

EMU RECTOR AND DELEGATION ACCOMPANYING HIM PAY A VISIT TO TRNC PRESIDENT TUFAN ERHÜRMAN



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and a delegation accompanying him paid a courtesy visit to Tufan Erhürman, President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Present during the meeting were EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, Promotion and Marketing Director Murat

Aktuğralı, Rectorate Private Secretary Director Kazım Hakverdi and Rector's Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Arzu Abiç.

During the visit, EMU Rector and his delegation extended their congratulations to TRNC President Tufan Erhürman who has recently took the office, wishing him success throughout his term of office. Prof. Dr. Kılıç

presented President Erhürman information regarding the current status of EMU and the strategical goals of the university.

Furthermore, parties exchanged views on topics such as general outlook of higher education in TRNC, development of quality standards, internationalization initiatives and higher education policies of the country.

ERDAL BEŞİKCİOĞLU INSPIRED STUDENTS AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Theatre Community operating under the EMU Student Development, Activities and Sports Affairs Directorate hosted Etimesgut Mayor and actor Erdal Beşikcioğlu at the third edition of the 4th 'Duvar' Workshop Days, organized to support the cultural and artistic development of students.

The event organized with the contributions of the Municipality of Famagusta that took place at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall and was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren and Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, Deputy Mayor of Etimesgut Mutlu Kerimoğlu, Park Bahçeler Director Nihat Bayramoğlu and Building Control Manager Atilla Akyürek, many art-lovers and students.

Delivering a speech at the beginning of the event, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay reminded everyone that Famagusta is the second largest city of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and also stated that EMU is the first and only state university of TRNC. Lastly, Dr. Uluçay wished for a joyful event.

"One of the Strongest Means"

Welcoming everyone attending the event, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that art is the one of the strongest means of thinking, questioning and co-existing. He further emphasized that theatre is a very unique art form that portrays individuals and society from the stage, offering us the opportunity to reconsider ourselves and the world we live in. Emphasizing that the event was highly meaningful in demonstrating that theatre is not merely a performing art, but also a powerful medium

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GLOBALLY ACCLAIMED STUDY

BY EMU AND PRINCETON UNIVERSITY WHERE EINSTEIN WORKED

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) collaborated with Princeton University, where the renowned physicist Albert Einstein conducted his research for many years, on an academic study that has drawn considerable attention in the international scientific community. Ranked third globally according to the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, Princeton University partnered with EMU and Istanbul University on this joint research, which was published in the respected journal *Physics of the Dark Universe*.

A study authored by Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı from EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Physics Department academic and Chair of EMU Departments of Physics and Chemistry, Prof. Dr. Ekrem Aydın from Princeton University and Istanbul University, and Erdem Sucu, a scholarship-holding Ph.D. students at EMU Department of Physics thoroughly explored “Regular Magnetically Charged Black Holes”. The research examined black holes with smooth cores that avoid the ‘singularity’ problem—where the laws of physics collapse and values become infinite—commonly associated with classical black holes, and revealed that these objects possess extremely strong magnetic charges.

Making remarks on the matter, Prof. Dr. Sakallı said; “The researchers analyzed the Hawking temperature, light deflection, and orbital dynamics of objects surrounding these black holes. A key finding showed that in highly magnetically charged black holes, electromagnetic repulsion surpasses gravity, causing light to bend away from the black hole. The study further demonstrated that such black holes can sustain much higher magnetic charges than classical ones and suggested that these predictions could be tested using Event Horizon Telescope data, X-ray observations, and gravitational waves, representing a significant scientific contribution from Northern Cyprus.”

Drawing attention on the quality of higher education and research in undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programs offered at EMU Department of Physics, Prof. Dr. Sakallı added; “Our department is an academic unit that delivers education



in line with international standards, produces authentic research, and offers its students global career opportunities.

Erdem Sucu’s contribution to this study highlights the success of our doctoral program. Our students possess the competence to collaborate with the world’s most prestigious universities”.

Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç: “EMU is a University Producing Scientific Knowledge”

In his remarks regarding the published research, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç underlined that EMU’s standing in international scientific field is strengthening each passing day. Prof. Dr. Kılıç continued, “This study, conducted in collaboration with Princeton University—one of the world’s most prestigious institutions and a bearer of Albert Einstein’s academic legacy—stands as a clear demonstration of EMU’s scientific research capacity. Our university continues to produce scientific knowledge through its research-oriented approach and international collaborations, particularly in the field of basic sciences”. Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Kılıç conveyed that he is immensely proud of EMU academics and the doctoral student producing publications that have made a significant impact on a global scale.

