

EMU FACULTY OF DENTISTRY STUDENTS TAKE THEIR FIRST STEP INTO THE PROFESSION



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Dentistry organized a “White Coat Ceremony” and a “High Honour-Honour Ceremony” within the scope of 22 November, Dentistry Day and, Oral and Dental Health Week. The said ceremonies took place of Monday, 24 November 2025 at 02:00 p.m. at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. In the ceremony, first year students who have just began their educational journey at the EMU Faculty of Dentistry as of 2025-2026 Academic

Year Fall Semester were presented with their white coats. On the other hand, ranking students of 2024-2025 Academic Year Spring Semester received their honour and high honour certificates.

The ceremony was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren and Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, Chair of the Chamber of

Turkish Cypriot Dentists Turhan Ulutekin, EMU Faculty of Dentistry Dean Prof. Dr. Hikmet Solak, Health Sciences University Faculty of Dentistry Dean Prof. Dr. Simel Ayyıldız, EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. Ozan Gülcan, EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Acting Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Gözoğlu, many academics, students and their families.

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EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ TO CO-CHAIR A PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL TOURISM CONGRESS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç will act as a Co-Chair at the 7th Conference on Managing Tourism across Continents (MTCON), recognized as one of the most prestigious academic events in the world. Organized with the “Tourism for a Better World” theme this year, the congress will take place between 29 April and 2 May 2026 in Antalya.

This significant international event will be co-chaired by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Prof. Dr. Roya Rahimi from the University of Wolverhampton. The congress seeks to bring together academics, industry professionals, and researchers from around the world to host scientific studies that will help shape the future of tourism.

MTCON serves as an internationally renowned platform showcasing high-quality academic research

in areas such as tourism management, sustainability, destination development, digitalization, customer experience, innovation, and global tourism policy.

Expressing his contentment on the matter, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated: “Tourism is not just a key sector that connects the world; it is a strategic field central to sustainability, innovation, and global cooperation. Serving as co-chair for such a prestigious international event is a tremendous honour both personally and for Eastern Mediterranean University. The event will boost our university’s global profile and foster new partnerships by linking our academics’ expertise with researchers from across the globe”.

The official call for paper submissions for MTCON 2026 has been announced, and submissions are being accepted via www.mtcon.org.



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“One of the Oldest Professions in the World”

Following a moment of silence and national anthem, the event continued with opening speeches, EMU Faculty of Dentistry’s Dean Prof. Dr. Hikmet Solak provided insights on Dentistry Day which has been celebrated for the 117th time this year. Noting that the profession of dentistry is one of the oldest professions in the world, Prof. Dr. Solak touched on the history of dentistry and highlighted the differences between dentistry as a profession and being a dentist. Prof. Dr. Solak spoke about the founding of the Turkish Dentistry Organization and the declaration of World Oral Health Day on 22 November. He noted that the dental school began its education in 1909 and reflected on the evolution of dental education and the profession over time. Stressing that dentistry is a respected field, Prof. Dr. Solak emphasized that maintaining its sustainability is a shared responsibility. Moreover, Prof. Dr. Solak also reaffirmed that the EMU Faculty of Dentistry will continue to lead advancements in the profession and extended his congratulations on Dentists’ Day and Oral Health Week.

Prof. Dr. Simel Ayyıldız, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at the Health Sciences University, highlighted that the ceremony was not merely about wearing the white coat, but about honouring

the profession, embracing the responsibility of tradition, and committing to the service of humanity. Quoting Mustafa Kemal Atatürk—“Every effort devoted to medicine is the most valuable investment in the health of the nation”—Prof. Dr. Ayyıldız noted that today reflects the purest and most hopeful expression of that investment. She also provided details about the joint dentistry program with EMU. Emphasizing that the white coat represents more than attire, she described it as a symbol of cleanliness, responsibility, knowledge, and conscience. She concluded by congratulating everyone on Dentists’ Day and Oral Health Week.

“A Symbol of Ethics, Respect, and Professional Responsibility”

Turhan Ulutekin, Chair of the Chamber of Turkish Cypriot Dentists, addressed the students, saying: “The white coat you wear today is more than just a uniform—it represents ethical maturity, respect for others, and responsibility to your profession. Even in times of increased competition and larger class sizes, I am confident that you will uphold knowledge, morality, and conscience in your practice. A successful dentist is recognized not only for technical skills but also for treating every patient with fairness, care, and ethical conduct. Today’s step



marks the start of a lifelong journey of trust, respect, and integrity. May your conscience shine as brightly as your white coat”.

“EMU – A Scientific Center Preferred in International Arena”

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr.

