

## 22<sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ACCOUNTING HELD AT EMU WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF PRESIDENT ERSİN TATAR



Hosted by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and organized in collaboration with the Turkish Accounting Academicians' Collaboration and Research Foundation (MÖDAV), the 22nd International Conference on Accounting (MÖDAV-ICA 2025) was held on 9-11 September 2025 at the Raif Rauf Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. Bringing together scholars, researchers, and industry professionals from around the globe, the conference provided a key scientific platform for discussing the latest advancements in accounting, finance, auditing, and sustainability reporting. The conference was attended by Ersin Tatar, the President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus; Olgun Amcaoğlu, the

Minister of Economy and Energy; Prof. Dr. Mevlüt Karakaya, Ankara Member of the Parliament (MP) in the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye (TBMM); Saadet Hüdaverdi, the General Coordinator of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Ministry of Finance; Dr. Hasan Özçelik, the Chairperson of Public Oversight, Accounting and Auditing Standards Authority; Dr. Erdal Özçenk, President of EMU Board of Trustees (VYK); EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç; EMU VYK Members Beyhan Gürgöze and Anıl Kaya; EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren; EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici; Prof. Dr. Cemal İbiş, the

General Secretary of the Union of Chambers of Certified Public Accountants of Türkiye (TÜRMOB); Prof. Dr. Nalan Akdoğan; the Founding and Honorary President of MÖDAV; Prof. Dr. Yıldız Özerhan, the Vice President of MÖDAV; and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Özyapıcı, the EMU Financial Affairs Director and Co-Chair of the Conference. During the conference opening, speeches were delivered by President Ersin Tatar; Minister of Economy and Energy Olgun Amcaoğlu; Ankara MP Prof. Dr. Mevlüt Karakaya; General Coordinator of the Ministry of Finance Saadet Hüdaverdi; EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç; Chairperson of the Public Oversight, Accounting and Auditing Standards

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On the first day of the event, Dr. Hasan Özçelik, Chairperson of the Public Oversight, Accounting and Auditing Standards Authority, delivered the keynote address on "Sustainability, Transparency, and Building the Future Together". This was followed by panel sessions chaired by Prof. Dr. Nalan Akdoğan, MÖDAV's Founding and Honorary President. After the second keynote, presented online by Assoc. Prof. Dr. I. Ufuk Mısırlıoğlu, the remaining conference sessions were moderated by Prof. Dr. Yıldız Özerhan and Prof. Dr. Ümmühan Aslan.

The second day of the conference featured main theme speech titled "Global Sustainability Reporting: Standards and (Geo) Politics" by Prof. Dr. Charles H. Cho from the University of York. The scientific sessions of the conference continued under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Ali Rıza Zafer Sayar, Prof. Dr. Selahattin Karabınar, Prof. Dr. Mevlüt Karakaya and Prof. Dr. Fikret Çankaya.

The keynote of third day was delivered by Prof. Dr. Charles Richard Baker from the Adelphi University. Prof. Dr. Baker delivered a presentation titled "The Creation of the International Sustainability Standards Board by the International Accounting Standards Board Foundation", providing insights into the formation process of international reporting standards. The day continued with sessions chaired by Prof.



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Dr. Ömer Lalik, Prof. Dr. İlker Kıymetli Şen, Prof. Dr. Suat Kara, Prof. Dr. Tuğrul Tüfekçioğlu, Prof. Dr. Beyhan Marşap, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Graham Gal, Prof. Dr. Hümeýra Adıgüzel and Prof. Dr. Emin Zeytinoğlu, and moderated Prof. Dr. Nuran Cömert.

Attendees engaged in scientific discussions through both virtual and in-person sessions.

## Gala Dinner Held

On Wednesday, 10 September 2025, a gala dinner event was held at EMU Beach Club,

bringing the participants together. The event also featured a Commemoration for Prof. Dr. Alparslan Peker and, 'The Best Paper Award' Ceremony. Awards were presented to scholars who contributed to the conference with their outstanding papers.

Researchers from universities around the world presented their papers during the conference. Sessions addressed timely issues including sustainability reporting, ethical challenges in auditing, AI applications, innovative approaches in accounting education, financial reporting standards, and auditing of crypto assets.



# COLLABORATION PROTOCOL SIGNED BETWEEN EMU AND TDK

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Turkish Language Association (TDK) operating under the Republic of Türkiye, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Atatürk Supreme Council for Culture, Language and History has recently signed a collaboration protocol. The protocol was signed by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Prof. Dr. Osman Mert, the Chair of TDK.