About “Physics of the Dark Universe” Journal

Physics of the Dark Universe, the journal in which is said study was published, is a prestigious, peer-reviewed international journal issued by Elsevier since 2012 that focuses on the most enigmatic aspects of the universe. The journal addresses key

areas of modern cosmology, including dark matter, dark energy, early universe physics, gravitational waves, and neutrinos, and is regarded as one of the leading publications in its field. As of 2025, it holds an Impact Factor of 6.4, a CiteScore of 7.2, and is classified as Q1 (top 25%). Publications appearing in *Physics of the Dark Universe* are considered among the significant scientific contributions guiding astrophysics and cosmology research globally. The consistent inclusion of studies from the EMU Department of Physics in this journal clearly highlights the department’s strong international research standing and scientific visibility.

With its extensive undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral level programs, EMU Department of Physics offers world standard education and research opportunity in the fields of theoretical physics, mathematical physics, and astrophysics. Department’s active participation within the scope of COST Actions (CA22113, CA21106, CA23130, CA23115) projects, and its strong collaborations conducted with prestigious universities in Europe, Middle East and Asia, provides its students and researchers globally scaled experiences. EMU holds a clear first-place position among all institutions in Cyprus in the Nature Index Cyprus rankings (<https://www.nature.com/nature-index/country-outputs/Cyprus>), achieving a Share value of 10.71, with the high-impact international publications of EMU Department of Physics playing a decisive role in this success.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF FAMAGUSTA TECHNOLOGY

DEVELOPMENT ZONE MANAGING COMPANY HELD AT EMU



The General Assembly Meeting of the Famagusta Technology Development Zone Managing Company took place at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU). During the session in the Rector's Office Meeting Room, participants reviewed the previous term's activity reports and selected the management for the upcoming term.

The meeting was attended by General Assembly members EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, European University of Lefke (EUL) Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Yükselen and Chairperson of Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry (KTSO) Ali Kamacıoğlu; Executive Board members Director General of Cyprus Evkaf Administration Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer, Prof. Dr. Hadi Işık Aybay, Assist. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Rıza, Assist. Prof. Dr. Mehmedali Egemen, Necdet İcil, Nihat Yılmaz, Atilla Bulancak; and invited attendees EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, General Secretary Derviş Ekşici and Advanced Technology R&D Institute's Director Assoc. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyalı.

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated his confidence that the work at the Famagusta Technology Development Zone will continue to progress and highlighted that, with the backing of board members and stakeholders, it will advance further. Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized EMU's aim to carry out agenda-based activities and to take an active role in the new term. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also extended his gratitude

to everyone contributing to the management and wished for a successful and productive General Assembly meeting.

EUL Rector Prof. Dr. Yükselen emphasized that the Famagusta Technology Development Zone has successfully continued its operations for many years through the collaboration of the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Industry, EMU, and EUL, noting that its significance continues to grow. He expressed their readiness to take on any responsibility to further advance these initiatives, thanked all members involved in the management, and stressed that the activities will keep expanding.

Chairperson of Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry Ali Kamacıoğlu stated that they are always ready to provide all kinds of support, emphasizing their belief in development. Kamacıoğlu wished for a successful meeting.

During the General Assembly meeting, the work and projects of the Famagusta Technology Development Zone were evaluated, and the new board members were elected. The meeting also expressed gratitude to EMU representatives—Prof. Dr. Tümer, Prof. Dr. Aybay, Assist. Prof. Dr. Rıza—and KTSO representative Atilla Bulancak for their contributions to the Zone's development over the years. Their efforts in enhancing the Zone's institutional framework and promoting the entrepreneurship ecosystem were also



emphasized. Following the meeting, the new Executive Board Members of the Famagusta Technology Development Zone was appointed, consisting of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyalı, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tolga Çelik, Assist. Prof. Dr. Burak Ali Çiçek, Necdet İcil, Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Ademgil, Assist. Prof. Dr. Mehmedali Egemen, and Nihat Yılmaz.



ERDAL BEŞİKCİOĞLU INSPIRED STUDENTS AT EMU



capable of establishing strong connections with social responsibility, approaches to governance, and urban awareness, Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed his pleasure in hosting Erdal Beşikcioğlu at EMU. In his speech, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated, “Art is like a bird that needs two wings—art and science—to fly. If one is missing, the other cannot be effective. As we are together in a space where both are present, I hope this discussion will be an enjoyable experience”.

“I Felt at Home”

Following the opening speeches, a talk event moderated by Faculty of Engineering, Department of Computer Engineering student and EMU Theatre Community Executive Board member Polat Emence, was held with Beşikcioğlu who expressed his pleasure on being at EMU where he felt at home.

During the talk event titled “Bir Tiyatro Yönetmek, Bir Kent Yönetmek / Managing a Theater, Managing a City”, Erdal Beşikcioğlu shared his experiences on acting, stage discipline, and career journey. Highlighting the psychological

demands placed on actors by long-running stage performances—particularly “Bir Delinin Hatıra Defteri / The Diary of a Madman”—Beşikcioğlu discussed the relationship between talent and sustained effort in acting, along with the difficulties encountered by emerging theater artists. Through widely recognized characters such as Recep Yazıcıoğlu and Behzat Ç., he examined the reasons flawed and wounded protagonists resonate so strongly with audiences. As the discussion progressed, Beşikcioğlu elaborated on his decision to pursue artistic production in Ankara, the founding vision of Tatbikat Sahnesi, and his perspectives on institutional frameworks in theatre and freedom of expression. Sharing insights from his dual experience as both an artist and a mayor, he also addressed the social responsibility of art, the role of local administrations in supporting culture and the arts, and his expectations for the future. Attracting great attention, the event concluded with a question-answer session where Beşikcioğlu answered the questions of the participants. Then, Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu presented a silver plate to Erdal Beşikcioğlu.

