans to commercialize their prototype and seek patent protection as part of the project's future goals".

# A PROTOCOL IS SIGNED

## EMU AND ADANA ALPARSLAN TÜRKERİ SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY SIGN A PROTOCOL FOR ORGANIZING JOINT CONGRESS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Adana Alparslan Türkeş Science and Technology University signed a protocol for organizing a joint congress. The protocol was signed on Friday, 25 April 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at EMU Rector's Office by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and the International Researchers, Statisticians and Young Statisticians Congress (IRSYSC) 2025 Congress Organizing Committee Chairperson Assoc. Prof. Dr. Selim Gündüz. EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe was also present during the signing session.

With the signed protocol, it is aimed to co-organize the annual International Researchers, Statisticians, and Young Statisticians Congress (IRSYSC) in 2025 through a collaboration between Eastern Mediterranean University and Adana Alparslan Türkeş Science and Technology University.

Making remarks on the topic, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç explained that the university organized the signing ceremony to host an international conference aimed at promoting academic development, emphasizing that one of

its key responsibilities is to produce and apply science. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also stated that the International Researchers, Statisticians, and Young Statisticians Congress, which will be held jointly with Adana Alparslan Türkeş Science and Technology University and hosted by EMU, will be a prestigious event. Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed his hope that the congress would meet the expectations of both institutions and focus on scientific innovation.



In his address during the protocol signing session, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gündüz expressed their contentment on signing the protocol with EMU and that the said congress is a prestigious event held especially in the field of statistics in Türkiye. Providing more information about the congress, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gündüz shared their excitement to be organizing the 9th edition of the congress in collaboration with EMU.

## PROF. DR. RESMİYE ALPAR ATUN REPRESENTED EMU

### DEAN OF EMU FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE PROF. DR. RESMİYE ALPAR ATUN REPRESENTS EMU AT DEANS COUNCIL OF FACULTIES OF ARCHITECTURE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture Dean Prof. Dr. Resmîye Alpar Atun attended the Deans Council of Faculties of Architecture held at Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania and the European Green Capital and, represented EMU during the event which was hosted by Faculty of Architecture at Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (Vilnius Tech).

During the summit, dynamics such as the latest technological advances impacting architectural education, economic imbalances, increase in environmental crisis and acceleration of information exchange were discussed with both their positive and negative effects. In this regard, Deans attending the event from various institutions, provided insights on the practices they have implemented and experiences at their own faculties, consequently contributing to inter disciplinary interaction.



At the said council, invited guests from numerous different fields explored environmental and socio-economic changes—especially in Vilnius and other areas—by examining issues like dense urban development, technological progress, and eco-friendly design within the context of energy efficiency and modern technology.

Within the scope of the event, a visit was made to design studios at Vilnius Tech and projects carried out in different periods

and interdisciplinary collaborations were examined. Constructive discussions were held on how architectural education is structured through comparative observations between different institutions, covering aspects such as curriculum, methodology, and content.

The meeting became a key forum for sharing knowledge about the future direction of architectural education by uniting the distinct experiences of different universities.



## News from Our Alumni

**EMU FACULTY OF LAW GRADUATE LAWYER SALİH AYDOĞAN CONTINUES TO SERVE AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AFYONKARAHİSAR BAR ASSOCIATION**

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Law graduate Lawyer Salih Aydoğan was elected to the Board of Directors of the Afyonkarahisar Bar Association during the elections held on 13 October 2024, and assumed the position of Vice President. Since 2011, Aydoğan has been practicing as a freelance lawyer in Afyonkarahisar, continuing his career alongside his respected colleague, Lawyer Erhan Doğan, who is also an EMU Faculty of Law graduate.

Serving on the same executive board as Lawyer Melehat İpek Yılmaz Göktürk, first female bar president of the province and a fellow EMU Faculty of Law graduate, Lawyer Aydoğan continues his impressive legal career with pride, standing out as one of the distinguished alumni that Eastern Mediterranean University has brought into the legal profession.