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Hasan Kılıç expressed his joy at being with the students on this very special day, emphasizing that the occasion is not just a ceremony but a symbol of the first serious step in their professional lives, a blank page, and the beginning of a meaningful journey. He noted that celebrating Dentistry Day and Oral Health Week together made the day even more significant, highlighting that oral and dental health is a fundamental aspect of well-being, affecting everything from an individual's confidence and social life to healthy nutrition and communication. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also underlined that since 2009, EMU has strengthened its investments in the health sector, developing a broad healthcare education ecosystem, and has become a preferred scientific center not only regionally but also internationally. Addressing the students directly, Prof. Dr. Kılıç said: "The white coat you will wear today is not just clothing—it is a stance, a responsibility, and a symbol of honor. It represents honesty, dedication, respect for human health, and ethical principles. As you wear it, remember that you carry not only your knowledge and skills but also compassion, humanity, and a sense of responsibility. Every clinic you enter, every patient you touch, and every treatment you perform will create meaningful change in someone's life. I wholeheartedly congratulate all of our students and have full confidence that you will become physicians guided by science and ethical principles."

Unable to attend the ceremony, EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk forwarded a message that read: "The white coat you wear today symbolizes the trust placed in you to uphold the light of science, ethical responsibility, and the power to make a difference in people's



lives. Dentistry is no longer just a field of treatment—it is a leading arena in the global transformation from AI to digital clinics. You are the pioneers of this change and the embodiment of EMU's vision for the future. The achievement certificates you receive today are the first mark of the influence you will have on the international stage. By moving forward with science, courage, and responsibility, you will thrive

in your profession. We have full confidence in you and wish you every success".

Following the opening speeches, the event continued with the presentation of white coats to students and ended with the presentation of honour and high honour certificates to the ranking students of EMU Dentistry Faculty in the 2024-2025 Academic Year Spring Semester.



ARTISTIC HERITAGE OF BAKİ BOĞAÇ TO BE PASSED DOWN FUTURE GENERATIONS THROUGH THE PROTOCOL SIGNED AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) signed a collaboration protocol with Ceren Boğaç and Barçın Boğaç, the beneficiaries of late artist Baki Boğaç, concerning the transfer of Baki Boğaç's artwork into the "Eastern Mediterranean University Art Work Collection". Said protocol was signed by Ceren Boğaç and Barçık Boğaz and, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç at EMU Rector's Office building. The protocol aims to ensure the preservation, display and the transfer of artworks on to future generations.

Present during the signing session were, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, and EMU Art and Design Center's Art Coordinator Zehra Şonya.

During his speech at the signing ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç noted that the protocol was established to honour the legacy of one of the nation's distinguished artists, Baki Boğaç, to introduce him to future generations, and to preserve his works for the future. Prof. Dr. Kılıç highlighted that the protocol will not only support education and academic development, but will also enrich the artistic dimension of society. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also informed attendees about Baki Boğaç, expressing that the initiative reflects the university's artistic vision and its commitment to art, and wished for the protocol to bring positive outcomes.

Ceren Boğaç also made remarks during the signing session, expressing their gratitude and delight that their father Baki Boğaç's works will come to life at EMU. She added that seeing the



artworks become part of EMU's artistic archive and leave a lasting legacy for future generations carries great significance for their family.

Following his sister's address, Barçın Boğaç also expressed that he shared his sister's feeling and thanked EMU for their sentimentality: "Nowhere else but EMU could we have safeguarded this spiritual legacy. EMU is like a home to us, an institution that truly values

art. We are deeply grateful to EMU for this opportunity".

Zehra Şonya, Art Coordinator at EMU Art and Design Center, expressed her gratitude to Baki Boğaç's beneficiaries for agreeing to have his works displayed at EMU. She shared her delight that two of his pieces will be added to the EMU Art Collection and highlighted the artist's importance to the Famagusta art community.



"INCLUSIVE PEACE"

SEMINAR HELD AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Cyprus Policy Center (CPC) and Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Political Science and International Relations co-organized a seminar titled "Inclusive Peace". The event commenced with an opening speech delivered by Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen, EMU CPC Chairperson and Head of Department of Political Science and International Relations. Then, panellists Dr. İpek Borman and Department of International Relations student Aysel Rahmanova provided insights on the contents of the event.

In his speech, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen discussed the role of Track II diplomacy in conflict resolution, noting its distinction from Track I diplomacy conducted by official actors such as heads of state and diplomats. He stressed the importance of taking into account the needs and interests of all parties involved. Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Sözen referenced UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325), highlighting the need to include groups that have historically been excluded from peace processes.



Then seminar continued with a speech by EMU International Relations Department student Aysel Rahmanova who talked about her internship process last summer in the Nicosia buffer zone and her observations of conflict resolution practices in Northern Ireland and South Africa. Rahmanova analysed the effects of Track II diplomacy in these contexts and discussed how the lessons learned might be applied to the Cyprus issue. Moreover, she emphasized key aspects such as international ownership, conditional inclusivity, technical drafting processes, and civil society engagement in the examples she examined.