A Visit to Rector’s Office

Prior the talk event, Etimesgut Mayor and artist Erdal Beşikcioğlu paid a courtesy visit to Eastern Mediterranean University Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren and Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, and Etimesgut Deputy Mayor Mutlu Kerimoğlu were present during the said visit.

During the meeting, Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed their contentment on hosting Erdal Beşikcioğlu at EMU and, noted that the university attaches great importance to art and cultural activities, emphasizing that it organizes a wide range of events—from theater and music to exhibitions and workshops—to support students’ artistic development.

On the other hand, Erdal Beşikcioğlu also expressed his pleasure at being at EMU, emphasizing that the integration of art within universities plays a vital role in societal development, and expressed his gratitude to the EMU administration for its continued support of the arts. The visit concluded with Prof. Dr. Kılıç presenting Beşikcioğlu with a gift unique to Cyprus.

“GEÇMİŞTEN GÜNÜMÜZE KKTC’NİN TARİHSEL GELİŞİMİ”

PANEL HELD AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Atatürk Research and Application Center (ATAUM) and EMU Atatürk Ideology Club (ADK) co-organized a panel titled “Geçmişten Günümüze Kuzey Kıbrıs Türk Cumhuriyeti’nin Tarihsel Gelişimi / Historic Development of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC): From Past to Present” on Monday, 15th of December 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall.

The panel which analyzed the political, social and diplomatic development of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus from different viewpoints, was attended by Famagusta Naval Admiral Captain Caner Temizer, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren and Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, EMU Atatürk Ideology Club Supervisor Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilin, Rector’s Office Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bülent Kızılduman and many students.

Delivering the opening speech, EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe stated that the panel had convened to examine the historical development of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus not merely as a chronological process, but through a comprehensive and in-depth analysis encompassing its political, social, and diplomatic dimensions. He also emphasized the importance of accurately interpreting the past in order to construct the future on a sound foundation.

Prof. Dr. Karatepe stated that, in line with the principles and revolutions of Atatürk, as EMU, they put utmost importance on academic initiatives that enhances historical consciousness, supports critical thinking and keeps the collective memory alive. Continuing his address, Prof. Dr. Karatepe conveyed his desire for the panel on preparing ground for fruitful discussions and bringing participants a new perspective.

Moderated by EMU ATAUM academic staff member Dr. Devran Kaya, the panel featured presentations by Peker Turgud, the TRNC’s first Ambassador to Ankara; Prof. Dr. İsmail Şahin, Head of the Political History Department and Chair of International Relations at Bandırma Onyedi Eylül University; and Dr. Mete Özsezer, EMU ATAUM academic staff member. The panelists approached the political, social and diplomatic development of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus from different point of views.

Important Incidents Occurred in Cyprus in 1950

Noting that 1950 was a year when important incidents and developments happened in Cyprus, Peker Turgud, the TRNC’s first Ambassador to Ankara, talked about diplomacy during the establishment process of the Turkish



Republic of Northern Cyprus. Explaining the historic process through his own recollections, Turgud shared significant information regarding prominent names of that period. Turgud concluded his speech by touching on the finalization of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus’s establishment on 15th of November 1983, with a unanimous decision by the Turkish Federated State.

Future of TRNC and Its Political and Social Issues Discussed

Shedding light on the future of TRNC as well as its political and social issues, Prof. Dr. Şahin approached the Cyprus issue through the lenses of sovereignty and authority, governance and representation, and the manner in which the island should be unified. Identifying two

principal solution pathways for the Cyprus issue, Prof. Dr. Şahin stressed that a two-state solution represents the most viable approach.

On the other hand, in his speech, Dr. Özsezer talked about the health struggles of Turkish Cypriot community during the difficult times between 1960 and 1974. Moreover, Dr. Özsezer offered insight on rough ghetto life by sharing information obtained from the archives.

Gaining the interest of the participants, the presentations also offered a question-answer session where the questions of the participants were answered. Then, Prof. Dr. Karatepe presented panelists and the moderator silver plates and plaques in recognition of their contributions to the event.



EMU ACADEMIC STAFF PROF. DR. RZA BASHIROV

ELECTED AS A MEMBER AT THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Mathematics academic staff member Prof. Dr. Rza Bashirov has been elected as a member at the Editorial Board of the Edelweiss Applied Science and Technology Journal. USA-based journal is indexed by many international data bases, particularly by the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) which is a sub-index of Web of Science (WoS) database.