**“EMU Shaped the Foundations of My Profession”**

Stressing that his time at Eastern Mediterranean University, Faculty of Law is among the important milestones of his life, Salih Aydoğan said; “I am deeply grateful to the Faculty of Law at Eastern Mediterranean University for shaping the foundation of my career, expanding my outlook on life, and giving me four truly unforgettable years”.

On the other hand, a statement by EMU Rector’s Office read; “Lawyer Aydoğan exemplifies how the academic foundation provided by EMU supports students in building a strong professional identity. Once again, as members of the EMU community, we proudly celebrate Salih Aydoğan and wish him continued success throughout his distinguished career”.

## News from Our Alumni

**EMU GRADUATE HALİL ŞAHKIN IN “O SES TÜRKİYE” COMPETITION**

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), School of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Tourism and Hospitality Management associate program graduate Halil Şahkin attracted great interest from audience with his performance at the “O Ses Türkiye”, a popular music competition in Türkiye. Showcasing a great performance during the triple duello stage of the competition, Şahkin joined Hadise’s team.

Halil Şahkin, who graduated from EMU in 2000, has been performing on stage for over 25 years as a singer. Besides his artistic career, Şahkin is also employed at the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth, and Environment of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). He continues to pursue his career as a soloist at five-star hotels.

Halil Şahkin highlighted that EMU is more than just an educational institution; it is a university that equips its students with values that last a lifetime. Şahkin shared that his time at EMU not only enriched him with professional knowledge but also helped him develop self-confidence, vision, versatility, and cultural awareness. He credited his current success in both public service and stage performances to the quality of education and the strong social framework provided by EMU.

A statement released by EMU Rector’s Office read; “We are delighted by the success of our graduate, Halil Şahkin, and wish him continued success on his artistic journey. The accomplishments of our graduates in all fields remain a constant source of inspiration and motivation for the EMU family”.



# EMU 29TH HIGH SCHOOLS MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

## TURKISH MAARIF COLLEGE WINS THE EMU 29TH HIGH SCHOOLS MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

**Bülent Ecevit Anatolian High School completed the competition as the runner-up, followed by Famagusta Turkish Maarif College in third place.**

Organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Mathematics with the contributions of Onay Fadıl Demirciler Education and Science Foundation, the final round of '29th High Schools Mathematics Competition' took place at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall with the participation of Turkish Maarif College, 19 Mayıs Turkish Maarif College, Famagusta Turkish Maarif College, Bülent Ecevit Anatolian High School and Hala Sultan Theology College. The results of the exciting and competitive final are as follows:

- **TURKISH MAARIF COLLEGE** team comprising of Ahmet Deniz Koçak, Aleyna Doğan and İpek Aslan completed 'FIRST' with their Mathematics teachers Ahcıhoca Çobanoğlu and Zehra Kavuklu Tekkan,
- **BÜLENT ECEVİT ANATOLIAN HIGH SCHOOL** team comprising of Elif Eylül Türkmen, İlknur Koçhan and Ekin Ezna Dağtekin completed 'SECOND' with their Mathematics teachers Nursel Altan Andız and Derviş Topal,
- **FAMAGUSTA TURKISH MAARIF COLLEGE** team comprising of Utku Ümİter, Kıvanç Salih Yılmaz and Yahya Kemal Giriş completed 'THIRD' with their Mathematics teachers Hüseyin Çırakoğlu and Bekir Yörük,
- Finishing the competition in fourth place, **19 MAYIS TURKISH MAARIF COLLEGE** comprising of Ali Emre Özbek, Onur Küpcü and Muhammet Yunus Yorulmaz received the 'ONAY FADIL DEMİRCİLER SPECIAL AWARD' with their Mathematics teachers Ahmet Kasabalı and Nasire Nasıboğlu yönetiminde,
- Finishing the competition in fifth place, **HALA SULTAN THEOLOGY COLLEGE** comprising of Sabahat Özkan, Aliye Altunçay and Sümeyye Uğurluel received 'ASSIST. PROF. DR. KEMAL DEMİRCİLER SPECIAL AWARD' with their Mathematics teachers Güldem Haktanır and Adem Eker,

This year, third place holder in the semi-final round,

- **NAMIK KEMAL HIGH SCHOOL** comprising of Yusuf İslam Kılıç, Göksel Giyiner and Begüm Bilgin revealed '29TH YEAR SPECIAL AWARD' with their Mathematics teachers Gülay Aksoy and Lütfiye Tamel.