Present during the signing session were; EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Faculty of Education's Dean Prof. Dr. Ahmet Pehlivan and Head of Department of Turkish and Social Sciences Education Prof. Dr. Vugar Sultanzade.

The protocol aims to promote research that enriches the language, literature, and cultural heritage of the Turkic world, drawing on primary sources at both national and international levels. It also seeks to develop projects that support scientific studies on the Turkish language, educational initiatives, and cultural activities, while strengthening academic collaboration between the two institutions and encouraging the proper and effective use of the language.

In his speech, TDK Chairperson Prof. Dr. Osman Mert expressed their contentment on being at EMU, underscoring that institutions in the Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) hold a great importance for TDK. Prof. Dr. Mert stated that their aim is to strengthen cooperation between the institutions and TDK, as well as enhancing the use of Turkish in the TRNC so it can be passed on to future generations more robustly. Prof. Dr. Mert also shared information about TDK during his address, saying; "TDK seeks to support in the TRNC the same initiatives it carried out in Türkiye". Moreover, he stated that the protocol would establish an academic bridge and wished for it to bring benefits to all the institutions involved.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed pride in collaborating with TDK, one of Türkiye's most longstanding institutions, under the leadership of the Faculty of Education to initiate academic work in the field of the Turkish language. Prof. Dr. Kılıç highlighted that the protocol includes a variety of academic activities such as panels, seminars, conferences, and workshops, and underlined its potential to enrich the Turkish language, literature, and culture throughout the Turkic world. Lastly, Prof. Dr. Kılıç wished the protocol success and voiced his hope that its goals would be fully realized.

Prof. Dr. Pehlivan, the Dean of EMU Faculty of Education, also made remarks on the matter, emphasizing that promoting the Turkish language and enhancing the use of standard Turkish on the island are among the core objectives of EMU Faculty of Education. He highlighted the significance of Turkish as both a cultural cornerstone in Cyprus and a vital link to the broader Turkic world. Noting



the importance of TDK's support, Prof. Dr. Pehlivan expressed confidence that, through this protocol and EMU's leadership, efforts to advance the Turkish language on the island will be further strengthened.

Following the signing session, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented Prof. Dr. Mert with a traditional Cypriot souvenir. On the other hand, Prof. Dr. Mert gifted a Turkish Dictionary to Prof. Dr. Kılıç.



## Alumni Update

### AN EMU GRADUATE AT APPLE AS A SOFTWARE ENGINEER

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) continues to take pride in its graduates achieving international success. EMU Faculty of Engineering, Software Engineering Undergraduate Program 2021 graduate and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) citizen Deniz Denizer worked at Apple – one of the largest technology companies around the world – as a software engineer between August 2023 and July 2025.

Working at Apple's Ireland headquarters, Denizer helped enhance the software system that manages all global production lines and supports production teams by introducing new features.

Sharing her experiences, Denizer expressed her feeling by saying: "I never imagined I would work at Apple. A few years after graduating, I applied to Apple without any expectations—and was accepted. The variety of courses at EMU and the opportunity to learn from excellent professors broadened my perspective. My father always said, 'university opens a

window for you,' and I feel EMU showed me how to look through it. I'm truly grateful to be an EMU graduate".

Discussing her goals, Denizer continued: "After completing my studies at EMU and gaining experience at Apple, I am now working independently in software development and project management. I am also contributing to BloodLink, a platform dedicated to social impact. Looking ahead, I aim to take on new challenges and continue growing at a global company".

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed pride in the accomplishments of EMU graduates on the international stage and said: "Eastern Mediterranean University equips its students with not only excellent academic training but also an environment that broadens their perspective. We take great pride in seeing our graduates assume key roles at top institutions worldwide, and EMU remains committed to its mission of shaping the leaders of tomorrow".



### EMU GRADUATE MEHMET KUT LEADING AI SOLUTIONS AT MICROSOFT IRELAND

Mehmet Kut, a graduate of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Department of Computer Technology and Information Systems operating under the School of Computing and Technology, now known as the Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences, has become a source of pride with his significant career achievements. Kut currently serves as an AI Solution Engineer at Microsoft Ireland.

One of the Best Decisions of My Life Emphasizing the significant contribution of education on his professional development, Kut said: "Choosing to study at the Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences was one of the most rewarding decisions of my life. My time at the university equipped me not only with technical expertise but also with essential skills like problem-solving, analytical thinking, and collaboration. I would like to particularly acknowledge our esteemed faculty members whose guidance, vision, and support were invaluable throughout my journey".