Primary research fields of Prof. Dr. Bashirov consists of Bioinformatics, Petri nets, modelling methods and data security. Apart from his recent assignment as a member of the Editorial Board, Prof. Dr. Bashirov acted as a Deputy Editor in Chair in the Journal of Modern Technology and Engineering, indexed by Scopus,

between 2016 and 2019. Furthermore, he has been an Editor in the same journal since 2019.

Edelweiss Applied Science and Technology Journal

Giving precedence to interdisciplinary studies in fields such as computer sciences, fundamental sciences, medicine, biotechnology and bioinformatics, the said journal appears in Q3 category of SCImago Journal Rankings (SJR) metrics. The SCImago Journal Rank (SJR) is widely recognized as a key indicator for evaluating the prestige and scholarly influence of academic journals through citation-based data, providing a broader and more detailed analysis than conventional metrics like the Impact Factor.



PROF. DR. ŞÜKRÜ TÜZMEN, REPRESENTS EMU AT THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES PLATFORM

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) was successfully represented at INHSC2025, the 4th International and 7th National Health Services Congress organized at Süleyman Demirel University. Invited as a keynote speaker, EMU Faculty of Dentistry Academic Prof. Dr. Şükrü Tüzmen delivered presentations both in Turkish and English.

Prof. Dr. Şükrü Tüzmen from EMU Faculty of Dentistry, came together with academicians and students from the Faculties of Medicine and Health Sciences at Süleyman Demirel University, along with Dr. Arman Zargar, Director of Iran's Ministry of Health and Medical Education, and his delegation. The meeting represented an important step toward launching multidisciplinary collaborations with the potential to serve as model initiatives in the future.

During the congress, Prof. Dr. Tüzmen provided an in-depth overview of multidisciplinary genetic and genomic research carried out through advanced molecular techniques, the analysis of data and measurements in scientific practice, and the investigation and interpretation of genetic disorders. The event also featured extensive discussions on medical ethics, tele-surgical applications, technological advancements, and recent developments in science.



Prof. Dr. Tüzmen and other invited speakers had the chance to taste pastries and cookies they prepared by applying four different gluten-free recipes during the "Gluten-free Nutrition" workshop organized by the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics at Süleyman Demirel University Faculty of Health Sciences.

Prof. Dr. Tüzmen explained that, since 2012, they have been organizing internationally oriented social and scientific initiatives to instill EMU's universal values, scientific discipline, and a comprehensive approach to systematic thinking in students. He noted that these activities have helped students build strong professional networks and have played a direct role in many gaining admission to

postgraduate and doctoral programs abroad. Prof. Dr. Tüzmen further highlighted that, within the Basic Sciences division of the EMU Faculty of Dentistry, numerous articles and book chapters have been published in collaboration with both students and faculty members.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç described these scientific engagements, which strengthen the university's international standing, as a source of pride and congratulated Prof. Dr. Şükrü Tüzmen. He also emphasized EMU's strong commitment to academic output, noting that the commitment shown by faculty members in such activities plays a vital role in advancing the university's global mission.

CIVIL AVIATION DAY DISCUSSED AT EMU WITH PROMINENT FIGURES OF THE SECTOR

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Civil Aviation and Cabin Services Program organized a special event on the occasion of International Civil Aviation Day. The event which took place at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall aimed at raising awareness among students while supporting their career development. During the event, prominent from the aviation sector—including Mehtap Yönel, Head of the Air Traffic Branch at the TRNC Civil Aviation Department; Captain Akay Yılmaz, Pilot at Pegasus Airlines (PGS); Ersan Uluçaylı, Operations Manager at Pegasus Airlines; and Sadık Teksoy, Air Traffic Controller at the TRNC Civil Aviation Department—shared their expertise and experiences with the students. The event attracted significant attention.

EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Acting Dean of Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Yorgancı, Vice Deans of Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. Tuna Karatepe and Assist. Prof. Dr. Ali Özduvan, academic staff members and many students attended the event.

“Civil Aviation Reflects the Efforts of a Broad Ecosystem”

Delivering the opening speech of the event, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Tourism, Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Yorgancı, emphasized civil aviation's role as a cornerstone of commerce, cultural exchange, and tourism. She noted that International Civil Aviation Day celebrates the contributions of a broad ecosystem—from pilots and cabin crew to ground services personnel and air traffic controllers—and highlighted that most tourists rely on air travel, making each advancement in aviation a direct driver of tourism growth. Assist. Prof. Dr. Yorgancı stressed that aviation is not only at the heart of transportation, but also global interaction, economic growth, digitalization, sustainability, and innovation. She added that the faculty is committed to preparing graduates skilled in aviation safety, sustainable tourism, customer experience, and destination management, capable of keeping pace with sectoral changes. Concluding her speech with thanks to institutions and students supporting aviation development, Assist. Prof. Dr. Yorgancı hoped that International Civil Aviation Day would serve as an inspiration to all stakeholders.

