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EMU STRENGTHENS ITS INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE BY ATTENDING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TURKIC UNIVERSITIES UNION HELD IN UZBEKISTAN



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) attended the General Assembly of the Turkic Universities Union operating under the Organization of Turkic States, with the status of observing member of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC).

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and EMU Institutional Development and

International Academic Affairs Office Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Cahit Ezel attended the event which was hosted by the Tashkent International University and brought together the higher education institutions in the Turkic world. Topics such as academic collaborations within the universities, student and academic staff exchange programs and joint projects were discussed at the General Assembly of the Turkic Universities Union.

"Strengthening the Academic Unity in the Turkic World"

Releasing a statement regarding the event EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said; "We take great pride in representing our country at the highest level as an > pg. 2

"COMPACT OBJECTS AND PROCESSES AROUND THEM" SEMINAR DELIVERED BY PROF. DR. KUANTAY BOSHKAYEV RECEIVES GREAT ATTENTION

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Physics hosted Prof. Dr. Kuantay Boshkayev from Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan, who delivered a seminar titled "Compact Objects and Processes around Them".

Attracting high-level of attention from faculty members and students, the said event was participated by Assist. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Bozer, the Acting Dean of Faculty of Arts and Sciences; Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı, the Head of Departments of Physics and Chemistry; Prof. Dr. Seye Mazharimousavi, Vice Head of Department of Physics; Prof. Dr. Mustafa Gazi, Vice Head of Department of Chemistry. Moreover, EMU Distinguished Professor Prof. Dr. Mustafa Halilsoy, Prof. Dr. Omar Mustafa and many academic from > pg. 3



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official member of the Turkic Universities Union during its General Assembly. Strengthening academic collaborations among universities across the Turkic world, developing joint initiatives, and enhancing student and faculty mobility remain among our foremost priorities. The Orhun Exchange Program—designed to foster cooperation through student and academic mobility—has now been fully implemented. As is well known, the program is grounded in the collaboration of universities operating within the member states of the Organization of Turkic States, particularly in areas related to academic and student exchange. We express our sincere appreciation to all stakeholders whose contributions have made this milestone possible, with special gratitude extended to the Republic of Türkiye, as well as to the Presidency, Prime Ministry, and Ministry of National Education of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. EMU remains firmly committed to further deepening its engagement with institutions across the higher education landscape of the Turkic world and to advancing new dimensions of international cooperation".

About the Organization of Turkic States and Turkic Universities Union

The Organization of Turkic States (OTS) is an international body comprising Turkic nations, with Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Türkiye as member states, and Hungary, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, and Turkmenistan holding observer status. The primary aim of the organization is to promote comprehensive cooperation among Turkic-speaking countries. The Secretariat of the Organization is located in Istanbul.

Education stands at the core of the mission of the Organization of Turkic States, which continues to prioritize cooperation in the field of education among its Member and Observer States. This focus is of vital importance, as education not only strengthens collaboration among OTS governments but also directly influences societies and the future generations of the Turkic world.

Recognizing the significance of higher education, the idea of establishing an interuniversity union to enhance cooperation among universities of the OTS Member States has been on

the Organization's agenda since its foundation. In line with this vision, the Turkic Universities Union (TÜRKÜNİB) convened its 8th General Assembly on 15–16 October 2025 in Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan. Eastern Mediterranean University, which became an official member of TÜRKÜNİB

during the General Assembly held in Baku, Azerbaijan on 20 May 2024, was represented at this year's 8th General Assembly by Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Assist. Prof. Dr. Cahit Ezel, Institutional Development and International Academic Affairs Office Coordinator.











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different departments, Department of Physics undergraduate and postgraduate students and, many EMU students who are astronomy enthusiasts followed the seminar

An Extensive Presentation on Compact Stars

During the seminar, Prof. Dr. Boshkayev provided an in-depth discussion on the characteristics of compact objects such as white dwarfs, neutron stars, and black holes, along with the physical processes surrounding them. He highlighted that neutron stars act as natural laboratories for exploring the behaviour of matter under extreme densities (10¹⁴ g/cm³), offering ideal conditions for testing general relativity and serving as sources of multi-messenger signals, including gravitational waves and X-rays. Prof. Dr. Boshkayev also presented his analysis of quasi-periodic oscillations (QPOs) in low-mass X-ray binary systems, outlining the techniques used to determine neutron star parameters such as mass, rotation, and quadrupole moment. Furthermore, he discussed global accretion processes occurring around black holes and

examined how these influence the appearance of their shadow images.