Following a brief break after the competition, an awards ceremony took place where Winner Turkish Maarif College received their award from EMU VYK President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, Runner-up Bülent Ecevit Anatolian School from the Director of General Secondary Education Department Yusuf İnanıroğlu and Third-place holder Famagusta Turkish Maarif College from EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç.

Completing the competition in fourth place and receiving the 'Onay Fadıl Demirciler Special Award', 19 Mayıs Turkish Maarif College team and, the fifth-place holder Hala Sultan Theology College receiving the 'Assist. Prof. Dr. Kemal Demirciler Special Award' were presented with their awards by Naciye Demirciler and Sayman Demirciler, daughter and sibling of late Onay Fadıl Demirciler.



### Onay Fadıl Demirciler Shield III

2025 competition winner Turkish Maarif College became the perpetual owner of the Onay Fadıl Demirciler Shield III for a 5-year period by having their name engraved on the shield for the third time. The shield was presented to School Principal Candan Kortay by EM VYK President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Director of General Secondary Education Department Yusuf İnanıroğlu, Chair of the Department of Mathematics Prof. Dr. Nazım Çavuşoğlu and daughter of late Onay Fadıl Demirciler, Naciye Demirciler.





# EMU 29TH HIGH SCHOOLS MATHEMATICS COMPETITION



**Individual Awards were also presented**  
Awards for the Individual Category of the 29th High Schools Mathematics Competition which was held on 14 April 2025 are as follows, were presented by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Dean of Faculty of Arts and Sciences Prof. Dr. Ayhan Bilsel, Director of General Secondary Education Department Yusuf İnanıroğlu, Chair of Department of Mathematics Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov and Naciye Demirciler, daughter of late Onay Fadil Demirciler.

## • FIRST PLACE IN INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY

Ali Emre Özbek (19 Mayıs Turkish Maarif College (TMK))

## • SECOND PLACE IN INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY

Ahmet Deniz Koçak (TMK) and Kıvanç Salih Yılmaz (Famagusta TMK)

## • THIRD PLACE IN INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY

Aleyna Doğan (TMK) and İpek Aslan (TMK)

## • FOURTH PLACE IN INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY

Kubilay Baran Şengül (TMK)

## • 29TH YEAR SPECIAL AWARD

İlknur Koçhan (BEAL)

## • ONAY FADIL DEMİRCİLER SPECIAL AWARD

Sultan Lord (Güzelyurt TMK)

## • ASSIST. PROF. DR. KEMAL DEMİRCİLER SPECIAL AWARD

Ela Hakek (TMK)



## Special Awards in Individual Category

### • ASSOC. PROF. DR. ARIF AKKELEŞ SPECIAL AWARD

Emete Şeref (TMK) presented by Arif Akkeleş's wife Funda Akkeleş,

### • ASSOC. PROF. DR. MURAT KİREZCİ SPECIAL AWARD

Meryem Merya Seyitler (TMK) presented by the Chair of Department of Mathematics Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov,

### • ASSOC. PROF. DR. PETER KAS SPECIAL AWARD

Sabahat Özkan (Hala Sultan İK) presented by Department of Mathematics academic staff member Prof. Dr. Agamirza Bashirov,

### • ASSOC. PROF. DR. DAUD S. DAUD SPECIAL AWARD

Elif Eylül Türkmen (BEAL) presented by Department of Mathematics academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pembe Sabancıgil Özder,

### • CHAMPION ANGELS SPECIAL AWARD

Muhammet Yusuf Yorulmaz (19 Mayıs TMK) presented by Champion Angels Association members Çiğdem Sabancı and Serap İş.