“Carrying Important Responsibilities”

Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication, shared the latest data on the civil aviation sector. Citing international reports, he noted that 1.5 million new jobs are projected in global civil aviation between 2025 and 2035. He stressed that students are studying in a very



promising field and highlighted that cabin crew members carry critical responsibilities beyond service, including flight safety, promoting international engagement, and strengthening ties between nations. Advising students to improve their foreign language skills, make the most of technology, and provide concrete examples during interviews, Prof. Dr. Öztüren also emphasized EMU's commitment to student development and expressed his wish to see them achieve significant success in the future.

Following the opening speeches, moderated by Acting Dean of Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Yorgancı,

Mehtap Yönel, Head of the Air Traffic Branch at the TRNC Civil Aviation Department; Captain Akay Yılmaz, Pilot at Pegasus Airlines (PGS); Ersan Uluçaylı, Operations Manager at Pegasus Airlines; and Sadık Teksoy, Air Traffic Controller at the TRNC Civil Aviation Department discussed the current status of civil aviation, the sector's future, and key aspects related to the field.

Program ended with guest speakers being presented with certificates of participation by EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren and Acting Dean of Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Yorgancı.



EMU FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE GRADUATE ACHIEVES INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS AT GOLDEN TREZZINI AWARDS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture, Department of Architecture 2025 graduate Diar Alipcheyev achieved great success, receiving two significant certificates at the Golden Trezzini Awards International Competition. Alipcheyev received a Gold Certificate for the stadium project he designed for the EMU Campus as part of the 4th Year Design Studio (ARCH 491). In addition, his graduation

project titled “Revitalization through Art and Culture: Integrating Creative Spaces into the Urban Fabric” was awarded a Silver Certificate.

Stating that his passion for architecture began in his childhood years, Diar Alipcheyev added that his passion has truly shaped with the education he received at EMU. Alipcheyev noted that the studio work helped him achieve a balance between creative expression and technical discipline, and emphasized that the awards are a significant source of motivation for him.

After graduating from EMU, Alipcheyev took part in various projects in Cyprus, Kazakhstan, Türkiye, United Arab Emirates, France and Greece, and got the opportunity to work with prominent offices such as Ergin Birinci Studio, Hidden Architecture and Dörter Construction.

Making remarks on behalf of Department of Architecture, Prof. Dr. Rafooneh M. Sani – Head of the Department – expressed

that Alipcheyev’s achievements reflect both his talent and the quality of education the department offers to its students. Stressing that international achievements boost the global visibility of EMU, Prof. Dr. M. Sani noted that student can take part in international arena through hard work, creativity and academic guidance. Prof. Dr. M. Sani further stated that Alipcheyev’s success inspired the current students of the department.

On the other hand, Dean’s Office at EMU Faculty of Architecture congratulated Diar Alipcheyev on his distinction and wished him success in his professional journey.

In his remarks, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç highlighted that the accomplishments of the Faculty of Architecture’s graduates on international stages underscore the university’s strong educational vision. He noted that Diar Alipcheyev’s achievements at the Golden Trezzini Awards have brought great pride to the EMU family and wished him ongoing success in his career.



'RETURNING TO THE GROUND' INSTALLATION RELEASED FOR THE FIRST TIME AT EMU FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture's Research Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in Built Environment (ISBE) organized a workshop titled "Returning to the Ground". As part of the workshop, Architects Ergin K. Birinci, Ryszard Rychlicki and Karolina Ferenc—who previously spent many years working at internationally renowned architectural firms including Zaha Hadid Architects, Foster + Partners, UNStudio, and Heatherwick Studio before continuing their careers independently—came together with students.

Constructed for the First Time with Students of EMU Faculty of Architecture Designed by Birinci, Rychlicki, and Ferenc, the "Returning to the Ground" installation was explored and developed in cooperation with Nest Development. Brought to life through the collaboration of Mono Earth and Solidified, the project was implemented for the first time by being constructed jointly with students from the EMU Faculty of Architecture.

Within the scope of the event, the program featured seminars by the designers of the installation, along with additional presentations that contributed to the overall content. Speakers included Can Cumalı and Çağlar İşbılır from Mono Earth—participants in the Türkiye Pavilion at the 19th International Architecture Exhibition – La Biennale di Venezia—as well as Inana Abdulli and Kesra Mansuri from Solidified.

The "Returning to the Ground" installation will remain on display at the EMU Faculty of Architecture until Friday, 19 December 2025.

ISBE Center

The ISBE Center carries out interdisciplinary, design-oriented education and research activities and, together with students, creates hands-on programs as well as social responsibility projects. Operating under the body of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture, the Center's Administrative Board consists of Prof. Dr. Kokan Grchev, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ceren Boğaç, Assist. Prof. Dr. Pınar Uluçay Righelato and Assist. Prof. Dr. Eliz Erdenizci.