Gathered Together with International Scientists

The high participation of EMU students and academics from different departments towards the seminar held at Physics-II laboratory underscored the interest on astrophysics and high energy processes. At the end of the seminar, participants asked various questions to Prof. Dr. Boshkayev, carrying out insightful discussions with the scholar. By hosting internationally renowned scientists, EMU Department of Physics offered its students and researchers the chance to follow the latest scientific developments. At the conclusion of the event, Prof. Dr. Sakallı presented Prof. Dr. Boshkayev a plaque of appreciation.

A Visit to EMU Rector's Office

Visiting EMU Rector's Office building prior to the seminar, Prof. Dr. Boshkayev paid a courtesy visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe. Head of EMU Department of

Physics Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı was also present during the said visits. Expressing his contentment on being at EMU, Prof. Dr. Boshkayev also emphasized the joy for meeting with the students and academics of EMU. Stating EMU's pride to be hosting Prof. Dr. Boshkayev at EMU, Prof. Dr. Kılıç and Prof. Dr. Karatepe stressed EMU's commitment in hosting internationally recognized scientists at EMU. At the end of the visit, Prof. Dr. Kılıç and Prof. Dr. Karatepe presented Prof. Dr. Boshkayev with souvenirs unique to EMU and Cypriot culture.

Awarded Scientist in the Field of High-Energy Astrophysics

Prof. Dr. Boshkayev, born in 1981 in Almaty, Kazakhstan, received the "Best Researcher Award" in High-Energy Astrophysics in 2024. He earned his undergraduate (1999–2004) and master's (2004–2006) degrees from Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (KazNU) and holds two PhDs — one in Theoretical Physics from KazNU (2009) and another in Relativistic Astrophysics from Sapienza University of Rome (2012).









EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ MAKES IMPORTANT STATEMENTS ON "TÜRKTIP2025"

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç attended the 1st International Medical Congress of Turkish Speaking Countries (TÜRKTIP2025) event, held on 16-19 October 2025 at Kaya Artemis Hotel, as a guest speaker. Aiming to encourage information sharing and enhance interdisciplinary collaborations, said congress acted as an important platform bringing together scientists and healthcare professionals from different countries.

The congress which took part with the participation of Turkish scientists from Asia, Anatolia and Balkans, addressed current topics in various fields, especially focusing on Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Anaesthesiology and Reanimation, Paediatrics, Internal Medicine and its subspecialties, Cardiology and Sports Medicine.

Attending the opening session titled "Collaboration on Health Education among Turkish Speaking Countries" held on Friday, 17 October 2025, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç underscored the significance of international collaboration in health education. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also emphasized that fostering academic collaboration among Turkish speaking countries would not only improve the quality of healthcare services but also support scientific advancement across the region.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç highlighted that EMU, founded in 1979, is a well-established state university with an integrated educational system.



Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Kılıç pointed out that the post-pandemic period has witnessed major technological progress in health sciences, which in turn has fostered greater international cooperation.

Sharing details about the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, Prof. Dr. Kılıç explained that the faculty offers a joint program with Marmara University, ensuring that students' theoretical and practical training needs are successfully fulfilled through this partnership. He further noted that the EMU Faculty of Dentistry collaborates with the University of Health Sciences under a similar program, highlighting that such academic partnerships play a key role in enhancing educational quality.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç mentioned that he participated in the Turkic Universities Union meeting held in Uzbekistan, where he emphasized the importance of increasing academic mobility and mutual

cooperation. Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined the value of strengthening inter-university exchange programs and stated that EMU attaches great importance to joint initiatives with Turkic countries. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also stated that the collaborations and exemplary projects realized serve as concrete examples of academic solidarity within the Turkic world, describing TÜRKTIP2025 as a key gathering that fosters knowledge exchange and academic engagement in the field of health among Turkish-speaking nations.





EMU FACULTY OF TOURISM CONTINUES TO BRING ITS STUDE TOGETHER WITH THE STARS OF THE GASTRONOMY SECTO

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts continues to bring its students together with the stars of the gastronomy sector. With its integrated education model that blends theory and practice, EMU Faculty of Tourism offers students the chance to specialize in selected fields through comprehensive courses, while helping them gain both academic knowledge and hands-on industry experience. This approach allows students to enter professional life better equipped and more confident even before graduation.