The final speaker of the event, Dr. İpek Borman, who spent ten years as a member of the Turkish Cypriot negotiation team,

presented on the Cyprus issue and gender policies. She highlighted the importance of gender in understanding power dynamics and pointed out the underrepresentation of women in high-level political positions in Cyprus. Dr. Borman also noted that gender-sensitive and inclusive negotiation processes are still underdeveloped, and criticized the tendency to prioritize security issues over gender equality. She stressed that the United Nations should strengthen its efforts to fully integrate gender considerations into all policies.

Receiving high participation, the seminar concluded with a question-answer session in which the speakers, moderated by Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen, discussed Track-II diplomacy and the impact of gender equality on Cyprus issue.

EMU DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE ACADEMIC PROF. DR. ŞEBNEM HOŞKARA ATTENDS THE 13TH ARCHITECTURE AND EDUCATION CONGRESS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture, Department of Architecture academic staff member Prof. Dr. Şebnem Hoşkara attended the 13th Architecture and Education Congress organized on 14-15 November 2025 in Istanbul and hosted by Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University. The 13th congress was held with "Architecture and Education in the Face of Disasters" theme.

As the Chairperson of the Architectural Accreditation Board (MİAK-MAK), Prof. Dr. Şebnem Hoşkara participated in various study groups over the course of preparation period, sharing current data on Architecture Programs MİAK-MAK accreditation processes with the participants of the event. Moreover, Prof. Dr. Hoşkara also participated in the 'Architecture in the Face of Crises' panel, where she shared her professional insights and experience.

8th Diploma Projects Exhibition was among the various event being held as part of the congress. The exhibition also featured the graduation project of Adil Kamal, the top student of EMU



Faculty of Architecture in the 2024-2025 Spring Semester.

In her remarks, EMU Faculty of Architecture's Dean Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alpar Atun stated; "Participation in activities that foster academic and professional growth is crucial for the

EMU Faculty of Architecture, as it showcases the accomplishments of both our faculty and students. Prof. Dr. Şebnem Hoşkara's contributions at the congress, along with our graduate Adil Kamal's Diploma Project, exemplify our faculty's dedication to excellence and innovation in architectural education".

EMU FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE GRADUATES CONTINUE THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS CONTINUE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture, Department of Interior Architecture's 2023 graduate Arda Fethi Akgün achieved a major success. Akgün won the "Grand Prize" in Smart Furniture Academician/Professional category of the 16th National Furniture Design Competition organized by Central Anatolian Exporters' Union. With his smart furniture design titled "UN", Akgün has impressively secured victory in this competition for three consecutive years.

Sharing his overjoy for his achievement, Akgün said; "Design is an ever-changing field and meeting the consumer needs with innovative solutions is a huge source of motivation for me".

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Afet Coşkun, Head of EMU Department of Interior Architecture congratulated Arda Fethi Akgün by saying; "We are proud to educate designers who stay up-to-date with global technological advancements and prioritize user-focused, sustainable approaches in their design work".

Dean of EMU Faculty of Architecture Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alpar Atun also made remarks; "The accomplishments of our faculty's graduates at both national and international levels showcase the excellence of our education and the strength of our academic vision. Arda Fethi Akgün's achievement also provides a motivating example for aspiring young designers". Lastly, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç made comments on Akgün's achievement and said; "We take



immense pride in seeing the young talents from our university receive such prestigious awards. These accomplishments reflect the strength of our educational foundation, the dedication of our academic staff, and the

vision of our faculties in fostering students' creative potential, and we are confident that such successes will continue. We warmly congratulate Arda Fethi Akgün and wish him ongoing success in his future endeavours".

EMU INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE DEPARTMENT GRADUATE FROM FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS TOURISM DESIGN AWARD

Kübra Sapmaz Özkan, a 2004 graduate of EMU Faculty of Architecture, Interior Architecture Department, received the Tourism Design Award for her project 'Best Themed Concept Hotel Sushi Club Restaurant.' The award was granted following a three-stage evaluation at the International Antalya Tourism Fair (ATF25 Türkiye), one of the largest and most prestigious tourism events in Türkiye and the Mediterranean region.

The fair, held for the seventh time at the Antalya International Fair and Congress Center, brought together foreign travel agencies catering to Turkish and global markets, tour operators from Türkiye's key source markets, internationally acclaimed hospitality facilities, and companies providing technology, services, and added value to the tourism sector. This year's event also featured the presentation of the Tourism Design Awards. Kübra Sapmaz Özkan, founder and director of Mitos Proje Interior Design,



realized her award-winning project at Delta Marriott Hotel Antalya in 2023 as a turnkey interior design implementation.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Afet Coşkun, Head of EMU Interior Architecture Department, stated that they take pride in their graduates' accomplishments both nationally and internationally, and congratulated Interior Architect Kübra Sapmaz Özkan on receiving this prestigious award.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç also made remarks on the matter, saying; "We are immensely proud that our graduates are gaining international recognition in competitive fields like tourism design. Witnessing our students reflecting their creative visions into the sector, highlights EMU's strong academic expertise and commitment to quality education. We congratulate Interior Architect Kübra Sapmaz Özkan on this outstanding achievement and wish her continued success in her future endeavours".