Previously, the Center introduced students to the "Design and Build" workshop carried out by Prof. Dr. Charlie Hailey

of the University of Florida, along with the workshop titled "El Lissitzky's Proun Room, Living Thresholds," organized by members of the Administrative Board. The

"Returning to the Ground" installation stands as a significant extension of the Center's longstanding emphasis on hands-on production and shared learning.



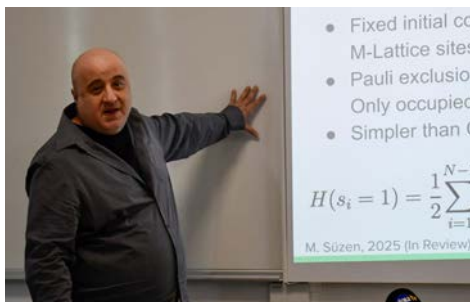
“THERMODYNAMICS OF LATTICE GAMES AND RANDOMNESS”

SEMINAR HELD AT EMU ATTRACTS GREAT INTEREST

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Physics hosted the “Thermodynamics of Lattice Games and Randomness” seminar. Delivered by EMU Department of Physics graduate, Dr. Mehmet Süzen, the seminar received great interest from faculty members and students.

Completed his doctoral research at Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main in Germany, Dr. Süzen conducted the seminar in which he extensively illustrated the relationship between zero-player lattice games and basic physical models, the Ising-Conway Entropy Game (ICEg) approach, how entropy production appears in lattice structures, and his new proposal called the “Gibbs randomness-compression proposition” in deep learning frameworks.

Graphs illustrating the ICEg model’s time-dependent diffusion, the entropy evolution under Metropolis and Glauber dynamics across different temperature conditions, and the compression-randomness correlation in modern machine learning algorithms were met with great interest



during the presentation. Faculty members and students from EMU Physics Department highly valued that the seminar featured physics-based insights into neural network models, especially in light of the 2024 Nobel Prize in Physics. Attendees noted that Dr. Süzen’s bridging of physical systems and contemporary computational approaches could pave the way for new

research directions. At the conclusion of the event, Dr. Süzen received a plaque of appreciation, and faculty members expressed their pride in his achievements as an EMU graduate contributing to the international scientific community. The Physics Department also confirmed that such interactive scientific events will continue to expand.

ENERJISA CFO DR. PHILIPP ULBRICH DELIVERS A FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SEMINAR AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Business and Economics, Banking and Finance Department and, Center for Financial Regulation and Risk Management co-organized an event which featured an important name from the finance world – Enerjisa Enerji CFO Dr. Philipp Ulbrich. The seminar titled “Managing Finance in a High Inflation Environment” offered its participants unique vision by combining theoretical knowledge with real life experiences.

During the seminar, Dr. Ulbrich gave an in-depth, practice-oriented presentation that extended beyond the theoretical concepts covered in textbooks. He shared financial management strategies in a dynamic setting shaped by market volatility of Enerjisa Enerji, cost pressures, and technological transformation. The analysis he conducted, particularly on crisis management and strategic decision-making processes, served as an important



guide for the future finance professionals. At the conclusion of the seminar, Head of EMU Department of Banking and Finance Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nigar Taşpınar and, Director of the Center for Financial Regulation and Risk Management Prof. Dr. Mete Ferihun extended their thanks to Dr. Ulbrich. They further stated; “We extend Dr. Philipp Ulbrich our sincerest appreciation for allowing time for our students and academic staff members. His visit made a lasting impact on our

academic community. Following this valuable exchange of knowledge, we look forward with enthusiasm to future collaborations”.

The seminar which ended with a question-answer session served as a fruitful platform by providing participants with the opportunity to engage in in-depth discussions on current risks and opportunities in the financial world.

EMU FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE

HOSTS AN IMPRESSIVE EVENT FOCUSING ON INNOVATIVE EDUCATION MODELS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture, Department of Architecture held an important event on the future of education and, new academic models. As part of the event, Prof. Dr. Emrah Acar from Istanbul Technical University (ITU) participated in the “EELISA European University Innovative Teaching and Learning Model: Learning Stations” seminar as a guest speaker. The seminar, which was held with strong participation, once again highlighted the Faculty of Architecture’s strong institutional support for innovative educational initiatives.

The said event was attended by EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Faculty of Architecture’s Dean of the term Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alpar Atun, Chair of Departments of Physics and Chemistry as well as Project-Research Development Coordinator Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı, academic staff and students at the Department of Architecture.

During the seminar titled “EELISA European University Innovative Teaching and Learning Model: Learning Stations”, Prof. Dr. Emrah Acar introduced the innovative education framework of EELISA and, underscored the importance of interdisciplinary cooperation, practical learning and international academic connections within European universities. Prof. Dr. Acar emphasized that EELISA,



which aims to bring engineering and architecture education together on a common platform across Europe, offers a structure that strengthens student mobility and multinational cooperation.