Through practical training led by experienced chefs and instructors, students develop both their knowledge and skills in a wide array of subjects, including culinary techniques, current gastronomy trends, pastry arts, and wine studies.

Chef Ali Açıkgül, Chef Hakan Doğan, Yiğit Zeyneloğlu and Deniz Aynur, renowned chefs who are part of the academic team of the EMU Gastronomy and Culinary Arts, attract attention with their impressive careers. Through the training provided by professionals in their respective fields, students gain the knowledge and creativity needed to stand out in their careers and secure a strong place in the industry.

Chef Ali AÇIKGÜL

Born in Malatya, Chef Ali Açıkgül spent his childhood and education years in Istanbul. His passion for cooking began at an early age. Rapidly advancing in his culinary career, he moved to Ankara in 2000, establishing the Chef Ali brand and serving as a coordinating chef at Divan Hotels. His dedication to culinary education led him to found Chef Akademi, Ankara's first private cooking school, which has grown into one of Türkiye's top institutions for professional chef training. Since 2021, Chef Ali has been based in the United Kingdom, running his own café while continuing his collaboration with Chef Akademi. Beyond his teaching work, Açıkgül actively

promotes Turkish cuisine worldwide, writes gourmet articles, and contributes to culinary heritage as a member of Slow Food. Inspired by a cheesecake he discovered in San Sebastián, Spain, in 2016, he introduced the dessert to Türkiye under the name San Sebastián Cheesecake. He later authored Türkiye's first cheesecake-focused cookbook, 'Peynirli Lezzetler', in 2018, followed by 'Unutulmuş Tatlar' in 2021.

Hakan DOĞAN

Born in 1974 in Bitlis, Hasan Doğan is the latest member of his family that has practiced bakery and bread making for three consecutive generations since 1990. From vocational high school through university, he conducted numerous seminars on breadmaking. Through his initiatives, 'Ekşi Mayanın Peşinde' and 'Danedolu', Doğan has established a significant international presence. He has carried out in-depth research. studies, and training on sourdough in countries including Italy, Latvia, Crimea, Russia, Germany, Poland, France, as well as Iran, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Moldova. His 2016 book, 'Ekşi Mayalı Ekmekler', raised awareness of sourdough in Türkiye and won the "Bread" category award at the prestigious Gourmand Cookbooks Awards, earning him the 2017 Gourmand Winner recognition. His other work, 'Adım Adım Hamur İşleri', sharing his expertise from classes and workshops, also received the internationally respected Gourmand Winner award. In addition, Hakan Doğan has collaborated with numerous renowned brands and specialized educational institutions through his Neşeli Pasta Atölyesi in Bursa (2007–2015) and his brand Darmstadt Ekmek ve Pasto, further solidifying his influence in the field.

Deniz AYNUR

Deniz Aynur earned her master's degree in Marketing and Brand Management from the Business Administration Department at Ege University's Social Sciences Institute. She started her career at Mey | Diageo in 2013, moving

to the wine department in 2014. In 2019, she joined IWSA, a leading institution in the field, where she delivers training on wine and distilled spirits. Alongside her role as an instructor at IWSA, she also serves as the Brand Ambassador for Mey | Diageo. Deniz provides professional training for industry specialists throughout the country and takes on mentorship roles at private events, offering guidance on product tasting and presentation. She holds WSET certifications in wine and distilled spirits, as well as additional qualifications in whiskey from EWA (Edinburgh Whisky Academy) and Slainte Academy, and in rakı from Anason Akademisi.

Yiğit ZEYNELOĞLU

Yiğit Zevneloğlu was born in 1978 in Tarsus. After graduating from high school, he studied Tourism at Bilkent University. Following his family's legacy in pastry, Yiğit Zeyneloğlu pursued the profession professionally, earning his Pâtisserie diploma from the prestigious Le Cordon Bleu in 1999. He gained valuable experience working with renowned chefs at Claridges, a royal hotel in London, before joining his family in developing the Pastabahçesi brand. As a secondgeneration executive pastry chef, Zeyneloğlu has achieved notable successes in both national and international competitions. His awards include first place in the Wedding Cake category at the 2009 Türkiye Celebration Cakes Competition, Eastern Europe first place at the 2012 World Chocolate Masters, and representing Türkiye at the 2013 World Chocolate Masters finals in Paris, a city recognized as the heart of pastry arts. In 2015, he was invited as a jury member for the World Chocolate Masters competition. In 2018, he won first place in the Turkish qualifiers of the World Pastry Cup at Sirha Istanbul, earning the opportunity to compete in the European Championship in Italy, where he also received a special jury prize. Zeyneloğlu has developed expertise particularly in chocolate modelling, molecular pastry techniques, and sugar crafting.