Kut further said; "I currently work on artificial intelligence projects at Microsoft. During this process, I observe that along with technical knowledge, skills on communication, teamwork and presentations hold great importance. The

training I have gained at the university provided me with the opportunity to develop myself in such fields. Studying in this field is not just a career choice; it also opens the door to a constantly evolving world".



## EMU – ‘THE MOST PREFERRED UNIVERSITY’ ACCORDING TO DGS RESULTS

The results of the 2025 External Transfer Exam (DGS), conducted by the Measurement, Selection, and Placement Center (ÖSYM) for Turkish nationals aiming to transfer from two-year to four-year programs, has been announced. According to the placements, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) was the most preferred university in Northern Cyprus, with 89 students securing a place. Of the 672 available quotas at universities in Northern Cyprus, 372 were filled, resulting in a 55% placement rate.

Making remarks on the topic, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said: “EMU being listed as the most preferred higher education institution in the Northern Cyprus in accordance with the DGS results, made us proud. This achievement showcases EMU’s academic quality, strong faculty structure and its dedication in delivering education at international standards. We will continue to

expand the opportunities we provide to help our students confidently prepare for the future. We welcome all new students and wish them a successful and rewarding academic experience”.

### Registrations to continue until 17 September

Registrations through DGS will continue until 17 September 2025. Students will be able to complete their registrations by visiting EMU Registrar’s Office, Türkiye Liaison Offices of EMU or via <https://kayit.emu.edu.tr> web address.

Required documents for registration include a printed copy and four photocopies of the 2025 DGS placement results, the original associate degree diploma along with six photocopies, the original ID card or one photocopy, four passport-sized photos, the bank receipt confirming full payment or the



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first installment of the semester tuition fee to EMU’s account, and the original transcript. For further information, applicants can contact the WhatsApp line at +90 533 820 10 40.

## “ASHINA” TEAM COMPOSED OF EMU STUDENTS IN TEKNOFEST 2025 FINALS

ASHINA TEKNOFEST Team composed of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) students advanced to the finals of the TEKNOFEST Air Defence Systems Competition organized in partnership with ASELSAN. ASHINA TEKNOFEST team will represent EMU in the finals to be held on 17 – 21 September 2025 in Istanbul.

Last year’s first-place winner of the TEKNOFEST Flying Car Simulation Competition, the ASHINA team, has this year competed in the Air Defence Systems Competition—one of TEKNOFEST’s largest and most comprehensive categories, held across 52 main fields. The team is led by EMU Information Systems Engineering third-year student Furkan Batı, with members including EMU Computer Engineering fourth-year student Cemre Yeşil, EMU Software Engineering second-year student Alper Önder, and EMU Computer Engineering fourth-year student Doğan Efe Çiğdem.

### About the Project

The project developed by the ASHINA team is an autonomous air defence system equipped with target detection capabilities. The system plays a key role in national security and could potentially be used against aerial targets like drones in the future.

### “Wishing Outstanding Success”

Making remarks on the topic, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said; “We take great pride in seeing the ASHINA team, comprised of our students, participate in an event of international significance. We are confident that they will represent both our university

and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus with excellence. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all our students who have

contributed to this achievement and wish the team every success in the upcoming finals in Istanbul.”



# EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ PUTS AN EMPHASIS ON 'UNIVERSITY – MUNICIPALITY COLLABORATION'

## “The Role of Local Authorities hold Strategic Importance for Students”

In his assessment ahead of the new academic year, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç highlighted that thousands of students from Türkiye and across the globe will be coming to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), stressing that supporting students' adaptation to city life is a shared responsibility of both universities and local municipalities.

## Examples of Good Practices from Around the World

Underscoring the need to improve the relationship between universities and municipalities, Prof. Dr. Kılıç said: “Nowadays, cities across Europe, the United States, Australia, and Canada view students not just as guests but as active members of the community. For instance, Groningen in the Netherlands offers comprehensive guidance—from housing to transportation—through its annual ‘Welcome to Groningen’ program. Many UK cities, such as Manchester, tackle student challenges through collaborative partnerships between local governments, universities, and public transport authorities. In cities like Miami and Toronto, students enjoy significant advantages in both mobility and cultural activities”. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that similar practices are needed to be implemented in TRNC as well and made the following remarks:

“Universities shape the academic lives of our students, but the contribution of local authorities is essential for their full integration into our cities. While municipalities have occasionally provided support, these efforts have not yet reached the desired level. It is necessary to strengthen the collaboration between universities and municipalities and implement more joint projects. Student adaptation, social life, and acclimatization to local conditions cannot fall solely on universities. Municipalities must take a more active role in this responsibility. The role of local authorities should go beyond treating students as mere ‘guests’; they should act as a bridge that integrates students into city



life, enhances their quality of life, and creates mutual benefits between the city and the university.