In her speech, Prof. Dr. Rafooneh M. Sani – Chair of EMU Department of Architecture – stressed the vital role of digitalization and internationalization in modern higher

education. Prof. Dr. Sani expressed the department’s commitment to embracing progressive and future-oriented educational approaches, noting that the event made a valuable contribution toward this goal.

The event concluded with Prof. Dr. Sani presenting a certificate of appreciation to Prof. Dr. Emrah Acar in acknowledgment of his contributions.

EMU FACULTY OF PHARMACY

ORGANIZES PATIENT INFORMING COMPETITION

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Pharmacy organized a ‘Patient Informing Competition’ which received keen participations from Pharmacy students from 8th semester and above. The jury members of the said competition were, Prof. Dr. Hayrettin Ozan Gülcan, Dean of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy; Assist. Prof. Dr. Jale Yüzügülen, Vice Dean of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy; faculty members Prof. Dr. Müberra Koşar, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emre Hamurtekin, Assist. Prof. Dr. Leyla Beba Pozharani, Assist. Prof. Dr. Emine Dilek Özyılmaz, Dr. Hananeh Kordbache, Senior Instructor Mustafa Akpınar and, Pharmacists Esra Halkın, Eylem Körceğez and Rana Salamah Yontar.

Prof. Dr. H. Ozan Gülcan congratulated the students on their achievements, stating that the competition contributed both to the development of their professional knowledge and skills, and to raising awareness about patient education. Moreover, Prof. Dr. Gülcan emphasized that such activities strengthen students’ communication skills and help them



better understand their future professional responsibilities. All participants received certificates of participation upon the evaluations of the jury. İrem Nural was

presented with first place award, followed by Paul Travis Walugembe and Elizabeth Lynn Arinda in second and third places, respectively.

EMU DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS STUDENT CEREN ÖZDEN LISTED AMONG THE WORLD'S TOP 100 YOUNG MATHEMATICIANS AND INVITED TO HEIDELBERG LAUREATE FORUM

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Mathematics Master's student Ceren Özden achieved significant success in the field of mathematics, receiving an invitation for the Heidelberg Laureate Forum (HLF). Among thousands of applications worldwide, only 200 young researchers—comprising master's and doctoral students and individuals who have completed their PhDs within the last five years—are invited to this prestigious event after a thorough evaluation process.

Continuing her research under the supervision of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arran Fernandez, Ceren Özden was invited to the Heidelberg Laureate Forum after being named among the world's top 100 young mathematicians. Throughout the week-long program, Özden met prominent figures in Mathematics and Computer Science, including Vinton Cerf, Google Vice President and the "Father of the Internet." The event hosted laureates of internationally renowned awards considered the Nobel equivalents in these fields, such as the Abel Prize, the ACM A.M. Turing Award, the ACM Computing Prize, the Fields Medal, the IMU Abacus Medal, and the Nevanlinna Prize.

EMU represented at HLF for the Fourth Time

Özden's representation made EMU's fourth representation in the



Heidelberg Laureate Forum. Alongside a comprehensive academic program comprising lectures by globally recognized scientists, workshops on diverse research topics, and panel discussions, the forum also hosts social activities that provide young researchers with opportunities to establish an international scientific network.

In previous years, EMU achieved notable success with Dr. Arzu Ahmadova's participation in the forum as a young researcher in 2022 under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov, followed



by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arran Fernandez being named among distinguished young mathematicians in 2023, and Raghdha Ezzeldin Aly's invitation to the forum in computer science in 2024 after completing her master's studies under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Benedek Nagy.

Congratulating Özden, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said; "We take great pride in Ceren Özden representing our country and our university internationally. Achievements like this clearly reflect EMU's testament to academic excellence and its strong emphasis on scientific research".

STUDENTS OF EMU PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT ORGANIZE EXHIBITION AND DONATION EVENT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication, Department of Public Relations and Advertising students carried out a purposeful social responsibility project within the scope of



Social Responsibility (PRAD-303) course and under the coordination of Assist. Prof. Dr. Umut Ayman. As part of the project held under the umbrella of EMU Community Involvement Center (CIC), painting of Ötüken Special Education Center students were displayed in an exhibition and donation event organized by EMU students Deniz Babur, Eda Su Albayrak, Nisa Kuş and Sudenaz Tuncergil.

The opening ceremony of the exhibition saw great participation from visitors. The event sought to share the artistic work of special education students with the public, to increase social awareness and to support the educational activities of the

special education center. While observing the unique art pieces of the students, visitors also had the chance to make donations and contributed to the project.

Revenue of the 3-day exhibition was donated to the administration of Ötüken Special Education Center through the medium of the Parent-Teacher Association, to be used in the educational and developmental activities of the institution. Ötüken Special Education Center administration and EMU Department of Public Relations and Advertising students expressed their gratitude to all the families, participants and donors for their contributions.