EMU FACULTY OF DENTISTRY'S STRONG START IN THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR





Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Dentistry warmly welcomed its new students for the 2025–2026 Academic Year, offering a fully equipped environment supported by advanced technology and a contemporary educational approach. Operating in a building designed according to European standards and equipped with the latest devices, the faculty experienced a notable rise in student admissions this year, achieving its highest enrolment ever.

First and Only University holding ADEE Membership

EMU Faculty of Dentistry is a member of the Association for Dental Education in Europe (ADEE), an organization that establishes quality standards for dental education across Europe and provides support to its member institutions. EMU is the first and only university in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) to hold ADEE membership. Among more than 240 universities from 62 countries in ADEE, only 10 universities are from Türkiye. This distinguished membership guarantees that EMU maintains internationally recognized quality standards in dental education.

Joint Program with the University of Health Sciences

As part of the 5-year Joint Dental

Undergraduate Program run in collaboration with the Republic of Türkiye, University of Health Sciences (UHS), EMU Faculty of Dentistry offers its students education opportunity in both English and Turkish languages. The first two years of the training takes place at EMU Faculty of Dentistry, and is delivered in English. The latter 3 years are delivered in Turkish at UHS Faculty of Dentistry. Therefore, students have the opportunity to graduate with a diploma jointly accredited by both institutions, providing them with a robust academic background acknowledged nationally and internationally.

Advanced Technological Facilities

EMU's modern faculty building, built entirely with the university's own resources, offers wide and ergonomically designed workspaces that allow students to apply their theoretical knowledge in practice. The campus features laboratories that can host up to 50 students at once, including the Morphology Laboratory, Prosthetic Dentistry, Restorative Treatment, and Endodontics Preclinical Laboratories, all equipped with infrastructure that meets international standards.

Since December 2021, EMU Faculty of Dentistry has been providing clinical services. In addition to its teaching staff, for the past two years the faculty has extended its facilities to dentists who are TRNC citizens and legally registered with the Cyprus Turkish Medical Association (KTTB). These dentists can use specialized dental units to perform surgeries, cephalometric tomography, panoramic X-rays, and treatments for elderly or disabled patients without requiring them to move from a single chair. This arrangement not only improves patient care but also significantly enriches students' clinical training experience.

"EMU Faculty of Dentistry Trains Dentists at International Standards"

Stating that, along with the commencement of the new academic year, the faculty has welcomed its students, Dean of EMU Faculty of Dentistry Prof. Dr. Hikmet Solak continued; "With its modern technological infrastructure, highly qualified academic team, and internationally recognized education programs, our faculty serves as a model in the region. The significant rise in student enrolment highlights the increasing appeal of EMU Faculty of Dentistry. We equip our students with both theoretical knowledge and hands-on experience, preparing them for their professional careers. Our goal is to train competent dentists who adhere to ethical principles and meet the demands of the modern era".







EMU FACULTY OF PHARMACY COMMENCES NEW ACADEMIC YEAR



competent, well-equipped graduates through its extensive international academic and professional partnerships.

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Pharmacy has made a strong start to the 2025-2026 Academic Year Fall Semester with its new students. The Faculty offers a 10-semester B.Pharm. program and a Pharm.D. program extending over twelve semesters. Committed to fostering both professional competence and ethical awareness, EMU Faculty of Pharmacy strives to equip students with the knowledge and skills required to serve as primary healthcare consultants within the community. Moreover, the Faculty prepares its students to become highly qualified pharmacists and researchers who remain attuned to the latest scientific and technological advancements in the field.

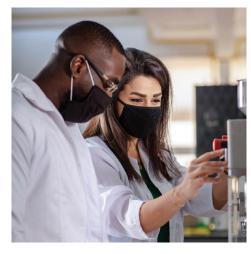
The Faculty features state-of-the-art laboratories equipped with advanced instruments such as HPLC, GC-MS, FT-IR, UV spectrophotometer, microwave reactor, tablet press, dissolution apparatus, granulator, homogenizer, viscometer, incubators, and many more. Over the past 14 years since its establishment, the Faculty has underscored its dedication to research excellence by publishing more than one thousand scientific articles in journals indexed by the Web of Science.