News from Alumni

EMU GRADUATE AND SPORTS PHYSIOTHERAPIST DR. PT. TAYFUN ARSLAN'S SUCCESS STORY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation undergraduate, master's and doctoral graduate Dr. PT. Tayfun Arslan has been carrying out significant work in the field of sports physiotherapy for over 11 years. Dr. PT. Arslan provides physiotherapy services to licensed athletes at the Sinop Athlete Training Center, operated by the Turkish Ministry of Youth and Sports. He also supports the Turkish National Canoe and Rowing Teams at international competitions and world championships. By offering physiotherapy guidance to athletes from various disciplines, Dr. PT. Arslan continues to leverage his professional expertise successfully on both national and international levels.

Emphasizing the importance of EMU on his career journey, Dr. PT. Arslan underscored the significant roles of technology and field experience in sports physiotherapy. He noted that the university's robust infrastructure, access to advanced physiotherapy technologies, practical training during internships, guidance from expert faculty, and international reputation have all played a major role in his professional

development. He added; "Even though I have completed my doctorate, I continue to consult with my professors at the university on professional matters".

Showcasing a steady rise in his career, Dr. PT. Tayfun Arslan noted that the academic and professional opportunities offered by EMU strengthened his career, just as all the other graduates. Moreover, he addressed the EMU students and said; "Eastern Mediterranean University will advance you".

Stating that the achievements of university's graduates on national and international arena are always a source of pride, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said that they have been pleased to follow Dr. PT. Tayfun Arslan's career path. Highlighting EMU's strong scientific foundation, experienced faculty, and practical training opportunities, Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that the university prepares its students to meet the professional demands of the future. He added that Dr. PT. Arslan's achievements reflect the high quality of EMU's education and that his inspiring career is a significant point of pride for the entire university community.



EMU ALUMNUS MEHMET BAHA CONTINUES TO INSPIRE ON A GLOBAL LEVEL

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Business Administration's 2004 graduate Mehmet Baha continues to gain recognition internationally for his work in education, leadership, and team performance.

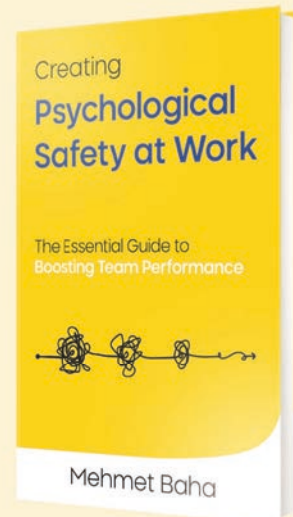


Following graduating from EMU, Baha was awarded with a Fulbright Scholarship and sought a master's degree on "International Peace and Conflict Resolution" at American University in Washington DC. Today, he provides training for institutions all around the world and delivers talks at conferences. Baha has been invited as a speaker in more than 28 countries across five continents and has worked with prominent organizations including Akbank, the European Parliament, Bayer, Mercedes, UPS, Google, Maersk, QNB Finansbank, Yapı Kredi, and CERN. He recently completed Harvard Business School's online executive program in Organizational Leadership.

Expressing that the education he had received at EMU has formed the foundation of his international achievements, Baha said; "My teachers at EMU greatly expanded my perspective. B. N. Ghosh instilled in me the value of humility, Turhan Kaymak encouraged me to consider situations from multiple angles, and Hannes Lacher highlighted the importance of approaching work with passion. These lessons have been invaluable throughout my career."

Baha, who has gained more than 24 years of professional experience across Germany, Türkiye, Ireland, Guatemala, and the

USA, recently released his book "Creating Psychological Safety at Work – The Essential Guide to Boosting Team Performance". The book, which emphasizes the significance of building trust within teams, has earned acclaim from renowned figures including New York Times bestselling author Daniel H. Pink and Harvard Business School professor Amy C. Edmondson.



EMU DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING BRINGS HOPE TO CHILDREN WITH LEUKAEMIA

As part of 'Children with Leukaemia Week', students of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication, Department of Public Relations and Advertising carried out a social responsibility project. Conducted within the framework of 'Marketing Communication for Social Responsibility' course and, coordination of Assist. Prof. Dr. Umut Ayman, the said projects were carried out in collaboration with EMU Community Involvement Center (CIC). The events aimed to increase awareness towards children who fight against leukaemia, and to reinforce the culture of social solidarity.