EMU DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE

ORGANIZES HONOR AND HIGH HONOR CERTIFICATE CEREMONY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture, Department of Architecture organized an Honor and High Honor Ceremony for 2024-2025 Spring Semester, acknowledging the academic achievement of its students. Realized with the aim of celebrating the achievement of the students and boosting academic motivation, the ceremony was attended by EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Faculty of Architecture Dean of the term Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alpar Atun, Chair of Department of Architecture Prof. Dr. Rafooneh M. Sani, Vice Chair of Department of Architecture Assist. Prof. Dr. Özlem Şahali, academic personnel and guests.

Delivering the opening speech of the event, Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe – EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs – emphasized the importance of acknowledging students' achievements. On the other hand, Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alpar Atun – Dean of Faculty of Architecture at that time – expressed department's pride in these achievements, emphasizing faculty's dedication in creating an educational environment which contributes the development of both students and academic personnel.

Chair of Department of Architecture Prof. Dr. Rafooneh M. Sani also made an address, congratulating the achieving students and expressing her joy for their hard-work, creativity and commitment. Thanking Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alpar Atun for her supportive leadership, Prof. Dr. Sani also conveyed her gratitude to Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe for the support extended to the department. Touching the importance of academic collaborations within academic units, particularly its impact on students, Prof. Dr. Sani highlighted the student-oriented mission of the department.

Emphasizing the devoted work of the Department of Architecture's academic staff, Prof. Dr. Sani stated that the accomplishments achieved were made



possible through the academics' persistent efforts, guidance, and commitment. She also pointed out that holding the ceremony next to the student-built workshop wall symbolized the department's student-oriented vision and the significance of teamwork.

Speaking on the ever-changing dynamics of contemporary architecture, Prof. Dr. Sani concluded her speech by highlighting

the vital role of the academic staff in preparing students for the evolving professional environment. Following the opening speeches, students received their certificates from EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Faculty of Architecture Dean of the term Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alpar Atun, Chair of Department of Architecture Prof. Dr. Rafooneh M. Sani and academic staff members of the department.



VIBRANT 'GLOBAL VILLAGE' EVENT

FROM AIESEC EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN



The “Global Village” event of AIESEC Eastern Mediterranean operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Student Development, Activities and Sports Affairs Directorate was successfully held with the aim of encouraging cultural diversity and international interaction. The event took place at City Mall under the organization of AIESEC Eastern Mediterranean and contribution of EMU International Student Societies. Over 100 participants joined the event that featured most vibrant scenes of recent years.

Participants had the chance to closely experience various cultural elements, from traditional dishes and cultural objects to lifestyles and local rituals, at the booths representing 20 different countries. Throughout the day, dance and music performances as well as interactive events took place, bringing the organization a dynamic and joyous atmosphere.

“An Event Bringing World Cultures Together Under One Roof”

Belemir Aydın – Chairperson of AIESEC Eastern Mediterranean – made remarks on the matter, emphasizing the importance of the event that brings world cultures under one roof, aiming to create international awareness among the youth. Expressing their excitement and pleasure for this year’s deep interest from the society, Aydın noted that they were able to organize a more inclusive and broad event thanks to the support of City Mall. Aydın also noted with pride that the event contributed to strengthening intercultural understanding.

AIESEC Eastern Mediterranean officials extended their thanks to the administration of City Mall for hosting the event, and Eastern

Mediterranean University for contributing the development of International Student Societies.

Once again this year, the Global Village event attracted great interest, standing out as one of AIESEC’s key events that promotes intercultural understanding, peace, and youth leadership within the community.



EMU DEPARTMENT OF NURSING PROVIDES TRAINING ON THE PREVENTION AND EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF CERVICAL CANCER



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Health Sciences Faculty, Department of Nursing organized an educational training on “Prevention and Early Diagnosis of Cervical Cancer” with the aim of contributing to the protection and promotion of women’s health. Led by the Akova Women’s Association, the program was held at the Akova Village Women’s Association building and was offered to volunteer women aged 18 and over residing in the village.

The education program was delivered by EMU Health Sciences Faculty, Department of Nursing faculty member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rojjin Mamuk and senior instructor Dr. Emine Temizkan Sekizler. The program covered the definition, prevalence, and impact of cervical cancer on women’s health in detail, drawing attention to the importance of raising public awareness and preventive healthcare services.

As part of the program, key risk factors such as early sexual activity, multiple partners, smoking, compromised immune

systems, and HPV infection were discussed with participants. Attention was also drawn to cervical cancer prevention, underlining the significance of safe sexual practices, healthy living habits, and routine health check-ups.

The importance of the HPV vaccine in preventing cervical cancer was explained in detail. Information was provided on the appropriate age groups, dosage, and individuals for whom the vaccine is recommended, while the purpose, application process, and frequency of Pap smear and HPV tests were also outlined. The training further emphasized that early detection greatly enhances treatment success.

The training program also emphasized the importance of improving women’s health literacy and empowering them to take an active role in managing their health. Participants’ questions were answered at the conclusion of the training, which helped raise awareness and promote preventive behaviors against cervical cancer.



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