Through the EMUPSS Student Society, students of the Faculty will have the opportunity to engage with international pharmacy students and participate in various social and scientific activities. Supported by a young, dynamic, and experienced academic staff, modern infrastructure, robust social support systems, and a student-centered campus environment, they benefit from a truly high-quality educational experience.

Accreditations and Memberships

In 2012, EMU Faculty of Pharmacy became the first in Cyprus and the second in Türkiye to be accepted as an academic member of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP). Represented in the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF), the Faculty enables its students to gain valuable international experience through the Student Exchange Programme (SEP), offering opportunities for professional practice and internships abroad. Furthermore, with its Master of Pharmacy (MPharm) and Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) and the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria (PCN), the Faculty delivers education at global standards and cultivates

In regards to the new academic year, Prof. Dr. H. Ozan Gülcan, Dean of the Faculty, said; "I wish all our esteemed students an academic year enriched with knowledge, experience, and success. May this period you spend at our faculty be both fruitful and enjoyable, contributing to your professional and personal growth".







INNOVATIVE MOBILE APPLICATION PROJECT FROM EMU FACULTY OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences, School of Information Technologies Master's Program has brought in an innovative project. The project titled "Design and Implementation of a Three-Tier Mobile Application for Landmark Recognition and Multilingual Tourist Guidance Using AI" has recently been introduced during Famagusta Walled City Association (MASDER) visit. The project is developed by Assist. Prof. Dr. Cem Yağlı from the School of Information Technologies Master's Program and, master's student Mustafa Mehmet Yaman.

By promoting the digital representation of local cultural heritage, the project aligns directly with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure) and Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities). Moreover, its multilingual and accessible nature also supports Goal 4 (Quality Education) and Goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

The project aims to enhance the tourist experience in Famagusta Walled City. The

system will be developed as a three-tier architecture, consisting of a React Nativebased mobile interface, an application server with a relational database (middle tier), and the integration of an AI-powered image recognition model. The application will allow tourists to take photos of city landmarks, which will then be identified by the AI model. After identification, the system will present multilingual descriptive content from MASDER's existing database in both visual and audio formats. The product will be offered as a smart and interactive guide application, available to all visitors on Android and iOS platforms. The application will be managed by MASDER and made freely accessible to the public.

Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Rizaner made remarks on the matter, saying, "Our faculty gives priority to projects that not only advance technological innovation in education and research but also deliver societal benefits and support sustainable development goals. This project is a prime example of how digital transformation can be applied to preserve and promote local cultural heritage. Using

information technologies in areas such as smart cities, accessible tourism, and multilingual digital guidance strengthens both social inclusivity and cultural sustainability. Through such innovative and socially impactful research, our faculty remains dedicated to contributing to regional development".

"Strengthened the Organic Connections between EMU and the City of Famagusta"

Stating that one of the faculty's foremost goals is to provide direct value to society, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Rizaner emphasized that projects of this kind further strengthen the organic connections between EMU and the city of Famagusta. Stressing that the university cannot develop independently of the community, he affirmed that the faculty is always prepared to design systems that address the needs and demands arising from society for the public good. At the conclusion of his remarks, Prof. Dr. Rizaner invited non-governmental organizations, local authorities, and the private sector to collaborate in developing joint projects.

EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE AT EMU: CAREER AND PROFESSION INTRODUCTORY INTERNSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO COMMENCE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) offers high school students the opportunity to experience university life and shape their future careers. The "Explore Your Future! Career and Profession Introductory Internship" program organized in collaboration with the FutureMind Education Center and sponsored by the Noyanlar Group of Companies will begin on 1 November 2025.

The five-day long internship program will take place at the relevant faculty buildings on EMU campus, between 09:00 a.m. and 01:00 p.m. The participation fee for the program is set at 6000 TL. The program aims to offer students an unforgettable educational experience through EMU's strong academic infrastructure and modern campus facilities.

Trainings in fields such as Dentistry, Software, Artificial Intelligence, Game Development, Media and Communication, Architecture, Graphic Design, Engineering and Health Sciences, will be delivered within the scope of the said program. Students will get the chance to interact one on one with expert academics, taking part in both theoretical and applied classes.