## Possible Joint Projects

Prof. Dr. Kılıç listed examples for possible future collaborations that might be carried out between universities and municipalities:

- **Student-Friendly City Program:** City transportation is inadequate, and students require guides to help them navigate and adapt to urban life. Opportunities for participation in social activities should be offered free or at low cost, and the social environment should be made more vibrant to meet students' expectations.
- **Collaborations on Accommodation and Safety:** Collaboration and oversight between municipalities and universities should support students and their families in housing matters. The active participation of local authorities instills confidence and assurance.
- **Developing Cultural Integration Projects:** Joint festivals, city tours, student-public meetings should be organized.
- **Entrepreneurship and Employment Support:** Municipalities should collaborate to provide students with internship and part-time work opportunities. While some municipalities

have already taken initiative, others need to actively engage in these efforts as well.

## Concrete Proposal: Collaborative Working Platform

Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç put forward a new recommendation, stating:

“Although local authorities contribute, their support remains insufficient. I therefore propose creating a ‘Universities and Municipalities Collaborative Working Platform’ that includes all municipalities. This platform would enable municipalities and universities to jointly take responsibility for students' housing, transportation, safety, cultural engagement, and adaptation processes, ultimately strengthening higher education in the TRNC”.

## “Happy Students, Thriving TRNC”

Concluding his remarks, Prof. Dr. Kılıç said: “As EMU, we are fulfilling our responsibilities, but for students to enjoy a safe and happy life in our cities, municipalities need to be actively engaged in the process. When universities and municipalities collaborate closely, it benefits the students, the cities, and the TRNC as a whole”.

# INTERNATIONAL VISSION OF EMU ON 'TRT AVAZ' CHANNEL

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has been featured on TRT Avaz channel, highlighting its international vision and multicultural campus life. Within the scope of the "Yeni Yüzyıl be Türk Dünyası /New Century and Turkic World" program, the TRT Avaz team visited EMU, where they conducted interviews and filming with EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy Prof. Dr. Hayrettin Ozan Gülcan, along with students and alumni.

During the production led by Metehan Ece and Gül Cebeci, Prof. Dr. Kılıç discussed his academic background and professional responsibilities, while elaborating on the university's global vision, campus facilities, and the wide range of opportunities it provides to students.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç underscored EMU's rich multicultural structure, boasting faculty from 35 countries and students from 110 nations. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also highlighted that, as a public university, EMU offers students a wide array of academic and social opportunities within a secure and supportive campus environment.

## "EMU as a Reference Point"

Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined the university's central role in advancing the higher education vision of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, pointing to EMU's 46-year legacy, more than 78,000 alumni, and over 200 diverse programs, establishing it as the nation's most influential public university in shaping higher education. Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that EMU serves as a benchmark for other institutions, with its initiatives often pioneering developments across the sector. Prof. Dr. Kılıç further stressed EMU's active international collaborations, noting strong partnerships with numerous universities worldwide and in Türkiye."

Prof. Dr. Kılıç also highlighted the advantages EMU offers to its students, noting that 90% of its programs are taught in English and that through international connections, scholarship opportunities, and joint degree programs, students gain access to global career



prospects. He further emphasized that EMU's quality has been recognized and validated by reputable accreditation and evaluation organizations.

## EMU – The Flagship of Higher Education

During the filming, the TRT Avaz team also met with Prof. Dr. Hayrettin Ozan Gülcan, Dean of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy, to gain insights into the faculty's educational programs and research initiatives. Prof. Dr. Gülcan shared his journey to EMU as an academic from Türkiye, describing the university as the 'flagship of higher education' and highlighting its multicultural environment that

offers students outstanding learning opportunities.

Students and alumni who spoke during the shoot emphasized how EMU's academic offerings, social facilities, and international experiences have greatly supported their career development, underlining the significance of the university's diverse community and strong faculty. At the conclusion of the filming, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented the TRT Avaz team with a traditional Lefkara embroidery panel, a symbol of Cyprus' cultural heritage. EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici was also present during the filming session.

## EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ ASSESSES THE HIGHER EDUCATION IN TRNC AND EMU'S STATUS ON KANAL T

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç was a guest at “Damla Dabis ile Yaz Sabahı” program hosted by Damla Dabis on Kanal T. In the program, Prof. Dr. Kılıç discussed EMU's position, future, and recent developments within the context of the ‘university inflation’ in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC).

Prof. Dr. Kılıç stressed that higher education, together with tourism, is one of the nation's key resources. He highlighted the importance of

managing the sector in a structured manner and of establishing clear goals, vision, and mission.

Mentioning internal auditing at universities, Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that every institution has a responsibility for quality and oversight, while universities run with a purely commercial mindset often face challenges in this area. He emphasized that universities contribute not only economically and scientifically but also to societal development, highlighting the importance of accreditation and international auditing.

tailored to current demands and improved existing ones, leading to an increase in enrollments this year. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also highlighted a drop in international student numbers, stressing the economic impact and the need for government policies to counter this trend. He stressed that joint promotional initiatives between the state and universities are essential to enhance higher education visibility.

### “EMU – The Flagship of Higher Education in the TRNC”

Highlighting EMU's unique position in the perception of society, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated, “I do not think there is a family in the TRNC without an EMU graduate,” emphasizing the university's role as the flagship of higher education in the TRNC. Furthermore, he provided insights into the university's long-standing history, international accreditations, academic achievements, research activities, and future goals, drawing attention to EMU's contributions to the country's economy and social development.



### Increase in the Number of Students Placed in EMU

Sharing information on the number of students at EMU, Prof. Dr. Kılıç explained that registrations are ongoing and that processes differ for TRNC and international students. He noted a nationwide decline in Turkish student placements through the Higher Education Institutions Examination (YKS), largely due to the rise of private universities in Türkiye. To address this, EMU has launched new programs

## EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ DISCUSSES THE AGENDA ON EDUCATION AT KIBRIS GENÇ TV

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç was a guest on Kıbrıs Genç TV's program “Genç'te Sabah,” hosted by Meltem Sonay. The program covered topics including the upcoming academic semester, higher education, and the latest developments at EMU.

### “EMU – A Gateway to the World”

In his speech, Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that tourism and education are the most significant factors affecting the national economy. Highlighting the importance of higher education for employment, the economy, scientific development, and international recognition, Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that with nearly 78,000 graduates, EMU serves as a gateway for Northern Cyprus to the world.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined the significance of promoting higher education and stressed the sector's need for careful planning and supervision. He pointed out that universities should be assessed not only by their size but also by the quality of their programs, considering factors such as student enrollment,



infrastructure, and dormitory capacity. Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that establishing a fully student-friendly island environment requires not only the efforts of universities but also strategic government planning. He emphasized that students should not be viewed merely as revenue contributors and underlined the crucial role of the government and local authorities in facilitating their adaptation.

Also touching on the scholarship policy, Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that 73% of students without

scholarships chose EMU, underscoring how crucial scholarships are in student decision-making. He also highlighted that in Europe, scholarship programs are government-led and stressed that Northern Cyprus should adopt a similar approach as part of its governmental policy.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that as a state university, EMU possesses a strong brand value, built over 46 years of experience, which serves as an important point of reference. He also noted that EMU operates in full compliance with legal regulations and stands as a reliable example in the field of higher education.

Sharing that EMU's strategic plan extends through 2030, Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined the university's alignment with digital advancements and the launch of new programs in IT and artificial intelligence. He highlighted that EMU established the first AI laboratory in Cyprus and noted the university's ongoing commitment to continuous development and innovation.

# CHAMPIONS OF EMU 13<sup>TH</sup> OSMAN MARAŞLI TOURNAMENT DETERMINED

Annually organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) in memory of late Turkish Cypriot volleyball instructor Osman Maraşlı, the 13th edition of the “Osman Maraşlı Triad Beach Volleyball Memorial Tournament” was held on 30-31 August 2025 at EMU Beach Club with contributions of the Municipality of Famagusta.

The event was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Board of Trustees Members Güneş Güneşoğlu and Beyhan Gürgöze, Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, Sports Affairs Directorate staff members, many volleyball enthusiasts and audience. The semi-final and final matches played on Sunday, 31 August 2025 determined the champions of the tournament.

Expressing the university’s contentment on organizing the event, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç noted that this year’s tournament, the 13th edition of the event, was held with great excitement and energy. Emphasizing that the tournament reflects a tradition of remembrance, Prof. Dr. Kılıç congratulated all those who took part in the event organized in honour of Osman Maraşlı, an influential figure in the country’s volleyball, and expressed his gratitude to everyone who contributed and supported.