Carried out Projects

"Field of Solidarity and Hope: Philanthropy Football Tournament" was one of the projects carried out, organized by students Yan Gavrilin, Polina Ryabova, Danislava Kryaskova, Natalya Ignatenko and Nikita Lukianchenko. Held on EMU campus, said tournament saw participation from over 150 individuals. The revenue of the event was donated to Kemal Saraçoğlu Children with Leukaemia and Fight against Cancer Association (KSV).

Another project carried out was "Awareness on Bone Marrow Donation: Life-Saving Collaboration" project run by Ece Çakır, Sıla Bozoğlu and Gökçe Çabuk. The importance of bone marrow donation was stressed during an event held at Atatürk Square, where 30



new volunteering donors were recorded in the national bone marrow bank. The event was held with the contributions of Genesis Agency operating under the EMU Faculty of Communication.

A third event, with the title of "Leukaemia Awareness", was organized at EMU Faculty of Communication within the scope of "Stronger Together" event. The said project was carried out by Lara Gülümser, Gözel Bekturdyeva Bilen, Batuhan Akkoyun and Halime Çağla Karabey. During the event, KSV's special products were sold, with all proceeds donated to support the treatment of



children with leukaemia. Throughout the day, students hosted awareness activities, helping to promote social awareness and community engagement.

Dean's Office at EMU Faculty of Communication noted that the carried out events helped strengthen students' sense of social responsibility and emphasized the importance of their participation in projects that benefit society. It was highlighted that such initiatives within the faculty contribute to students' development as well-rounded individuals, equipped both professionally and personally.

EMU PARTICIPATES IN IEEEEXTREME 2025 CODING MARATHON



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), once again, participated in the IEEEExtreme 2025 Coding Marathon simultaneously organized all around the world by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). The EMU leg of the marathon was successfully organized by the Faculty of Engineering, in collaboration with the Department of

Electrical and Electronics Engineering and the IEEE Student Society. Annually organized by IEEE, with participation of 20.000 students from 75 countries last year, the international competition is recognized as one of the most prestigious international student competitions where students work on coding and algorithm problems within 24 hours.

The event was coordinated by Prof. Dr. Rasime Uyguroğlu, the Head of EMU Faculty of Engineering, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering and, the Academic Supervisor of IEEE Student Society. Over the course of the marathon, students gained significant experiences in fields like algorithm generation, problem solving and team work.

21 Teams from EMU

The marathon saw participation from 21 teams, totalling 54 students from different faculties of EMU. The notable rise in engagement compared to last year underscores EMU students' keen interest in international engineering and technology events.

Global competitions like IEEEExtreme provide students with opportunities to build essential professional skills - such as time management, resilience, creativity, and collaboration- alongside advancing their technical knowledge. Conducted simultaneously worldwide, the event continues to enable EMU students to actively engage in the global engineering community.

STUDENTS OF EMU DEPARTMENT OF CINEMA AND TELEVISION GAIN HANDS ON EXPERIENCE AT ANTALYA FILM FESTIVAL

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication, Department of Cinema and Television students took part in a profession movie set as part of Cinematography, Script Writing, Creative Montage and, Production and Directorship in Cinema courses run by academic staff member and specialist Ömer Evre. Getting the opportunity to transfer the theoretical knowledge, they have gained throughout the semester, into practice at the set of feature-length film titled “Tuvaldeki Sır”, the students closely observed all the creative stages of cinema sector. Working with a profession team, in front of and behind the camera, the students gained significant experience, learning the dynamics of the sector.

The film’s cinematographer, Aydın Sarioğlu, joined the students in the Cinematography class of the Cinema and Television Department, where he conveyed his technical and artistic expertise. Guided by what they learned during the course, the students were able to put their skills into practice on set, working directly with lighting, camera, and framing.

Receiving great interest with its first screening at the 62th International Antalya Altın Portakal Film Festival held in Antalya, “Tuvaldeki Sır” film stood out as an unforgettable experience for EMU students, while also indicating a new chapter for the Cypriot cinema.

“Tuvaldeki Sır”

The film stars Cemal Hünel, Hatice Tezcan, Devrim Nas, Şahin Ergüney, Cansev Günsoy, Esin Kaya, Giorgos Anagiotos and Deniz Çakır, with Turkish Cypriot actor Osman Alkaş making a guest appearance. Produced by Altınar Dereliköylü, Bicket İlhan, and Ömer Evre, and with cinematography by Aydın Sarioğlu, the film centers on a young screenwriter who journeys to Cyprus in search of

creative inspiration. While uncovering the traces of a forbidden romance from years past, he weaves an emotional connection that unites history with the present.