While gaining the opportunity to explore different professions, participants will also enhance their self-awareness and gain valuable experiences that will guide them in choosing the right field of study. In addition, with the certificate awarded at the end of the program, students will have the opportunity to add value to their résumés.

Who can Apply for the Program?

All 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade high school students are eligible to participate in the program. Registration has now begun for the event, which has a limited quota. For detailed information and registration, you may contact +90 542 888 7576 or send an email to futuremindltd@gmail.com.



13TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON CURRICULUM AND IN-STRUCTION TO BE HELD AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) will host the 13th International Congress on Curriculum and Instruction (ICCI-EPOK) in collaboration with the Turkish Association of Curriculum and Instruction (EPÖDER). The congress will take place on 25-28 October 2025 at EMU Rauf Raif Denktas Culture and Congress Center, with the main sponsorship of the Municipality of Famagusta and, Cyprus Turkish Teachers' Trade Union (KTÖS). The event is expected to see participation from over 300 academics and scholars, as well as over 100 audience, from especially Türkiye and, Azerbaijan, Kosovo, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and various other countries.

The keynote speakers of the congress consist of David Crookall, the Honorary Member of the International Simulation and Gaming Association (ISAGA); Khalid Arar, a Professor of Educational Leadership and Policy in the College of Education at Texas State University; and Prof. Dr. Soner Yıldırım from the Faculty Of Education, Department Of Computer Education And Instructional Technology at the Middle East Technical University (METU).

Along with the panels to be held as part of the congress, workshops and scientific will also take place. During the panel titled "Language Policies and Language Teaching Curricula in Turkish Republics", Prof. Dr. Osman MERT from the Turkish Language Association (TDK), Director of the Atatürk Teacher Academy Prof. Dr. Güner Konedralı, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serdan KERVAN, Vice Rector of the Prizren "Ukshin Hoti" University Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serdan Kervan, and Prof. Dr. Sevinc Aliyeva, from the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences will deliver speeches.

On the other hand, the "Basic Education Curricula in the context of Educating 21st Century Individuals in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus" panel will feature Prof. Dr. Ahmet Pehlivan, Dean of EMU Faculty of Education; Prof. Dr. Canan Z. Perkan, Head of EMU Department of Education Sciences; Prof. Dr. Sitkiye Kuter, faculty member of EMU Faculty of Education; Prof. Dr. Müfit Kömleksiz from Dr. Fazıl Kücük Education Faculty at European University of Lefke (EUL); and, Prof. Dr. Osman Cankoy from Department of Guidance and Psychological



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Within the scope of the congress program, Prof. Dr. Ali Yıldırım from University of Gothenburg will deliver a presentation titled "Theory and Research in Curriculum and Instruction: An Analysis within the Framework of Educational Sciences Traditions". Moreover, Akın Kağan Akçalı, the Founder of Foramind/Mind Maps Association, will carry out a workshop event titled "Use of Mind Maps in Transforming Curricula".

The event will serve as a platform to discuss the latest developments in curriculum and instruction and to enhance international

academic cooperation. Within the scope of the congress, Festschrift volumes—traditionally prepared by the Association of Curriculum and Instruction to honour academics who have contributed significantly to the field—will be presented. Additionally, two interactive workshops for teachers will be organized outside the main congress program, led by ISAGA Honorary Member David Crookall and Akın Kağan Akçalı, Founder of the Mind Maps Association.

29 October Republic Day Themed Ball

A ball with "29 October Republic Day" theme will be held on Tuesday, 28 October 2025 at EMU Beach Club. This special event bringing participants together will unite the joy of Republic with a scientific atmosphere.

EMU COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CENTER'S SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU)
Community Involvement Center (CIC), under the slogan "Great Joy for Little Hearts", is calling for donations to the book and toy cabinet established at the Pediatric Inpatient Department of Famagusta State Hospital to ensure that children can enjoy quality and joyful time. Those wishing to donate toys in good condition can contribute to the campaign until 31 October 2025.

In her remarks, Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir, Chair of EMU CIC, said; "Every children reserve the right to be happy and have good time. As the Community Involvement Center, with our donation campaign, we strive to bring some joy to little hearts. We extend our appreciation to those who wish to support our cause".

Donations may be delivered to Office 0106, located on the first floor of EMU Information Technologies Directorate building. For further information, individuals can visit tdm.emu.edu. tr, follow the @toplumsalduyarlilik social media account, contact (+90) 392 630 30 65 or e-mail tdm@emu.edu.tr address.



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