## Certificates of Achievement were presented

• Ekin Ezna Dağtekin (BEAL)

• Parla Nur (TMK)

• Utku Ümiter (Famagusta TMK)

• Onur Küpcü (19 Mayıs TMK)

• Yahya Kemal Giriş (Famagusta TMK)

• Süleyman Dağtepe (Famagusta TMK)



The certificates were presented by the Director of General Secondary Education Department Yusuf İnanıroğlu, Principal of TMK Canan Kortay, EMU Financial Affairs Unit Supervisor Ali Ümiter, 19 Mayıs TMK Principal Ziya Tüzel, Famagusta TMK Principal Mehmet Erim and Hala Sultan Theology College Principal Hikmet Turgut.



# 23 APRIL NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND CHILDREN'S DAY

**EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ RELEASED A MESSAGE ON  
23 APRIL – NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND CHILDREN'S DAY**



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kiliç released a message on the occasion of 23 April – National Sovereignty and Children's Day. The message of Prof. Dr. Kiliç reads as follows:

"23 April 1920, the date on which the foundations of the Republic of Türkiye were laid, the sovereignty of the nation was declared, and the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye (TBMM) was inaugurated, was

dedicated to the children of the world by the Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk as National Sovereignty and Children's Day. This significant occasion, recognized as the first in the world to be dedicated to children and their rights, serves as a profound testament to Atatürk's emphasis on the importance of children and the future. 23rd of April is not merely a national holiday; it stands as a symbol of freedom, independence, and peace.

The Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, who placed great significance on the celebration of 23rd of April throughout his lifetime, envisioned this meaningful day as an occasion for children across the globe to unite, fostering a spirit of friendship, solidarity, and affection. While it may not be officially recognized as a holiday by all nations, 23rd of April has come to hold profound meaning and value as a day devoted to the children of the world.

Ensuring that our children, the cornerstone of our future, are raised as responsible members of a contemporary, democratic, and enlightened society remains one of our highest aspirations. As the Eastern Mediterranean University, we approach this duty with a deep sense of responsibility, driven by our unwavering dedication to education and our genuine care



for the well-being of children.

On this special occasion, I wholeheartedly celebrate the 23rd of April – National Sovereignty and Children's Day and, the 105th anniversary of the inauguration of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye (TBMM) for all our children. Furthermore, with great respect and gratitude, I commemorate all the heroes who played a part in the founding of the TBMM and the achievement of national sovereignty, especially Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and his comrades, who secured freedom and independence for our nation."

## A VISIT TO CHAMBER OF INTERIOR ARCHITECTS

**EMU FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE VISITS  
CHAMBER OF INTERIOR ARCHITECTS**

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture, Department of Interior Architecture paid a visit to the Chamber of Interior Architects (ICMO) operating under the Union of the Chamber of Cyprus Turkish Engineers and Architects (KTMMOB). Potential future

collaborations were discussed during the said visit which was attended by President of the Chamber of Interior Architects Pembe Komut, Executive Board Member Sabri Tonyalı and İsmet Birman, Head of EMU Department of Interior Architecture Assoc. Prof. Dr. Afet Coşkun and, EMU

Department of Interior Architecture academic staff member and the Chair of Accreditation Board Prof. Dr. Özlem Olgaç Türker.

During the meeting, Pembe Komut, President of the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Interior Architects, underlined the value of chamber membership for aspiring interior architects as a means to gain a deeper understanding of the profession. Komut also pointed out the significant role that universities play in supporting this journey. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Coşkun emphasized that EMU places strong emphasis on preserving and enhancing the educational standards of the interior architecture profession, noting that the university takes an active role in accurately representing the profession at all stages. Highlighting the importance of quality assurance in education and efforts toward international accreditation, Dr. Coşkun stated their commitment to educating well-prepared, conscientious professionals who uphold ethical principles and can adapt to contemporary demands.