In the film, screenwriter Mert breathes new life into the passionate love story between painter Ayten and the young Greek Cypriot Nikos from her youth. The story goes beyond an artist’s inner quest, revealing a deep reckoning that explores the mutual pains of the island’s two communities and the healing, transformative force of forgiveness.

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“BİR MİLLETİN DOĞUŞU ANISINA” FILM SCREENING FROM EMU PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT STUDENTS

Within the scope of the “Introduction to Marketing Communication” course, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication, Department of Public Relations and Advertising students carried out a social responsibility project in coordination of Assist. Prof. Dr. Umut Ayman. During the event held with “Bir Milletın Doğuşu Anısına / In Memory of a Nation’s Rise” theme at EMU Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, audiences had the opportunity to watch the film “Atatürk 1881–1919”, which portrays Mustafa Kemal Atatürk’s journey from his childhood years to the outset of the National Struggle.

Organized in collaboration with EMU Atatürk Ideology Club (ADK) and Cinema Club, and sponsored by Oza Kahve, the event was carried out under the umbrella of EMU Community Involvement Center (CIC) by students Dilan Birer, Efe Can Yalçın, Nisa Nur Özdemir, and Ahmet Çelik.

Students organizing the event stated that they aim to preserve Atatürk’s principles, the values of the Republic, and the spirit of the National Struggle among young people, and that they will continue working to raise social awareness.



EMU FACULTY OF TOURISM AND ATATÜRK VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CO-ORGANIZES 'PORCINI RISOTTO' WORKSHOP

Within the scope of the non-formal education program run between the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Atatürk Vocational High School, the Food Production Technology Department organized a 'Porcini Risotto' workshop. During the applied workshop, participants were taught both basic and advanced level culinary techniques.

The said workshop was led by EMU Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts academic staff member Kardelen Üntaş and, EMU Department of Tourism Management graduate and Atatürk Vocational High School Tourism Teacher Ahmet Varoğlu. Participants were guided on how to achieve the ideal risotto consistency, use stock correctly, and highlight the flavour of porcini mushrooms in a balanced way.



At the end of the event, participants were shown examples of how risotto can be presented in diverse concepts. Two different fine dining presentation methods were also demonstrated, highlighting how a single recipe can be expressed through different styles.



EMU ORGANIZES 'AYTOTORO ÇÖREĞİ' WORKSHOP: CULTURE, HARD-WORK AND YEAST-SMELL PASSED DOWN GENERATIONS

With the sponsorship of Yeni Boğaziçi Women's Association, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism and Community Involvement Center (CIC) organized a workshop event with the aim of promoting "Aytotoro Çöreği" recognized as one of the unforgettable cultural heritages of Cyprus. The workshop was led by Raziye Oyuncu, a board member of the Yeni Boğaziçi Women's Association and recipient of the "Mother Earth" award from Slow Food Salamis in 2020, alongside her husband Güner Oyuncu. Participants had the opportunity to learn the traditional recipe of Aytotoro Çöreği, a regional specialty from Aytotoro Village, in a hands-on workshop guided by Chef Mine Adalier, Instructor in EMU Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Program.

The said event saw participation from Acting Dean of EMU Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Yorgancı, Vice Dean of EMU Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. Tuna Karatepe, EMU CIC's Chairperson Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir, Yeni Boğaziçi Women's Association's Chairperson Nazenin Taşcıoğlu Şahali, board members of the association, faculty members and students.

"A Cultural Treasure Loved by All"
In her speech, Nazenin Taşcıoğlu Şahali, Chairperson of the Yeni Boğaziçi Women's Association, noted that the

village of Yeniboğaziçi (Aytotoro – Agios Theodoros) was a mixed village prior to 1974, connected to the Larnaca district. She emphasized that this bread is a cultural treasure loved by both Turkish and Greek communities in Cyprus, noting, "Named after Aytotoro Village, this unique bread stands out from other Cypriot breads due to its inclusion of milk and sugar. It is not merely a food item; it embodies women's effort, solidarity, and cultural heritage." Şahali also stated that a key goal of the association is to preserve and pass these cultural traditions on to future generations.

"Bearer of Collective Memory"

Raziye Oyuncu, honored as "Mother Earth" by Slow Food Salamis in 2020, pointed out that the bread's most distinctive feature is its yeast, carefully preserved over centuries. She referred to this yeast as a "bearer of collective memory," noting that each jar forms a living link between past and

future. Oyuncu also explained that serving Aytotoro Çöreği at births, postpartum celebrations, weddings, and special occasions has historically reinforced the continuity of this cultural tradition.