During an awards ceremony held after the final matches, cups and awards were presented to the winning teams by Prof. Dr. Kılıç, Güneşoğlu, Gürgöze, Prof. Dr. Zorlu and Student Development, Activities and Sports Affairs Directorate personnel. Ranking teams of the 13th Osman Maraşlı Memorial Tournament are as follows:

## Triad Men’s Category

1. Kemal – İsmail- Tunç
2. Kunter – Süleyman – Oktay
3. Talat – Maxim- Kemal
4. Aydın – Cemal – Osman
5. Salih – Amir – Aria
6. Mehmetali—Ahmet – Ersen

## Triad Women’s Category

1. Nazlı – Beren – Hatice
2. Meleksu – Büşra – Azra
3. Elanaz – Eylül- Leman
4. Yağmur – Damla – Sezgin

## Family Category

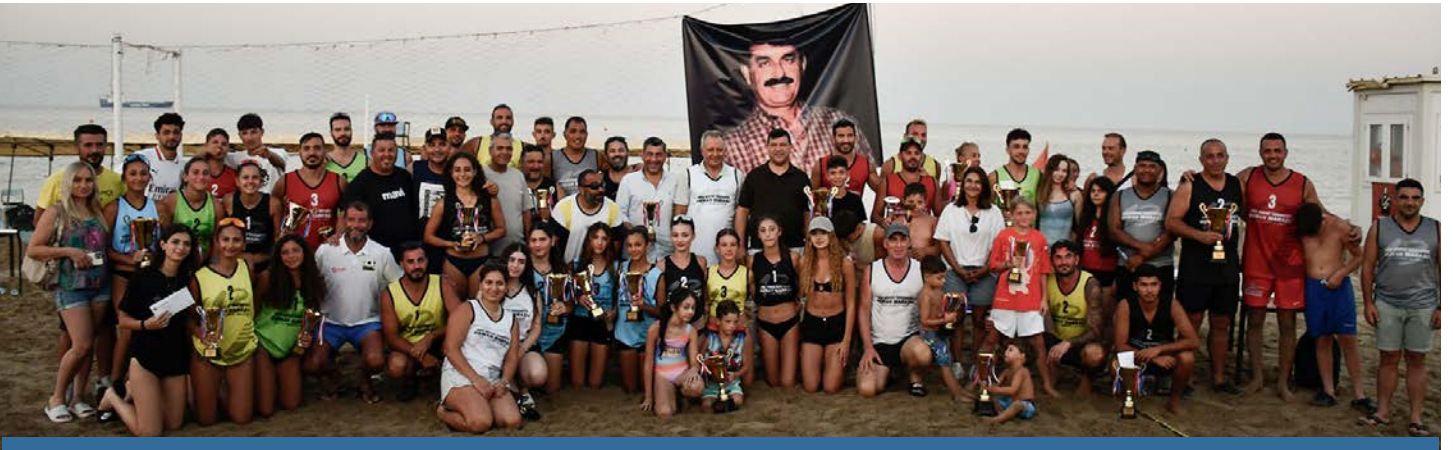
1. Ecevit – Mehmetali
2. Hasan – Mertcan
3. Ahmet – Cüneyt

## Special Awards:

- Strongest Male Player - Kemal Şah  
 Strongest Female Player – Nazlı Akyol  
 Best Amateur – Tunç Derebey  
 Best Audience – Cenk Harbay Şeren  
 Youngest Player – Çınar Özakin



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## ADDITIONAL QUOTA TALENT EXAM TO BE HELD FOR THE EMU MUSIC TEACHING UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education will conduct an additional quota talent exam for the Music Teaching Undergraduate Program, on 17 – 19 September 2025. In the exam, candidates will be asked to identify single- to four-part tones, replicate melodies and rhythms, perform the National Anthem, sing a self-chosen song, and play selected pieces on an instrument of their choice.

Citizens of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) (including dual nationals), graduates of high schools or

equivalent institutions in the TRNC or abroad, and Republic of Türkiye citizens who have completed their high school education at a formal education institution in the TRNC are eligible to take the exam.

TRNC citizens are not required to have taken the EMU Entrance Exam to participate in the talent exam. Turkish citizens must have achieved a ranking within the top 800,000 in the Basic Proficiency Test (TYT). Candidates interested in applying for the Talent Examination can obtain detailed information by calling +90 392 630 1982.



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