# 'ANI VE AİDİYET' EXHIBITION



## GÜNAY GÜZELGÜN'S "ANI VE AİDİYET" RETROSPECTIVE EXHIBITION HELD AT EMU

The retrospective exhibition titled "Anı ve Aidiyet / Memory and Belonging" of retired Art teacher and painter Günay Güzelgün, organized in collaborations of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Arts and Design Center and, European Mediterranean Art Association (EMAA) open its doors to art-lovers on Wednesday, 16 April 2025 at 07:00 at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. The said exhibition was curated by EMU Art and Design Center Executive Board Member Zehra Şonya.

### "Today, we will have the Chance to Explore the Works of Günay Güzelgün"

Delivering the opening speech of the event, Zehra Şonya said; "In celebration of 15 April World Art Day, we are honoured to present another event we aim to turn into a tradition. Today, we have the chance to explore the works of Günay Güzelgün". Providing information on Güzelgün's artistic career, Şonya underlined that a large number of artworks exhibited at the event would be introduced with art enthusiasts for the first time ever.

### "Vivid Sketches Connecting Recollection and Memory"

Chairperson of EMU Art and Design Center, Prof. Dr. Ümit İnataç also delivered a speech welcoming the participants. Offering reflections on Günay Güzelgün's artistic approach, Prof. Dr. İnataç described her works as "vivid sketches that aim to connect recollection and memory" and emphasized



that these pieces can be read not just as visual art but also as a form of written expression. Interpreting the works from an artistic standpoint, Prof. Dr. İnataç highlighted that the artist constructs a sense of existence shaped by ontological concerns, with her art bearing traces of her village, community, and cultural roots.

### "Our Greatest Drawback is the Lack of Preserving the Memory of Local Artists"

Delivering a speech on behalf of EMAA, EMAA Executive Board Member and Artist Nurtane Karagil referred to Günay Güzelgün as one of the important figures in her childhood. Noting that it's rare to come across artists in everyday life in Cyprus, Karagil highlighted Günay Güzelgün as someone who brings her art into unique dimensions and spaces. She spoke about the difficulty of the creative process, saying, "It's very meaningful for us that Günay Güzelgün's creativity continues without fading." Karagil also emphasized the importance of cultural memory, stating, "As artists who have spent years trying to reach wider audiences, one of our biggest shortcomings has been our inability to preserve the memory of local artists". She concluded by expressing her gratitude to the participants and everyone who contributed to the event.

### "One of the Wings is Science, the other is Art"

In his address, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç emphasized that a special event was being held in celebration of World Art Day.



Noting the importance of the exhibition in filling the artistic gap in Cyprus, Prof. Dr. Kılıç underscored that EMU is making significant strides not only in the scientific field but also in the arts. Comparing a university to a bird with two wings, one for science and the other for art, Prof. Dr. Kılıç shared that he was a student of Günay Güzelgün, which made the event particularly meaningful for him. Prof. Dr. Kılıç highlighted the university's commitment to the arts, stating, "We've been increasing efforts in areas that we felt were lacking. The recent Poet's Day event is an example of this. We believe that interest in art and artistic activities should grow". He concluded by reaffirming that the EMU Art and Design Center will continue to play a crucial role in addressing the artistic void.

Following the opening speeches, the event continued with EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç presenting Günay Güzelgün a bouquet and the opening of the exhibition for the visitors.



# AFRICAN NIGHT

*AFRICAN NIGHT” EVENT HELD AT EMU*



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), International Student Societies and Activities Unit organized an “African Night” event on 26 April 2025 at CL Square. Receiving high attendance from students, the event featured the rich rhythms, colours and traditions of African culture.

International student societies of Nigeria, Kenya, Congo, Cameroon, Zambia, Sudan, Namibia, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe,



Swaziland, Malawi, Uganda, Botswana, Lesotho, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Gambia, South Africa, Tanzania and Morocco promoted their countries during the event.

The event offered guests a memorable evening with vibrant music, dance performances, engaging games, and delicious African cuisine. Organized under the theme ‘Step into the Rhythm of Africa’, the celebration also included a contest recognizing the best traditional



outfit. Sesni Bahlbi, representing the Eritrean Student Community, received the award for ‘Best Traditional Attire’.