Participants, alongside students from EMU Faculty of Tourism, had the chance to observe the traditional bread-making process and experience the story of this unique delicacy first-hand. At the end of the workshop, attendees received certificates of participation. Moreover, appreciation certificates were presented to key organizers and contributors, including EMU CIC Chairperson Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Yorgancı, Chairperson of the Yeni Boğaziçi Women's Association Nazenin Taşcıoğlu Şahali, as well as the instructors Raziye Oyuncu, Güner Oyuncu, and Chef Mine Adalier.



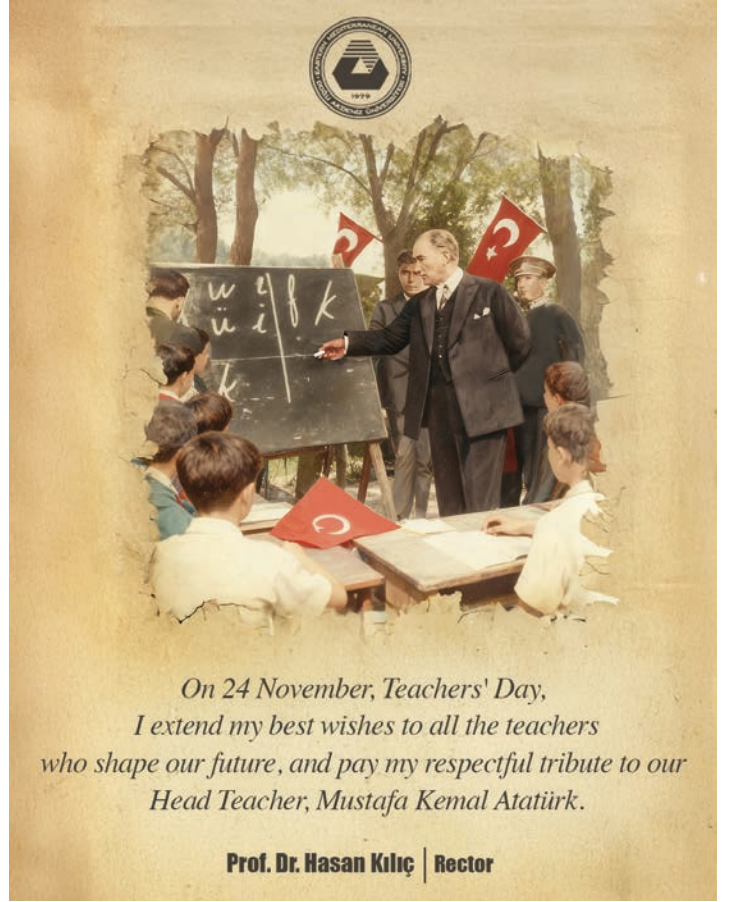
EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ ISSUES A MESSAGE ON 24 NOVEMBER – TEACHERS' DAY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç issued a congratulatory message on 24 November - Teachers' Day. The said message by Prof. Dr. Kılıç reads as follows:

“Education is the driving force behind the progress of societies. This strength stems from our teachers, who dedicate themselves wholeheartedly, inspire others, and guide generations toward making the world a better place. By shaping tomorrow’s leaders, scientists, and artists, teachers serve as the cornerstone of society.

24th of November marks the day when the esteemed founder of the Republic of Türkiye, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, accepted the role of Head Teacher of the Nation’s Schools, making it a meaningful and symbolic occasion for all educators. Following Atatürk’s acceptance of this honourable title on the 24th of November 1928, the date has been officially celebrated as Teachers’ Day since 24 November 1981, the centennial of Atatürk’s birth.

As Eastern Mediterranean University, we extend our profound appreciation and gratitude to all educators who guide their work with the light of science. I wholeheartedly wish a happy Teachers’ Day on 24 November to every teacher who shapes our future, enlightens the road to knowledge, and carries out their responsibilities with dedication. On this meaningful day, we honour with deep respect all educators - especially our Head Teacher, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk - who devoted their lives to teaching, and we wish continued health, happiness, and success to all teachers who perform their role with great love, responsibility, and commitment.”



EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ ISSUES A STATEMENT ON 25 NOVEMBER - INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç issued a statement on 25 November - International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. In the said statement, Prof. Dr. Kılıç called on the entire EMU community and the wider public to view the defence of women’s right to life and dignity as a core human obligation. The full statement reads as follows:

“Today, on the 25th of November, recognized as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, we once again reaffirm our strong opposition to all types of violence. Violence targeting women continues to be one of humanity’s most pressing challenges. The fact that millions of women worldwide endure various forms of physical, emotional, economic, and other types of abuse highlights the critical importance of this fight. Such violence is not only a personal offense but also a profound humanitarian issue that undermines social harmony, justice, and fundamental human rights.

Eastern Mediterranean University remains committed to promoting educational and research initiatives that enhance gender equality awareness, enforcing safety-focused policies for our students and employees, fostering both internal and external cooperation in the fight against violence, and persistently striving to ensure that women can participate in every aspect of life as independent, equal, and empowered individuals.