Decorated with traditional African instruments and handmade artifacts, the venue drew significant attention from both students and guests. The event provided a fun and engaging experience, enriched by its colourful setting that brought together a variety of cultures.

## 23 APRIL MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF EMU-ATAUM

### **PROF. DR. OSMAN M. KARATEPE RELEASED A STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF EMU-ATAUM ON 23 APRIL**

On behalf of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Atatürk Research and Application Center (ATAUM), Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe released a statement on the occasion of 23 April – National Sovereignty and Children’s Day. The statement reads as follows:

“23 April 1920, the inauguration date of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye (TBMM), was declared National Sovereignty and Children’s Day by Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk who dedicated this day to children all around the world as a symbol of the value attributed to their rights and well-being. Observed annually as a national holiday in both Türkiye and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, this date also marks the formal declaration of the establishment of a new state founded on the principle of national sovereignty.

This special day was originally observed as a “National Holiday” between the 23rd of April 1920 and 1st of November 1922. With the abolition of the sultanate, it was



renamed as the “National Sovereignty Day.” In 1927, following a proposal by the Himaye-i Etfal Society—known today as the Social Services and Child Protection Agency under the Prime Ministry—23rd of April was also designated as “Children’s Day”, thus establishing its identity as a celebration dedicated to children.

In 1935, this day referred to with various names has begun to be celebrated as the “23 April National Sovereignty and Children’s Day”. Atatürk attached great significance to these celebrations and actively took part in the ceremonies throughout his lifetime. By dedicating this momentous day in Turkish history to the children he cherished, he ensured its remembrance and celebration each year.

As we celebrate the 105th anniversary of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, we honour the cherished memory of our Great Leader Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, his comrades-in-arms, and our martyrs with profound respect, love, and longing. On the occasion of 23 April, National Sovereignty and Children’s Day, we extend our heartfelt wishes to all children around the world, hoping that this meaningful day brings health, happiness, and peace to every child across the globe”.





# ELIO CASSARÀ PAINTING EXHIBITION

The 'Elio Cassarà Exhibition' featuring Italian painter Cassarà's art work, organized in collaborations with Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Sicily Contemporary Art Museum "Museum" will open its doors to art enthusiasts on Friday, 2 May 2025 at 07:30 p.m. at Ayhan Menteş Exhibition Hall located in the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. To be held in coordination of EMU Art and Design Center, the inauguration of the event will be carried out by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. The exhibition consisting of late period work of the artist will be open for visits until 12 May 2025.

## First Time in Cyprus

Born in 1974 in the town of Mazara del Vallo, Italy, Elio Cassarà has primarily pursued his artistic career in Italy, Germany, and Russia. His works are featured in various public and private collections, as well as museums across

several cities, especially in Italy. Now, for the first time, the artist is holding an exhibition in Cyprus.

The artist's works, known for their vibrant light effects and the expressive force of colours in landscape depiction, have an abstract artistic style. The critical essay featured in the exhibition catalogue has been authored by art historian and critic Tommaso Evangelista.

## "An Inner Poetics"

The Curator of the exhibition and the Chairperson of EMU Arts and Design Center Ümit İnacı made remarks about the event, saying; "In Elio Cassarà's work, we observe how crystallized, irregular clusters of colour, detached from objects, attempt to form their own physical structures within white, the

ultimate expression of colour. Various chromatic areas, ranging from large to small, solid colour planes, and transparent vibrating focuses appear to both merge into and shine through the white. While these painted forms present themselves as visual phenomena, they also evolve into a poetics of internal, spiritual oscillations".

## [Elio Cassarà]

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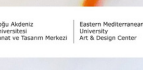
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# REELS COMPETITION

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication, Department of Cinema and Television is organizing a Reels competition titled "Kısa Film Tadında – Just like a Short Film" for high school students in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Offering a platform for young talents to showcase their creative storytelling techniques, the competition aims to enhance the students' effective storytelling skills in short time.

The jury of the said competition consists of EMU Department of Cinema and TV academic staff members Assist. Prof. Dr. Pembe Behçetoğulları, Assist. Prof. Dr. Barçın Boğaç and Assist. Prof. Dr. Yetin Arslan, Gülşen Erçin who is the co-creator, creative director, and filmmaker for the "Neydi Olacağı" platform and, EMU Faculty of Communication graduate Ahmet Yalçın, the creator

of "Durumcuklar" platform.

## Participation Requirements and Evaluation Criteria

To enter the competition, participants simply need to produce a Reels video—no longer than 90 seconds—on any topic they choose, with no restrictions on the theme. The judging will be based on several key aspects, including originality, creativity, cinematic storytelling, and technical quality.

## Cash Prize to Young Talents

As part of the competition, a total of four prizes will be awarded across two main categories. The video with the highest number of views on Instagram will receive a cash prize of 7.000 TL. Upon the jury evaluation, the first place winner, runner-up and the third place winner will be granted cash prizes of 7.000 TL, 6.000 TL, and 4.000 TL,

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respectively.

## Final Submission Date: 4 May 2025

High school students who wish to participate in the competition must submit their short video or Reels until the latest of 4 May 2025. Following the completion of the evaluation process, the winners will be announced on 12 May 2025. More information about the competition and the link for application can be accessed from [kisafilmtadinda.com.tr](https://www.kisafilmtadinda.com.tr) or [emu.edu.tr](https://www.emu.edu.tr) address.

# ASSOC. PROF. DR. ARİF AKKELEŞ COMMEMORATED WITH FUTSAL TOURNAMENT

## EMU FUTSAL TOURNAMENT ORGANIZED IN MEMORY OF ASSOC. PROF. DR. ARİF AKKELEŞ COMPLETED

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) organized a futsal tournament in memory of Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Mathematics academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş who sadly passed away in 2024. Held with participation only from EMU personnel members, the finals round of the tournament were played between Technical Affairs Directorate Team, Transportation Unit Team, Rector's Office Team and Security Affairs Team.

In third place match, Security Affairs Team competed

against Transportation Unit Team. On the other hand, the final match featured Rector's Office team and Technical Affairs Unit team. After a series of intense matches, the Technical Affairs Team secured first place, followed by the Rector's Office Team in second, the Transportation Unit Team in third, and the Security Affairs Team in fourth.

EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, EMU General Secretary Derviş Eksici, EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) Member Beyhan Gürgöze and EMU Sports Affairs Directorate Coordinator Aydın Kayol were amongst the audience.

### "We Love You, Arif Hoca"

Delivering the opening speech of the tournament, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu said; "First and foremost, I would like to thank

you all for being here today. Our longing for late EMU personnel, esteemed academician Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş continues to grow with each passing day. We find comfort in cherishing and preserving his memories". Prof. Dr. Zorlu ended her speech by saying; "We love you, Arif Hoca".

### "No Words Can Truly Describe Arif"

Also making an address at the said event, Sevgül Hansa, the older sister of late Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş, thanked everyone contributing to the actualization of the event and expressed her deep longing for her brother. During her emotional speech, Hansa said; "No words can truly describe Arif. Arif came into this world but never truly left it; he has a special place in all of our hearts. He was a traveller of light, whose mission was to spread his light, and he did so in the most beautiful way. Although he is no longer physically with us, his spirit will always be with us. Today, I say farewell to Arif with love. Rest in peace, Arif".

Lastly, Ahmet Akkeleş, the son of late academician took stage and said, "I am truly grateful that you came, and that you are here. I sincerely thank you all".

Special awards were presented as part of the tournament. As a result of evaluations, the 'Best Goal Keeper Award' was given to Nuri Daş, 'Best Player Award' to Okan Erol and 'Fairness Team Award' to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences team.

During an awards ceremony held after the final matches, the Champion of the tournament and successful teams were presented with their awards by EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, EMU General Secretary Derviş Eksici, EMU VYK Member Beyhan Gürgöze, EMU Sports Affairs Directorate Coordinator Aydın Kayol, mother of late Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş Semray Akkeleş, his father Ahmet Akkeleş, wife Funda Akkeleş, his son Ahmet Akkeleş and older sister Sevgül Hansa.



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