We understand that schools and universities go beyond being centers of learning—they play a leading role in building a just and equitable society. Guided by this sense of responsibility, we oppose any behaviour or mindset that tolerates, overlooks, or legitimizes violence.



I call on the entire EMU community and the wider public to view the defence of women’s right to life and dignity as a core human obligation. Just as we do today, we will keep standing against violence and supporting solidarity and equality in the future.

On this occasion, we pay tribute to all women who have lost their lives due to violence and sincerely thank everyone who courageously stands up against it.”

PROF. DR. OSMAN M. KARATEPE ISSUES A MESSAGE ON 24 NOVEMBER – TEACHERS'DAY ON BEHALF OF EMU-ATAUM

On behalf of Eastern Mediterranean University, Atatürk Research and Application Center (EMU-ATAUM), Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe released a message for 24 November, Teachers' Day. The said message reads as follows:

"Throughout history, every society has created its own distinct culture based on its way of life and passed it down to future generations. Education serves as one of the key means for transferring culture, life experiences, and knowledge to the next generation. Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk consistently highlighted the significance of education, and it was through the Republic he established that Türkiye was able to transition to a modern education system.

By taking on the title of 'Head Teacher' and stepping up to the blackboard, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk stated, "My true identity is that of a teacher; I am the teacher of my nation..." He was deeply involved in the educational mobilization of the Turkish people and introduced a new educational approach aimed at advancing the newly

founded Turkish state to the level of modern civilization. Teachers trained within this modern education system played a crucial role in the history of the Turkish struggle in Cyprus. During this difficult period, teachers from Türkiye helped foster a sense of national identity in students, contributing to the development of strong young individuals for the Cyprus struggle and supporting the shaping of their futures.

24 November 1981, is the day when Atatürk was officially given the title of 'Head Teacher' by the Council of Ministers through the Nation's Schools Regulation. Since then, this date has been observed as Teachers' Day. Every 24 November holds great importance in reflecting on the role, place, and value of teachers in society. Teachers are the builders of tomorrow and the champions of education. Teaching is a noble profession that shapes the future. As Head Teacher Mustafa Kemal Atatürk said, "Teachers! The Republic needs strong, intellectually, scientifically, and morally virtuous protectors. It is in your hands to nurture the new generation with these qualities and skills".



On this special occasion, I remember our Head Teacher Mustafa Kemal Atatürk with great longing and respect, extending all our teachers my best wishes on Teachers' Day."

EMU TO ORGANIZE AI-POWERED DIGITALIZATION-FOCUSED HACKATHON COMPETITION

Software and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Development Club operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Student Development, Activities and Sports Affairs Directorate is organizing a construction sector themed Hackathon Competition in collaborations with Cyprus Constructions and Californian Restaurant. Aiming on developing innovative software solutions, the competition will take place on 5-7 December 2025 at Pearl Island Esentepe.

Aligned with EMU's software, AI and technology focused transformation vision included in the university's new manifesto, the said Hackathon Competition is expected to enhance the technology-oriented innovation culture of the university.

Hackathons are widely recognized as technology-driven marathons in which programmers, designers, and tech innovators work intensively within a limited timeframe to quickly convert creative ideas into functional prototypes. Organized by EMU Software and AI Development Club, the competition will be

open to all university students from both Türkiye and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. The event specifically focuses on generating AI-powered solutions that support digitalization in the construction sector.

Last Date for Applications: 2 December 2025

The competition will host 10 teams of three participants each. Applications — accepted via <https://hackathon.emu.edu.tr> — are open until 2 December 2025. After the application period, a preliminary evaluation will determine which teams qualify, and the selected participants will be announced on the website on 3-4 December 2025. The submitted projects will be reviewed by an esteemed panel of judges, consisting of prominent professionals from various sectors of the industry.

3-day Intensive Marathon in Camp Format

The three-day Hackathon will take place in a camp-style setting, with all accommodation and catering provided by the event sponsors, Cyprus Constructions and Californian Restaurant. During the event, students will have the chance to engage with industry professionals while working on

their projects. The top-ranking teams will share a total prize pool of 150,000 TL.

Reflecting EMU's technology-driven vision, the Hackathon serves as a key platform for students to foster innovative ideas, tackle real-world industry challenges, and advance their expertise in AI and software development.

"A Testament to Our Technology-Driven Vision"

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç highlighted that technology, AI, and digital transformation are at the heart of the university's new vision, noting that the upcoming competition is a tangible reflection of this direction. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also emphasized the value of providing students with opportunities to create solutions for real industry challenges, affirming that "EMU will continue to support projects that nurture innovative thinking and prepare students for future technologies." He added that such collaborations boost students' creative potential and reinforce the university's technology-focused transformation, expressing gratitude to all partners involved in the event.

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